

Dear Sir/Madam,

All persons who solemnise marriages in Australia must be authorised under the one Marriage Act. Marriage celebrants are in three categories in the Marriage Act 1961 under

- Division 1—Authorised celebrants - Subdivision A—Ministers of religion and
- Division 1—Authorised celebrants - Subdivision B—State and Territory officers etc.
- Division 1—Authorised celebrants - Subdivision C—Marriage celebrants

The proposed “Registration Fee” is only to be applied to Subdivision Commonwealth Marriage Celebrants

So all staff at State Registry offices, who conduct marriages and are on a salary (unlike Commonwealth Marriage Celebrants) will be exempted from this fee.

Marriage Celebrants from Recognised Religions will be exempted from the proposed Annual Registration Fee.

I believe this to be discriminatory.....all Celebrants should have to pay this fee...then it could be reduced from \$240, to a more reasonable amount.

Regards,

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