Although my ex-partner and I are no longer together, we were together for six years. We had a home together, a mortgage, cars, joint bank account, assets, took overseas holidays, family holidays, were a family unit with children from a previous relationship, had a child together etc, etc.

I could go on forever, but the point is, why, as a family, should we not be able to legally unite in marriage if that is what we would have chosen for ourselves?

When a heterosexual couple are able to get married without having to prove any reason why, other than they should love each other. Same sex couples love each other, why should they not have the same rights as anybody else who loves their partner and would like to get married!