

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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Managing OPD and Registration is a very simple task we receive reminders from The Department to pay our Registration and we get countless emails from OPD Service providers of upcoming OPD events in our area. This is just two calendar events to manage. If a celebrant cannot manage this, then how can they be managing to marry a couple, the ceremony timeframe and legal obligations? I wouldn't want someone like that handling my wedding. That is an excuse that doesn't cut the cloth in my book.