
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Dear Sir

I wish to make a submission to the inquiry by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee into proposed amendments of the Evidence Act.

I fully support the proposals to remove discrimination against same-sex couples.

Same-sex de facto couples should not be compelled to testify against their partners in a court of law. This is an important recognition of the special status of a loving relationship between two individuals committed to a shared life. I support the amendment of the Evidence Act to give equal recognition to same-sex partners as is given to opposite-sex partners.

Yours sincerely

Colin Smith

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