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Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
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Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this letter as my submission in response to the Bill for the "Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Act 2013 that is proposed.

In September 2006 I received my life time appointment as a Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrant. Since my appointment I have been building my Celebrancy business secure in the knowledge that as long as I maintain my standards of conduct I have my appointment for life. I therefore strongly object to my life time appointment being replaced by annual registration dependent primarily on payment of an annual fee.

I also believe any fees which are introduced should be fair and equitable and should apply to all Australian celebrants, not only Commonwealth appointed celebrants.

I 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."

Yours faithfully

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