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Ms Pauline Wright
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By email: lawsociety@lawsociety.com.au

Dear Ms Wright

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY

We were horrified to read reports that certain members of the legal profession in New South Wales have publicly criticised you and the Law Society of NSW for joining the NSW Bar Association and the Australian Medical Association in supporting marriage equality.

The Law Society Council ostensibly held a vote on a motion to support marriage equality and the vote was passed after a count of votes. It would follow that you, as the elected President of the Law Society of NSW, is then empowered to speak in favour of the matter.


While Dowson Turco Lawyers (**DTL**) is an out loud and proud LGBTI law firm, many of us don't intend to get married, should the law change. But, as you would agree, marriage equality is a fundamental human right and members of the LGBTI community should be afforded the same choices as the heterosexual community.

It is often postulated that society changes the law. In the case of marriage equality, DTL is of the view that marriage equality will change society. We say that because, in our experience, the LGBTI community often suffers from wider society's ignorance about the nature of our community and relationships. Marriage equality, should, in time, symbolise that our relationships are valid, natural and common.

Finally, and this is probably another motion to ultimately go to the Law Society Council in the future, marriage equality should not just be about same-sex marriage. It should be about any persons, including persons of no gender, being able to marry under the law of the Commonwealth.

Thank you for speaking out on the issue and fiercely promoting LGBTI rights.

Yours faithfully
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