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Dear Ms Attorney

Married Persons (Separate Legal Status) Bill 2019

I refer to your letter of 5 August 2019 in relation to the Married Persons (Separate Legal Status) Bill 2019 (“the Bill”).

The Bill has been developed as a consequence of the passage of the Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017 (Cth), which made the status of marriage available to same-sex couples.

The Bill seeks to amend the Law of Property Act 1936 (SA) (“the Act”) by repealing outdated provisions and providing in gender-neutral terms that married persons are separate legally and are equal to non-married persons as concerns their legal capacity.

The Society supports the proposed amendments.

Yours sincerely

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