

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Marriage Equality Inquiry

For me this seems a simple issue. For many others, it is not, and I understand why. My parents for example, grew up in a time where they didn't know any gay people. I am the first and only gay person in their lives. So for a large amount of people throughout the country, there is still an 'unknown' factor about gay people and being gay. And this leads many to believe that it is 'strange' or 'wrong'.

The majority of people throughout the world are heterosexual. This does not mean that a minority should not have the same rights as the majority. I am a single gay man and I wish to be afforded the same rights as the majority of Australians, and have the ability one day to marry a partner.

My mother has also expressed to me that she would one like to see me get married in the same way that her two other children can. Marriage between same sex couples should not be prohibited due to religious reasons or because it is the way things have historically been done here in Australia. It should be accepted and recognised because it is the right thing to do today. It should also be recognised because same sex couples can love each other the same way a heterosexual couple can. My mother can recognise the importance of marriage equality for all Australians. Our laws should also.

Kind Regards,