

## Media Release

# PROCEEDING WITH SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL LUDICROUS NOW WITH HIGH COURT ACTION PROCEEDING

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The reintroduction of the Tasmanian same-sex marriage bill would be ludicrous now the federal government has taken the ACT to the High Court, said Mr Guy Barnett spokesperson for the Save Marriage Coalition today.

“The Federal government has confirmed that marriage is a matter for the Federal Parliament and our marriage laws should be consistent across Australia. If the Tasmanian Labor/Green government and Ruth Forrest MLC are so determined for another debate then why not wait for the High Court decision rather than wasting Parliament's time and taxpayer's money on costly High Court litigation?”

“It would be quite ridiculous to have different marriage laws in different states and territories. It would be a dog's breakfast of marriage laws and untenable.

“The Federal government will ask the High Court today for an expedited hearing and have requested the ACT not to give effect to the laws until this matter is resolved. The Federal government's case is comprehensive and compelling.

“The gay lobby campaign to rush ahead with same-sex marriages in the ACT is nothing short of emotional blackmail. It will be incredibly distressing for individuals who may proceed with their same-sex marriage to then quickly find that they become invalid due to a High Court decision. It is a cruel hoax.

“People's lives should not be used as a political plaything by the gay lobby,” Mr Barnett concluded.

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