

Dear Senators,

I wish to record my absolute support for the Same Sex Relationships Bill, which gives equality to same sex couples by providing them with the same standing and entitlements as heterosexual de facto couples.

Any attempt to group same sex couples with people who are not in fact couples at all, such as carers or unmarried sisters in interdependant relationships, should be seen for what it is, a means of denying equality to same sex couples.

Non sexual interdependent relationships, such as carer relationships, should be considered as a seperate category.

No amount of sophistry by the opponents of this Bill will fool the public into believing that their position is not an attack on the rights of homosexual couples. Regrettably, large numbers of people, although certainly a minority, believe that this is acceptable behaviour.

I urge the Senate to pass the bill in its current form.

I am married, heterosexual and in my fifties, but I abhor injustice.

Yours faithfully  
Mary Rawlings