

# Premier Newman, will you have this conversation with your child?

Let me tell you about a conversation I must now have with my son, who is gay.

I must now tell him he can't live here in Queensland because his relationships will feel inferior, with no status or symbolism since your government watered down the Civil Partnership Legislation to become a mere Relationship Register.

I must now tell him he will have to move away from the support of myself, the grandmother of any child he hopes to have, because your government plans to repeal Surrogacy Legislation and Parental Recognition laws, making becoming a gay father a possible criminal act and removing legal security and protection from his child.

Even without a partner or a child he can't live here in Queensland if he wants to lead a happy life of confidence, with hope and a sense of belonging, because his status as a person is now less equal here.

Premier Newman, if you had to have this same conversation with your daughter I wonder if you would still be pursuing these discriminatory policies that personally and permanently destroy families like mine?

For those families that have been affected or those who want to do something about it, there is a website at [pflagbrisbane.org.au](http://pflagbrisbane.org.au) for more information.

Shelley Argent OAM

National Spokesperson PFLAG

*Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.*

 Queenslanders  
for Equality  
*Toward equal LGBTI lives.*

