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The Secretariat  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Queensland Parliament

Dear Secretariat,

Please accept this submission to the committee's inquiry into the Relationships (Civil Partnerships) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2015.

I have been invited to a wedding of two close friends. My friend and I have been friends for many years, prior to him meeting and falling in love with his partner. They have decided they can not wait to have their love officially recognised by the federal government, and are flying to New Zealand to marry. They have a large number of family and friends, myself included, making a trip to New Zealand to witness their wedding. Attached is a photo of their wedding invitation (consent obtained to use the photo). It causes me great sadness knowing that upon their return to Australia, their marriage and love for each other will not be acknowledged as an Australian marriage.

I support the passing of the Relationships (Civil Partnerships) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2015 - however, I am concerned the bill does not allow for couples with overseas same-sex marriages or civil unions, to be automatically recognised as civil unions under Queensland law.

I request please that this provision be included in the bill. It would be very demoralising for my friends, as well as other Queenslanders with overseas same-sex marriages or civil unions, to have to manually register their union with the births deaths and marriages office. It would mean so much more if this recognition under Queensland law as a Queensland civil union were granted automatically.

Sincerely

Phil Browne

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"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realised I was somebody": Lily Tomlin

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