

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

I wish to raise two issues:

1)

Australian marriage law contravenes anti-discrimination laws because homosexual people are treated less favourably based on their sexuality. The current law denies a large portion of Australians access to a basic human right, the right to get married. Increasing numbers of overseas countries are ending this discrimination by legalising gay marriage. Australia needs to end this discriminatory law.

Homosexual people are not asking for access to religious ceremonies. We deserve and ask for the basic legal right to have an authorised, recognised, legal marriage.

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

2)

Currently in Qld it is legal to have vaginal intercourse at 16 years. However a person must be aged 18 years to legally engage in anal intercourse. This law is discriminating against young homosexually attracted men.

Additionally health providers are not able to advise these young men on important sexual health issues, as these acts are illegal. This discrimination must end and an equal age of consent must apply for all forms of sexual intercourse.