

I, Ms Julie O’Kane-Ginn

Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrant,

Appointed 07/09/2006,

Support the submission dated 25/4/2013 lodged by the Coalition of Celebrant Associations Inc (CoCA) to the Inquiry into the Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2013 and the Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2013.”

You will have heard from many Celebrants about the ongoing costs relating to setting up as a Celebrant and how the increased number of Celebrants in the past few years with minimal training has impacted on Celebrants who have been Celebrants since the removal of the cap.

I would like to add my voice to theirs. As a Registered Nurse looking to retirement and not wanting to be a totally dependent upon a pension I had hoped to supplement my income. The potential changes will make this highly unlikely. Like many Celebrants I have watched the number of my weddings dwindle, despite increased advertising and marketing. I am passionate about Celebrancy and ask that you consider very carefully the submission presented by CoCA.

Julie O’Kane-Ginn