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Civil Union Commitment Welcomed

Healthy Communities welcomes the commitment by the Treasurer Andrew Fraser to introduce a private members bill to bring civil unions to Queensland.

Civil unions provide legal recognition of relationships, gay and straight, and make it easier for couples to prove they are in a relationship. They also provide an opportunity for friends and family to celebrate and support the relationship. Civil partnerships are already available in Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT.

“While civil unions are not a substitute for marriage, it is an option for those who don’t want to marry and want legal and community recognition of their relationship” said Paul R Martin, Executive Director.

“A short period of consultation with the community on different models of civil union would be helpful in ensuring we get the right model for Queensland.”

“We hope that all sides of politics can support this reform for all Queenslanders.”

Healthy Communities also acknowledges Queensland Labor’s support for gay marriage and calls on Federal Labor to amend the Marriage Act to allow marriage for all.

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* Healthy Communities is a community based, health promotion charity working with and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in Queensland (previously the Queensland AIDS Council).