## Federal Senate Inquiry into Marriage Equality

This will not be the longest, best researched or best articulated submission you will read. It is just my voice on the issue, as a voter and concerned party. I am not particularly radical or deviant, not too intellectual or cosmopolitan – I am just a normal thoughtful caring person like millions of others who believes that the ability to marry the person you love is a wonderful thing that should not be restricted by gender. The symbolic denigration of same sex relationships inherent in restricting marriage to man/woman has no place in our society, where adults in committed relationships should be able to celebrate and formalise their relationships in the same legal manner. This bill will hurt my friends, it will hurt my family and it will hurt people I don't know but whose right to love and to marry whomsoever they choose I respect.