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UNITY AND INCLUSION MUST BE REBUILT AFTER MARRIAGE SURVEY

Family and relationship services organisation Interrelate calls for quick action from governments and communities to rebuild unity and inclusion after the marriage postal survey.

The Australian Government asked the Australian community a survey question: 'Should the law be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry?'

A majority of citizens across Australia, and a majority in every state and territory, answered 'yes' to marriage equality.

"This issue has now been resolved, with a clear mandate for the immediate amendment of the Marriage Act," said Patricia Ocelli, CEO of Interrelate.

"Interrelate calls upon our elected parliamentarians to facilitate the smooth passage of legislation so that marriage equality can become a reality as soon as possible. The survey process was polarising by its very nature, and the divisions it has opened up within the Australian community can't be ignored. It's now time to promote and look forward to unity between all people in our Australian community."

"On the whole, Australians accept that the published results of the survey faithfully reflect the collective view of the nation on this question. So we now hope for unity within the Australian community as marriage equality becomes available for all Australians and same-sex marriage legislation is enacted into Australian law."

Interrelate acknowledges that all respectful relationships make our communities strong. We are committed to providing all people with accessible, inclusive, respectful and meaningful services to enhance community and individual wellbeing.

About Interrelate

Interrelate has been a not-for-profit provider of relationship services to individuals, couples, families, children, schools and communities for more than 90 years. Each year, Interrelate helps more than 90,000 people strengthen their relationships. If you need support or would like more information about Interrelate's programs, contact us on 1300 i relate (1300 473 528) or visit www.interrelate.org.au.

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