



PADDINGTON UNITING CHURCH

PUC Statement on Marriage Equality

Proposal:

That the Paddington congregation

1. Notes

- a. our core values of faith, inclusiveness, justice and creativity;
- b. our discernment over many years about the gift of human sexuality and how the church community can support 'Right Relationships';
- c. the ongoing discernment and dialogue on sexual ethics within the wider Uniting Church,
- d. the current Uniting Church definition of marriage which excludes same-sex partners; and
- e. our understanding of the inherent discrimination in the Marriage Act's exclusion of same-sex partners.

2. Resolves to

- a. advocate for the removal of gender from the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act;
and
- b. encourage the Uniting Church to continue discussing how it recognises and blesses relationships.

Passed by consensus at Paddington Uniting Church congregation meeting on 27 November 2011.