

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that there are proposed changes to the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 to enable "couple relationships" to enjoy the same benefits as "married couples" to be exempt from giving evidence.

I strongly disagree with any such changes as it devalues the relationship of marriage, and could also be used by criminals to their advantage so they can more easily claim exemption from giving evidence. Anyone could claim a "couple relationship" exemption from giving evidence, thus making it much harder to bring justice for those affected by criminal action.

A "couple relationship" is fluid, and not the same as the higher standard, commitment, and boundary of marriage.

Thank you for reading this email and taking into consideration my views.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Cayzer