Submission to the inquiry on the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010

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Attention:
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Winning Attitudes is an Australian Recruitment and Human Resources Consulting Firm. To follow please find our submission in favour of the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010

Yours truly,

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2nd of April, 2012

Dear Committee Secretary,

In association with Australian Marriage Equality, Winning Attitudes Recruitment has worked with some of Australia’s largest employers to help them develop policies to recognise staff in same-sex marriages and afford those staff with equal benefits.

The list of employers that recognise employees in same-sex marriages includes the following organisations.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd
City of Sydney
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
David Jones
Discount Veterinary Wholesale
IBM Australia Ltd
Image Blue
ING Australia Ltd
ING DIRECT
itravelbooks.com.au
Kogarah Council (NSW)
Player-Wright Events
Qantas Airways Ltd
Salt Clinic
Scenario Seven
Seek Ltd
St George Bank Ltd
Telstra Corporation Ltd
Westpac Banking Corporation
Winning Attitudes Recruitment

These employers have found that by recognising and supporting same-sex marriage, they strengthen their diversity policies and also make their organisations more attractive to employees, especially the many talented Australian Expats who work overseas in provinces where same-sex marriage is legal.

To further illustrate this point we have included with our submission a study from the Williams Institute on how marriage equality promotes skilled immigration.

Winning Attitudes Recruitment supports the proposed bill as it is time the Government catches up with corporate Australia on this important reform.

Australia will also benefit by being a more appealing destination for skilled migration, especially from the creative class as outlined in the attached report.

Yours truly,

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