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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

By email: legcon.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Submission to the Inquiry into the *Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009*

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 ('the Bill').

Inner City Legal Centre (ICLC) is a community legal centre based in Kings Cross in inner Sydney. We receive funding under the Community Legal Centres funding program to provide free legal services and advocate for law and policy reform. Our legal services include information and referral, advice, representation and community legal education.

In addition to providing general community legal services to people in the inner city area, we operate three statewide specialist legal advice services:

- Gay and Lesbian Advice Service
- Transgender Advice Service
- Intersex Advice Service.

We also operate the Safe Relationships Project, which is a domestic violence court assistance scheme for people in same sex relationships, transgender/transsexual people and intersex people.

ICLC welcomes the introduction of this bill and supports marriage equality for all couples. We endorse the submission of the LGBTI Network.

Please contact Daniel Stubbs
discuss.

if there is anything else you would like to

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Stubbs
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