

Dear Steve

Thank you for your recent email regarding marriage equality.

As you may be aware, marriage equality was debated at the 2011 Australian Labor Party National Conference.

Under the democratic structure of the Labor Party, delegates to National Conference can vote on changes to the current policy platform.

A majority of delegates at the recent conference resolved to support a change in the definition of marriage and end discrimination against same sex couples.

The conference also resolved to allow MPs and Senators a conscience vote on this issue in the Parliament. A conscience vote gives MPs and Senators the opportunity to express their personal views and values in the Parliament

In line with my own values, as someone who has always fought for equality, social justice and fairness, I support marriage equality.

I have been contacted by many members of the community, both supporting and opposed to marriage equality and I have taken these views into account in determining my own position.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about this very important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Greg

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