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Dear ~~Senator~~ Brandis, *George*

Thankyou for meeting with representatives of the Marriage Alliance, Australian Christian Lobby, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Anglican Archbishop of Sydney the Most Reverend Doctor Glenn Davies at your office in Canberra on March 28.

We are grateful for this first opportunity to consult with you directly about the proposed plebiscite on marriage and thankyou for your offer of further consultations with you.

We note your request to to be more formally advised as to what organisations and individuals constitute the campaign and take this opportunity to confirm that whilst the stakeholders continue to coalesce, you and your office should continue to engage with this group with confidence.

It was good to be able to discuss with you some of the practical concerns we have regarding the plebiscite, namely:

- The ability for people to engage respectfully and freely in public debate without fear of being taken to anti-discrimination or human rights commissions in the way Hobart Catholic Archbishop Julian Porteous and others have;
- The need for a review of relevant broadcasting legislation so television advertisements can be aired freely.

As mentioned, the above concerns have been raised directly with the Prime Minister and his office.

While we are obviously very keen to consult with you on the form and nature of the plebiscite question, (s 47C) [redacted]
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We also draw your attention to recent conjecture in the media relating to the process of the enabling legislation and associated Parliamentary processes. We would consider it appropriate for your office to respond in writing to not only the issues outline above but seek detailed advice in relation to the legislative process associated with the proposed plebiscite.

Again, thankyou for the opportunity to meet and we look forward to continued consultations with you.

Yours Sincerely,



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