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Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
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**RE: Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009**

Dear Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,

This is my submission to your inquiry into marriage equality. I fully endorse the submission made by Australian Marriage Equality in favour of the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009.

Born in , where homosexuality is illegal, and raised in Australia, I understand how lucky I am to live in a liberal and tolerant society such as ours. However, I believe we are ready to move beyond simple tolerance and the unequal recognition of homosexual relationships in this country.

I am in a committed same-sex relationship and deserve the freedom to be married in the future. My and my partner's family, friends and work colleagues all support and recognise the validity of our relationship, and I hope the government and wider community will to do the same.

Sincerely,