

# National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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**Submission Text:**

I would like to make the point that I strongly believe that full human rights for everybody means the legalisation of gay marriage. This is hugely important to many gay people. To be clear we do NOT want religious marriages in churches, we simply seek civil marriages in exactly the same form as for heterosexual people. I believe the human right of equality cannot be achieved without this fundamental step. I again stress that this issue does not have anything to do with religion, given that the term "marriage" is already applied in a non-religious context in heterosexual civil marriages. All we ask is that civil homosexual marriage be made available in a similar way.