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Victorian State Election Candidate Survey - November 2014

Candidate Comments - Question 8

Question 8. Marriage Equality: would you support a bill that allows same sex couples to marry under Victorian law in a mechanism entirely separate to the Federal Marriage Act?

Australian Christians | Western Metropolitan Region | ROGERS, Geoff

Should not be called Marriage. OK with term Civil Union, but no to adoption by same sex couple.

Australian Country Alliance | Hastings District | LESLIE, Scot

I am not in a position to make a categorical response to this issue at this stage.

Australian Country Alliance | Murray Plains District | WINN, Bryon

The Australian Country Alliance has no position - personally I believe that we need to move forward for equality.

Australian Country Alliance | Ripon District | DOMASCHENZ, Trevor

Marriage equality. My family has happy married and unmarried couples , I don't see the issue. In the end just another bit of paper. Having said that have been married 40 years (to the one person).

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Cranbourne District | PERERA, Jude

Labor was pleased to see that in the ACT marriage case the High Court unambiguously declared that only the Commonwealth has the constitutional power to amend the Marriage Act 1961 to ensure marriage equality. Labor's party platform and policy, both in Victoria and Federally, is unambiguously in favour of marriage equality.

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Dandenong District | WILLIAMS, Gabrielle;

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Mill Park District | D'AMBROSIO, Lily

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Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Sandringham District | ZIGOURAS, Christina

We need to re look at the Marriage Act in relation to DeFacto. Marriage is not what it was.

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Thomastown District | HALFPENNY, Bronwyn

Sorry but not sure what this is getting at. Is it something different to marriage equality?. Would seek the views of those that seek marriage equality

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Northern Victoria Region | SYMES, Jaclyn

I support marriage equality but as was shown when the High Court dismissed the ACT Act it requires legislative change at the Commonwealth level. I support a change to the national laws.

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Western Victoria Region | PULFORD, Jaala

The High Court has determined that this is a matter for the Cth Parliament. I fully support marriage equality but a state scheme is by definition not marriage 'equality'.

Independent | Albert Park District | ARMSTRONG, Steven

I am not familiar with the technicalities of the issue. Therefore I will not say anything.

Independent | Bayswater District | CARBONARI, John

This is a Constitutional matter.

Independent | Murray Plains District | HICKS, Nigel Anthony

I believe that everybody should be treated equally but without detail of what is currently covered by federal law I cannot comment.

Independent | Pascoe Vale District | TIMPANO, Francesco

The information provided is inadequate to make a yes/no response or I am yet to adopt a firm position on the issue and am undertaking further study/research and analysis before deciding.

Independent | Ringwood District | CHALLINGER, Michael

I am in favour of same-sex marriage. However marriage should be governed by Federal law.

Independent | South-West Coast District | SMITH, Linda K.

I answered other with question (8). We can't help who we fall in love with. I am not against same sex marriage. I am ready to run with this only if Australia is ready for change.

Independent | Sunbury District | MEDCRAFT, Steve Jack

don't agree

Independent | Eastern Victoria Region | DAVID, Jean-Michel

I support alterations to the Federal Marriage Act that would see allowing any two adults being allowed to marry (and divorce) under the same law, with a provision that ensures that no celebrant who has conscientious objection be required to undertake such marriage. As a Federal matter, I am not in favour of the State using resources to attempt to pass a law that would remain subject to the Federal Marriage Act.

Independent | Eastern Victoria Region | [SINDT, Christine](#)

The terminology of "a bill that allows same sex couples to marry" is an oxymoron. It is a contradiction in legal terms. Marriage is the legal recognition of a relationship between a man and a woman, not a same sex couple.

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Albert Park District | [COLLIS, David](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Burwood District | [STUART, Beck](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Essendon District | [WAITE, Ashley](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Footscray District | [SWIFT, Rod](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Frankston District | [SWAIN, Jeanette](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Kew District | [FRANKES, Lynn](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Lara District | [LACEY, Gregory](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Melbourne District | [SANDELL, Ellen](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Oakleigh District | [MERRIEL, Steven](#);

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Western Metropolitan Region | [HARTLAND, Colleen](#);

Along with the majority of Australians, the Greens want to see marriage equality in Australia. In 2012, the Greens introduced the Marriage Equality Bill into the Victorian Parliament. The High Court has since ruled that only the federal Parliament can legislate for marriage equality. The Greens have bills in the federal Senate for marriage equality in Australia, and to recognise overseas same sex marriages.

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Essendon District | [WAITE, Ashley](#)

Same sex marriage excludes intersex people who are already excluded under current marriage law, so this alone does not constitute marriage equality and should also be addressed.

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Footscray District | [SWIFT, Rod](#);

As an aside, I am an out gay man, and have been involved in GLBTI human rights activism for more than 20 years. I believe in marriage equality.

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Werribee District | [SHEFFIELD-BROTHERTON, Bro](#)

Like most Australians, I support marriage equality. The Greens introduced the Marriage Equality Bill into the Victorian Parliament in 2010. Subsequently the High Court ruled that only the Federal Parliament can legislate for marriage equality. The Greens have Bills in the Senate for marriage equality in Australia and to recognise overseas same sex marriages.