

Submission into the Legalization of Same Sex Marriage.

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Life is just too short and the world too harsh a place, not to allow marriage between same sex couples .It is that simple. If homosexual people want to get married they should. End of story. Most heterosexual people, including myself, are indifferent to Homosexuals' whether they are married or not. When people, out and about, see a same sex couple holding hands in Shopping Malls, these days, most people would presume they might or could be living together. The point is their relationship is no longer the issue of say; fifty years ago. If a same sex couple want a contractual relationship (i.e. marriage), give it to them. Our Political leaders tell us we are a developed country, well prove it; change the law on same sex marriage. When the West Australian Politician Mr. Jim McGinty legalized homosexuality between consenting adults a few years ago there was an immediate manufactured uproar in the local biases press, which lasted for a week or two. Western Australian shock jock radio announcers cried "shame" for days' afterwards .A month later the voting public according to the media polls voted that it was a good idea and of little social consequence .We, as a community had collectively moved on. I would add that legalizing homosexuality and not homosexual marriage was and is lazy political legalization, in my opinion. The two are one.

I am employed in a large institution that employs a huge workforce of several thousand men and women. Fifteen per cent, as an estimate taken over 20 years, are married homosexuals (a lot in the baby boomer age group) men/women with kids, mortgage, and car/Harvey Norman repayments; in fact the whole tragedy .Their homosexuality is closeted for fear of alienation from immediate family, yet they openly seek out same sex partners, for sexual liaisons' with wild reckless abandon. Some of these suffering people whilst in matrimonial denial are shackled by our current medieval laws held in place by a system of religious suppression, past but now sympathetic mass media conditioning and gross political/social conservatism. Admittedly; some are just "playing the field", but that's human nature.

By legalizing marriage between homosexuals now, the next Australian generation will benefit, by marrying a partner they genuinely love, respect and care for. (OK, I'm an idealist) without fear of stigmatization. It was William Shakespeare who wrote "To Thine Own Self be True" and today it is the Australian Government that is still not giving it's, some fifteen per cent national constituents; a possible truthful, lawful , lifetime alternative and an opportunity to be true , to Thine self.

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