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Dear Research Director

CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS BILL 2011

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the *Civil Partnerships Bill 2011* (the Bill).

The Queensland Law Society is a professional association representing the solicitors of Queensland. The Society acknowledges that within our membership there are a variety of views with regard to the basic premise proposed in this Bill. At its core, however, the substance of the Bill goes to addressing a matter of serious discrimination and respect for the human rights of all in our community.

The QLS commends the objective of the Bill which aims to provide legal recognition for all types of enduring relationships that exist in our society. The QLS supports these objectives and accordingly supports the Bill.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact our Policy Solicitor, Louise Pennisi on 3842 5872 or l.pennisi@qls.com.au.

Yours faithfully

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