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Civil Partnerships
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This is to advise that the Presbytery of Brisbane is opposed to the passing of the Civil Partnerships Bill 2011, a private member's bill introduced by Hon. Andrew Fraser MP, which proposes to

- ❖ *provide for the legal recognition and registration of civil partnerships, regardless of gender*
- ❖ *allow couples to make a declaration of their intention to enter into civil partnerships before a civil partnership notary, prior to the registration of their civil partnership*
- ❖ *provide for the termination of civil partnerships*
- ❖ *recognise interstate civil partnerships*
- ❖ *create a registration process for civil partnership notaries*
- ❖ *make consequential amendments to a number of Acts*

Because

- ❖ *the Civil Partnerships Bill 2011 declares that homosexual practice, as well as adultery, sexual relations before marriage, incest, prostitution, murder, theft, and covetousness are against the commandments of God and lead to His eternal judgment, and that it is the Church's responsibility to oppose such practices and warn those who engage in them.*
- ❖ *the proposed legislation will undermine the status of marriage as the life-long union of a man and a woman, to the exclusion of all others, entered into by a publically declared covenant.*
- ❖ *same-sex partnerships are unable to produce children without outside intervention, and are to the detriment to any children brought into the partnership, as they are made by a conscious decision to be without both a father and a mother.*

Yours sincerely,

Clerk

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelist, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ....Ephesians 4: 11-12.

