



ATTORNEY-GENERAL

CANBERRA

MC14/10652
Your ref: 905/1373

Dr Dennis Jensen MP
Chair
Standing Committee on Petitions
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

16 SEP 2014

Dear ~~Dr Jensen~~

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2014 referring a petition received by the Standing Committee on Petitions, which opposes any change to the definition of marriage to allow for same-sex marriage in Australia. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Government supports the current definition of marriage contained in the *Marriage Act 1961*. Any change to this policy would be a matter for the Coalition Party Room.

The responsible adviser for Marriage Act matters in my office is Dr Susan Cochrane who can be contacted on (02) 6277 7300.

Yours ~~faithfully~~

(~~George~~ Brandis)