



The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne

29 October 2015

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
PO Box 6022  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

On Tuesday 27 October 2015 the Melbourne City Council voted unanimously to formalise our support for the legalisation of marriage between consenting adults regardless of sex, sexuality or gender identity.

The City of Melbourne has maintained a relationship register since 2007 as a means of recognising the relationship status of couples irrespective of gender. It is one of only three registers in Victoria.

Over the past eight years, 1110 couples have registered their relationship on this register. I personally sign every commemorative certificate we provide to couples on the register and it gives me great pleasure to do so, knowing that in a small way, I have helped to legitimise their relationship.

I look forward to the day when we no longer need this register; a day when the Australian Government recognises the legal status of marriage between consenting adults.

Melbourne is one of the most tolerant, inclusive and diverse cities in the world and our Council believes all our residents should have the opportunity to marry, if they wish.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I respectfully request your Government to legislate for marriage equality as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Doyle'.

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