

I would like to submit my thoughts on this bill that is currently before the senate.

As an authorized marriage celebrant I find this proposed bill offensive; in as much as it contradicts quite a few of governments own legislations; these being:

E.E.O where will the equal opportunity be? if only civil marriage celebrants are required to pay this fee and not main stream religious persons?

ACCESS & EQUITY. if by implementing this fee only to civil marriage then this will impact on Australian Families.

ANTI DISCRIMINATION. This is blatant discrimination against only civil marriage celebrants. If such a fee is to be legislated then it must be imposed on all such persons who solemnize marriages.

ALSO as marriage celebrants are now seen as small business who have invested quite a substantial financial outlay to meet all said requirements; this being, all equipment, O.P.D., advertising, organization fees, this is ongoing.

SOCIAL JUSTICE where will this be shown?

Yours Sincerely

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