

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.

Heterosexual couples who are of no religious faith choose to marry as a symbol of their love and commitment to one another.

To deny homosexual couples this right is a blatant injustice and a severe blow to their human rights. There are many same sex families that are raising beautiful intelligent children in a nurturing and loving environment and to deny these children's parents the legal and financial stability that their heterosexual counterparts are receiving is a severe injustice. An imbalance of that nature only promotes bigotry and segregation not only in Australia's family groups but in the playground and that is unacceptable. There are a great and growing community of same sex couples who are loving, well educated and who are strong economic contributors whose right to nurture and care for children in an equally strong legal position is being denied, there is no justifiable reason for this.

Homosexual people are PEOPLE and they should be treated with the same respect and trust as any other law abiding citizen.

Lets pull our heads and hearts out of the dark ages and move forward, homosexual and heterosexual alike, supporting each other to promote peace, understanding and well-being for all beings. As I am a heterosexual female in a loving relationship, I am not campaigning for myself, I am campaigning for my friends and family whose lives has been made painful and embarrassing because of this outdated and discriminating law.

Kindest Regards
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