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Hon. L. H. Scott MLC
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Petition No: PET 19/2/LC
RESPONSE TO PETITION

TITLE OF PETITION: Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage Amendments) Bill 2018

Tasmanian Citizens draw to the attention of the House -

The extremely serious consequences and undue haste of the Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage Amendments) Bill 2018 and request that the House defer debate until the legislation is fully considered by a Parliamentary inquiry and/or the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute.

GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

The Government notes that the *Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage and Gender Amendments) Act 2019* has passed both Houses of Parliament and received Royal Assent on 8 May 2019. The Government strongly opposed these amendments.

All amendments contained in that Act have commenced, with the exception of the amendments contained in Part 4. Part 4 will commence on a day to be proclaimed, but if that Part has not commenced within 120 days of Royal Assent, it will commence 120 days after the Act receives Royal Assent.

Prior to this passing The Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) accepted a reference from the Attorney-General relating to sex and gender in Tasmanian legislation. The terms of reference are to provide advice on:

1. What steps should be required to register a change of sex or intersex status on official documents;
2. What categories of sex/gender should be displayed on birth certificates and other documents;
3. What, if any, reforms should be made in relation to consent to medical treatment to alter a person's sex or gender; and
4. What, if any, reforms should be made in relation to the definitions or use of terms relating to sex and/or gender in Tasmanian legislation.

The TLRI expects to provide its final report on these matters to the Government later this year.

The Government will give further consideration to the effects of the amendments contained in the Act when the TLRI provides its final report.

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Minister for Justice

Date: 8th August 2019

