

LAPCSESC
Civil Partnerships
Submission 0444

From: Nathalie Fay
Sent: Friday, 4 November 2011 11:37 AM
To: Legal Affairs Police Corrective Services and Emerg Svc Committee
Subject: Re: Submission re Civil Unions Bill due tomorrow
Dear Research Director,

I'm writing to register the concerns of a large number of constituents that I represent through my roles as National Director of our C3 Church denomination and Chairperson of the Australia Pentecostal Ministers Fellowship which represents 100,000s of constituents Queensland and Australia wide.

These concerns are not just based on my direct knowledge of the Christian community but also the unchurched community as well, with whom we associate through the work of our community based programs and churches throughout Queensland and Australia

One of the primary concerns is that "civil partnerships" are an attempt to mimic marriage which is a Federal issue, not a State issue.

It is important to note that in spite of the highly profiled position of minority groups on this issue the majority of Australians still hold marriage as a unique and special relationship deserving of our protection. Marriage is a union between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others. Furthermore, the overwhelming evidence and research shows that the traditional family is the best environment to raise and nurture children and should not just be a matter of the rights of adults . Any attempt to weaken this must be resisted.

Finally, this is not a matter of discrimination as discrimination has been removed through the amendments to 84 laws by the Federal Government in 2008. We find it inappropriate that the Queensland parliament would be used to pressure the federal Labor Party in the lead up to the ALP National Conference by allowing factional debates which are not representative of the wider community. We believe the Queensland State Labor should respect the election promise made by Federal Labor and Prime Minister Julia Gillard to protect marriage, which is a Federal, not a State issue.

I respectfully request that these views be given due consideration.

Your Faithfully,

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