

Submission to the Attorney-General's Department

Ongoing Professional Development for Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrants and Guidelines on Conflict of Interest and Benefit to Business for Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrants DISCUSSION PAPER – NOVEMBER 2016

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Your submission

Dear Marriage Celebrants Section...

I have experienced some difficulties in opening the response form in relation to the Survey on OPD and conflict of interest/benefit to business guidelines CRM:0064190

and am responding, as follows;

I can offer no support whatsoever for the propositions of proposed changes to OPD arrangements, nor conflict of interest to business options.

The proposal that celebrants charge for additional minor material services is fraught with the possibility of abuse and exploding to misuse by unconscionable parties.

I prefer that these minor requirements be encouraged to be arranged by wedding proponents rather than turned into 'extra business' opportunities for celebrants,

that might reflect unfavorably upon the integrity of celebrants' services.

I am certainly not in favour of any of the propositions put in your paper (document), and would suggest that 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' !!

Paul Gadenne

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