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To Whom It May Concern:

All of the Hindu clergy are in absolute agreement that marriage as defined by Hindu Dharma Shastras is between a Man and a Woman for the purpose of Dharma Praja and Sahatva in performing social duties.

We understand marriage according to the Australian secular Law is about security and inheritance of property, legal and human rights and privileges It has nothing to do with vivaha as interpreted by Shastra the two concepts are separate.

We affirm that the samskara (sacraments) of vivaha (Hindu Marriage) is between a Hindu man and woman and not applicable to same sex couples.

We also support human rights and equality of sexes within the secular Australian society and have no opposition to any changes that the democratic society deems necessary for the wellbeing of the majority.

For and on behalf of ACHC

Ramachandra V Athreiya
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