

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to protest against the proposed (annual) fee for Civil Marriage Celebrants, to come into effect on 1 July 2013.

I was appointed as a Marriage Celebrant in January 1995 and have had the privilege of conducting numerous marriages during that time.

My strong belief is that 'retrospectivity' is fundamental to decisions made by the government of the day – examples which come immediately to mind are with regard to e.g. negative gearing, capital gains tax, and more recently proposed changes to superannuation.

Having been appointed to what would, at the time of appointment, be seen as a lifetime role, I am firmly of the view that any annual fee should not apply to appointments made prior to 1 July 2013.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Pilens

Civil Marriage Celebrant