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**The Hon Tony Abbott MHR**  
**Leader of the Opposition**

Right Reverend John D Harrower OAM  
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Dear Reverend Harrower

The Coalition believes that marriage is a union between a man and a woman. We do not support any change to Commonwealth law that could diminish the institution of marriage and will continue to oppose any action that would alter this status as a matter of Coalition policy.

We remain, however, firmly committed to the principle of respect for all Australians. The Coalition supported the 2008 changes in superannuation, tax and social security law to provide equity for same-sex relationships.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abbott'.

**TONY ABBOTT**