

# National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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**Submission Text:**

Marriage is a basic human right, and it is discriminatory to exclude my access to this on the basis of my sexuality.

The federal governments drive "couples are couples" is a contradiction. This legislation acknowledges gay couples for financial savings to the Australian community yet does not acknowledge the fact that we are truly couples. A very convenient piece of legislation.

I am a responsible law abiding, tax paying, member of the community. I have held highly responsible managerial positions in government and community. I have a long term partner and we are 7 months pregnant. We will be a loving, healthy family yet laws say that because we are of the same sex we do not have the right to marry.

The current marriage laws contravene anti-discrimination laws (treating a person less favourably based on their sexuality) and deny's me access to a basic human right (the right to get married).

I am not asking for access to religious ceremonies, I am asking for the basic legal right to have an authorised, recognised, legal marriage.