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Marching for Equality

NSW Senate candidate for **Hear Our Voice**, Toni McLennan, challenges the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the lead up to the election to announce if they will give full equality across all laws to gay and lesbian people, and if not, why not?

Speaking in Sydney at the annual gay and lesbian equality rally on 12 August, Toni McLennan said that in parliament **Hear Our Voice** will fight to give equality in the law for same sex marriage, de-facto relationships and adoption rights.

"By not having equal rights under the law, it sends a message to other Australians that there is something wrong with being lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT). What is wrong is that people are discriminated against and persecuted for something they have no control over," Toni McLennan said.

"LGBT people deserve a strong voice in parliament, not just words from the major parties because they want their vote in the upcoming election.

"I urge LGBT people to stand together as a united force this election because this is the only way they can beat the forces working against them.

"On election day we must stop ticking a box above the line on the ballot paper and hoping for the best – look where that has got us? We need to make better choices, and we need different voices in parliament, not more of the same," Toni McLennan declared.

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