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Federal Labor Member for Franklin

The Right Reverend John D Harrower OAM
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Dear Bishop ^{John} Harrower

Thank you for your letter of 26 July regarding the Tasmania Anglican community's commitment to the definition of marriage under Commonwealth law.

I welcome the opportunity to hear both sides of this debate and have been contacted by many residents in my electorate of Franklin. They have kindly shared their stories and strong beliefs with me.

I respect the commitment of the Synod and as the Federal member for Franklin will represent the views of my constituents in any discussion or debate on this issue in Parliament and at ALP conferences.

Again, thank you for sharing the Synod's commitment with me. I will continue to listen to the electorate on this issue and I will keep their views in mind when discussing these matters with my colleagues.

Yours sincerely

Julie Collins MP
Federal Member for Franklin
Parliamentary Secretary for Community Services

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