

# **GET THE FACTS**

Australian Marriage Equality is a national non-profit organisation working for equal marriage for all adult Australians. We believe a person's gender or sexuality should not affect their legal rights and responsibilities under Australian marriage law.

We believe marriage equality will be achieved through a respectful national debate in which supporters or reform from different backgrounds work together. Our focus is on lobbying, advocacy and community education.

### **WE"RE WAITING**

Despite a majority of Australians being in favour of marriage equality, we're still waiting for all couples to be allowed full and equal legal status.

"We're Waiting" is a powerful and unifying message for one of the most important legal and social reforms of our time.

While we wait, we will do everything we can to keep our message of equality before the broadest possible audience and win the 25 additional MPs' votes required to make marriage equality a reality.

#### **DO SOMETHING**

There are a variety of ways you can get involved, help make history and show your support for marriage equality.

- **SIGN UP** Keep up to date with all our news and latest developments via our weekly newsletter.
- **GET THE FACTS** Visit our website *australianmarriageequality.org* to find out more and get the relevant facts.
- CHIP IN We cannot do this without funds and every dollar counts.
- **SPREAD THE WORD** Place posters, campaign materials and information packs to encourage debate and show a sense of solidarity.
- TALK TO YOUR MP While an email or letter is good, a friendly chat in person or over the phone to your local representative is a powerful way to get heard. For a list of local and Federal MP's, visit www.australianmarriageequality.com/ whereyourmpstands/
- PLEDGE TO WAIT If you're a straight couple and want to delay your engagement plans, wedding day or hold off until everyone can get married you'll be making a statement nobody can ignore. If you can't wait, why not chose to have your celebrant gently mention marriage equality in your wedding ceremony?







SUPPORT FOR A CONSCIENCE VOTE\*



# TO STOP WAITING, START HERE: WEREWAITING.ORG

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

**73%** of Labor, **52%** of Coalition and **87%** of Green voters support marriage\*

81% of Coalition voters support a Coalition conscience vote on marriage equality<sup>#</sup>

72% of Australians with young children support marriage equality<sup>+</sup>

**53%** of Australians who identify as Christians support marriage equality<sup>\*\*</sup>

**59%** of blue collar workers support equality, only 5% lower than the national average\*

**59%** of rural and regional dwellers support marriage equality, only 5 points less than those in capital cities<sup>^</sup>

Source: \*Galaxy Research August 2012. ^Galaxy Research May 2011. \*The Age, December 2011. \*Galaxy Research October 2010. ``Galaxy Research November 2011. ^Galaxy Research.