

Dear Tony Abbott,

My name is Lottie Frohmader, I am 11 years old and a Grade 6 student at The Friends' school in Hobart, Tasmania. I am writing to you because I would like to know why you made a law saying that same-sex couples can't get married in Australia. Personally, I don't understand why this law was ever created. Love is Love. It comes in many different shapes and sizes. Being straight, gay or lesbian doesn't change anything. It does not mean that you aren't human. It does not mean that you are not a member of society. For example, look at Penny Wong. She was appointed as minister for Climate Change and Water. She was the minister for Finance and Deregulation, she's currently a senator, and she's a lesbian. She herself admitted that she would like to get married one day. Another influential Australian is Troye Sivan. He's an actor, a very famous and well-known Youtuber, and a singer-songwriter. He's also gay. This doesn't make him any different to straight actors, youtubers or singer-songwriters. He too would probably like to get married in Australia one day, but he can't. Both these strong-willed individuals can't get married in Australia. All because of an unimportant law that has absolutely no meaning at all.

So please, M.R Abbott. Please just think about allowing same-sex couples to get married in this beautiful country. Just because everyone else's opinions are different to yours, doesn't mean you shouldn't listen and respect your citizens views. As a Prime Minister, you are supposed to listen to all of Australian's opinions from all different types of people, not just your own.

I hope you think again about your law. What you are doing is discrimination, and ~~I think~~ it is wrong. Every couple, ^{either} gay, straight, or lesbian, should be treated equally.

Yours sincerely, Lottie Frohmader