

Good Morning,

My name is Mi-Chell Nixon-Young and I am a Marriage celebrant and I am writing to you to object to the changes to the To the Marriage act concerning Celebrants,

It appears that the changes proposed do nothing but revenue rise with no improvement to services to Celebrants

The Bills are discriminatory in that they are applied to Commonwealth registered celebrants and not to celebrants said to be, regulated by States & Territories (arguably these are not effectively regulated seeing they have little or no appointment criteria and no ongoing training)

The Department originally proposed an annual fee of \$600 and when celebrants said the amount was outrageous, reduced it to \$240 without explaining it could revert to \$600 (only discovered when Bills made available).

One reason stated in justifying the fee is to conduct celebrant reviews when, at the same time, the Department is ceasing the 5 yearly reviews!

These are just some of the concern that many celebrants share and I hope you take our concerns on board and endeavour to improve and simplify many services that a replicated between states when we are federally appointed.

It amazes me that there is just not one central data base for information and registration I am sure this would save time and money, after all this is the 21st century..

Regards...Mi-Chelle Nixon-Young...CMC...JP