

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of two citizens of Australia

draws to the attention of the House:

the refusal of the Federal Government through its overseas embassies (for example Paris) to issue certificates of non-impediment, being an essential requirement for Australian citizens living abroad and wishing to enter into foreign registered marriages or partnerships (for example the French PACS), with someone of the same sex whereas they will issue these certificates to people in exactly comparable circumstances but wishing to marry someone of the opposite sex; this policy is a direct discrimination and infringement of the fundamental human rights on the basis of sexual orientation

We therefore ask the House to:

Take action to force the Government to change this policy and to ensure equal rights for all Australians