



Letter to all CRC Pastors and CRC Churches Int. Congregations in Australia re ABS Postal Survey

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Dear Friends,

From the recent postal survey result, we now know the people of Australia have expressed their will by a sizeable majority, to make same sex marriage legal in our nation.

I wish the vote went 60/40 the other way, but sadly it didn't - even though we prayed fervently and worked conscientiously to uphold the traditional Judaeo-Christian view of marriage. However, I'm very pleased that a sizeable minority of nearly 5 million fellow Aussies voted 'no', expressing their desire to uphold traditional marriage, which gives me hope for the future.

It seems like the Federal Parliament will now offer legislative safeguards regards our long standing democratic rights and freedoms of speech, conscience, belief and parental rights. While there are some groups that will oppose this, I don't think they will prevail, as the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition did promise this before the postal plebiscite concluded. (This was to assuage any fears that these fundamental human rights could be jeopardised in any way if the 'yes' vote prevailed, despite their strong personal promotion.) It would seem that the proposed protections being considered will mitigate any unforeseen consequences that could arise in changing the Commonwealth Marriage Act.

The CRC denominational family we are part of, along with other Christian denominations and other religious and secular groups, will be watching carefully that these promises and guarantees eventuate. Rest assured that we will be speaking up if there is any backsliding by our political leaders on their pre-postal plebiscite promises.

I've stated on several occasions in recent years that if we had 5 million extra born-again, biblically grounded, people-loving Jesus followers and 20,000 more churches, I wonder whether same-sex marriage, the push to legalise euthanasia and other moral/ethical issues would get any traction? What I'm really saying is that proclaiming the Gospel, winning people to Jesus & planting healthy, growing churches is the ANSWER for our beautiful nation of Australia.

Let the love of Christ flow out of us towards our neighbours as we get relationally engaged and connected with them. Let's pray with faith that the Lord will use all of us to lead many precious people to HIM. Never forget that Jesus loves everyone.

I pray that CFC Seaton and our CRC denominational family will be used by God to always be part of the real and long-lasting answer for our nation's spiritual needs. These can only be met through a genuine and personal saving relationship with Jesus.

May God's grace, peace and power help us be more effective in our witness for Jesus, every day...

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Vasilakis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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