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Mrs Kelly O'Dwyer, MP
1343 Malvern Road, Suite 1
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Dear Madam,

Subject: **Marriage Equality**

This letter is to urge you to re-examine your views on the subject of marriage equality and to consider the treatment of all Australians equally as an ideal that should be embraced by all community leaders.

Article 7 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that -

“All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination”

It is my submission that any law that discriminates against any individual or group of individuals in Australian society must be clearly shown to be absolutely necessary to avert a great detriment to society as a whole.

In the particular case of marriage equality, it is my contention that there is no such detriment. How on earth would your marriage or anyone else's marriage be affected in any way by the marriage of others that are of the same sex? You would doubtless still love each other just as before.

No one seeks to force the clergy to conduct religious marriages of same-sex partners. That is entirely a matter for them and their conscience.

Civil marriage in a secular state is a matter for government and I urge you to support any legislation that will bring about marriage equality or at the very least support a conscience vote in the Parliament on any marriage equality Bill.

A look around the world surely demonstrates most convincingly that the world as we know is has not collapsed, nor has the institution of marriage suffered.

With the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Argentina, Spain, Iceland, Norway,

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South Africa, Sweden and parts of the United States and Mexico all embracing marriage equality there can be no argument of any substance against Australia joining a world that truly embraces equality.

Please, open up your heart and mind and support all loving same-sex couples throughout Australia.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.B. Allan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the first part.

David B. Allan