

**TO THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE IN
PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

This petition of the undersigned citizens of Australia shows:

- the Commonwealth Marriage Act (1961) fails to allow marriages to be solemnised between partners of the same sex;
- the Marriage Act fails to recognise same-sex marriages solemnised in other countries;
- this does great harm to same-sex partners and their families by discriminating against them, entrenching a second-class legal status, and perpetuating prejudice and stigma;
- this does great harm to marriage by associating it with discrimination; and,
- an increasing number of other countries allow same-sex marriage, and most Australians support it.

Your petitioners request that the Senate:

- amend the Commonwealth Marriage Act so that marriages may be solemnised, and overseas marriages recognised, regardless of the sex of the partners concerned.

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