

Committee Secretary,  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,  
P O Box 6100,  
Parliament House,  
**Canberra ACT 2600**

26 April 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Amendments to the Marriage Bills

I, Judith Connor, am a Commonwealth registered Marriage Celebrant, having been appointed on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1995.

I wish to advise that I fully support the submission put forward by the Coalition of Celebrant Associations Inc (CoCA), dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013 regarding the Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2013 and the Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2013.

I have always been very proud of my role as a Celebrant and believe in the main and as a whole, we have all greatly benefited those people in Australia seeking our services. As such, we have also benefited the Government of Australia.

Accordingly, to impose fees could well affect marrying couples in the future and in every respect, would surely be out of the question?

Yours faithfully,

Judith Connor, CMC, JP (Qual)