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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to voice my support for the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 and commend this bill to you for consideration.

Like a lot of the Australian population, I grew with the belief that when I met someone special, I would marry them. This almost went out the window when I realised that I was attracted to men. Since 1992 when I first came out as a gay man, I have held that belief that some day I would marry. To date I have not found that someone special however my desire and determination has remained. I firmly believe that I will meet someone and that I will marry him.

The only thing that stands in the way is the Marriage Act as it currently stands.

In every job I have had, the Federal Government of the day has expected me to contribute to society by paying taxes. I have never once shirked this responsibility. So it is now time for the government to return something to me. Allowing marriage between two consenting adults will show that Australia is committed to Human Rights and Equality.

Thank you for considering my submission and I look forward to the recommendation of support from this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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