

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.

*The Marriage Equality Amendment Bill is about choice. It is about providing all Australians with the freedom to marry the person they choose*

*I have been with my partner for ten years now and we have seen our friends get married and we are being left behind in the times. People ask us why we don't have a commitment ceremony and I tell them the same as I submit to you. Because we shouldn't have to! We should be entitled to the same rights as any couple, wether we are straight or gay.*

*The way the government is treating people differently based on there sexual orientation is absurd, things would change quite quickly if there was a different situation occurred which occurred and it was directed towards any other minority group in Australia, so why is it still acceptable to discriminate against same-sex couples? What does this say to our younger generations?"*