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Re: Proposed civil partnerships' legislation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the proposed legislation to allow civil partnerships in Queensland. I was appalled when the previous Newman government quickly moved to prevent LGBT couples from forming a legal partnership.

My daughter is in a loving, committed, permanent partnership with her female partner and they have a daughter together. Recognition of such partnerships by governments and the community as being equal to those of heterosexual couples is long overdue. Failure to grant equal status is causing massive trauma, discrimination, bullying and depression among those affected.

However the proposed civil partnerships in Queensland will not just be important for the gay community. Rather, it will also allow heterosexual couples a choice in whether to get married or to enter into a civil relationship acknowledged by law.

I beg this government not to be sidelined in its quest for justice and an end to discrimination by the voices of those who purport to be "Christian" while not showing one ounce of Christian charity and compassion.

It is time for this Queensland government to show its true calibre and to stand up for its principles of justice and equality for all.

Yours sincerely



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