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The Hon. Christian Porter MP
Attorney-General
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
By email to: marriagecelebrantssection@ag.gov.au

Dear Attorney-General,

Concerns about changes to Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) form and other official marriage forms

The History Council of New South Wales (HCNSW) would like to register its objection to the proposed changes to the Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) and other official marriage forms and seek input into and consultation about the modernisation of these forms.

HCNSW is greatly concerned about the proposed changes as we feel that a reduction in the amount of information recorded in conjunction with the registration of marriages will impact the practice and outcomes of future researchers relying on information currently available on Births, Marriages and Deaths.

This information is of significant value to historians and all those studying the structure of the family in Australia. It is also essential information for population health analysis and demographic studies.

HCNSW aims to ensure that history, in all its diverse forms, is an important part of the cultural life of the people and communities of NSW. We focus on five key areas: awareness, diversity, excellence, advocacy and outreach. We provide programs and services, which aim to build capacity within the history sector and showcase the importance of history. Our [General Council](#) is comprised of a range of industry experts, including academics, museum curators and directors, archivists, librarians, historians and professionals from outside the sector.

HCNSW looks forward to taking part in further consultation about the modernisation of this form.



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Evans'.

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