

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

This submission is about same-sex couples being recognised in the State of South Australia particularly in relation to their union or marriage.

Centrelink has now agreed that same-sex couples living together will be afforded the same rights as heterosexual people in a traditional marriage situation.

In the year of 2009, South Australia is long overdue in recognising the formal union or marriage of same-sex couples and affording them ALL the benefits of heterosexual couples whether heterosexual couples are married in the eyes of the law or in a defacto relationship.

Don Dunstan was the most progressive Premier this State has ever seen in getting a 'voice' for people in same-sex relationships. Since his passing, this State has gone steadily backwards on the subject of gays in our community. The current Premier might think he's doing wonderful things, but infact he is not and Don would be spinning in his grave if he could see how neglected the gay community are in so many ways in South Australia. Move into the 22nd century South Australia. If European countries can be in advance of Australia in these matters, it shows just how antipodean and antiquated our governments are.