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To the Senate Inquiry Committee into Marriage Equality

I would like to express my hope that the Federal Government will end the form of legal discrimination that currently exists in banning same-sex couples from marrying in Australia.

I think that it would show tremendous consideration, empathy and respect for same-sex couples if they were to be granted the legal right to marry, if they so chose. Looking at overseas countries where this is the case – the world has not come to an end. Surely Australians are compassionate, kind and caring enough to follow these countries' lead.

Gay people are no different to anybody else: they pay taxes, work hard and enter into meaningful relationships that deserve no less than the legal recognition that others - including myself - are already, automatically entitled to.

I look forward to having our country truly upheld its commitment to giving **all** people a "fair go" through its actions and not merely its rhetoric.

Sincerely

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