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**MEDIA RELEASE: ‘yes’ vote for marriage equality**

**Following yesterday’s historic ‘yes’ vote for marriage equality, Queensland’s Anti-Discrimination Commissioner has urged the government to act swiftly in passing legislation to implement the rights to same sex marriage.**

‘Yesterday was a very significant day for LGBTI Australians. In fact, for all Australians,’ said Commissioner Kevin Cocks. ‘The 15 November 2017 is a date that will now have great importance in the human rights timeline of LGBTI Australians. But the journey to equality won’t be complete until legislation is passed to allow same-sex couples to marry’, he said.

While the Commissioner is encouraging the necessary changes to legislation, he is also clear that the changes will apply to civil marriage law only. ‘We’re not talking about ecumenical or religious marriages; we’re talking about marriages under civil law.’ said the Commissioner. ‘It is my understanding that the report from the senate ‘s parliamentary committee on the same-sex marriage bill considered by it, outlines a path towards legislative reform that respects the rights of all Australians, including those of various religious faiths.’

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