

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

To Whom It May Concern,

Please reconsider policy and legislation as it relates to same-sex marriage and parenting.

The rights of human beings who have access to many other institutions in society, including that of the payment of taxes from hard-earned salaries, are being severely compromised by the continued insistence of the Australian Government to deny same-sex couples the right of marriage.

It is a basic denial of human rights to continue prohibiting free-thinking, consenting adults the right to commit legally to another adult due to their gender.

Hiding behind 'dictionary definitions' of marriage as it currently stands (i.e. as occurring between a man and a woman) must not be allowed to continue, bearing in mind that definitions of words are set only by the human beings that use them. It would be yet another broad breach of human rights to force same-sex couples wishing to legally commit to call their commitment something other than 'marriage'. If such a new legal dividing line were introduced between hetero- and same-sex couples, this further distinguishes same-sex couples as being 'different', and therefore unworthy of consideration as people equal to heterosexual human beings.

Please also reconsider any law which prohibits one half of a loving same-sex couple of becoming the legal parent of any child resulting from that relationship.

Kind regards,

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