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**LETTER FROM AUSTRALIAN MARRIAGE
EQUALITY**



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Clr Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney
Sydney Town Hall
George Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

Dear Lord Mayor Clover Moore,

We write to thank you for the City of Sydney's continued support of marriage equality and your strong advocacy for equality and fairness for all LGBTI Australians.

The federal government has indicated they will proceed with a postal vote plebiscite on the issue of marriage equality. Australian Marriage Equality is currently challenging this in the High Court of Australia. We believe the Federal Government should do their job and allow a vote on marriage equality in the Parliament so we can all move forward and celebrate the passage of this reform.

Should our challenge in the High Court not be able to prevent the postal vote plebiscite we will need to campaign actively for a "Yes" campaign. We are seeking the continued support of the City of Sydney for marriage equality, and specifically in the context of a postal vote plebiscite we seek Council's support for the following:

- Continued use of the Equality Shop 122 Oxford Street for as long as possible.
- A mail-out to residents and businesses supporting the "Yes" case for marriage equality and providing information on how people can vote.
- Provision of information kiosks or ability to have "yes" campaign marquees in areas of high pedestrian traffic areas owned by the City of Sydney where City residents and workers can get information on the "Yes" campaign throughout the campaign.
- Provision of flags and flagpoles for the "Yes" campaign.
- promoting of "Yes" campaign activities through the City of Sydney's social media channels
- Where reasonable and available, free use of City of Sydney venues for community meetings for the "Yes" campaign
- Where reasonable and appropriate, invite representatives of the "Yes" campaign to City of Sydney events to provide information on the campaign and voting.
- City of Sydney staff to liaise with LGBTI support services on the need for any additional support and resourcing during the campaign.

Following we the High Court's ruling, should the postal plebiscite proceed we expect peak activity will occur once ballot papers have been issued (likely between the 12th till the 30th of September 2017), prior to the 10th of October deadline for re-issuing ballot papers, and in the lead up to the cut-off of returning ballot papers in early November. This is a critical time for the campaign for marriage equality, we are grateful for the City of Sydney's continued support.

Yours in equality,

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Co-Chair, Australian Marriage Equality

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