

Proud Invitation reflects Rainbow Tas Inc's National Respect!

Friday 4th May 2012 is a fantastic day for the Rainbow TAS Inc. community.

We have been invited to attend the Senate inquiry hearing in Melbourne, Victoria, to provide a witness at the public hearing.

Our submission is being presented and responded to by Sophia Alex-Bailey, Co-Chair of the Greater Hobart COPP (Coming Out Proud Program) Community Liaison Committee, Co-Chair Rainbow Labor Tasmania and Rainbow Communities Tas. Inc.

Sophia will be presenting our submission addressing the inquiry and then will be open for rebuttal from the Senate panel of representatives on Friday afternoon in Melbourne Town Hall.

Considering the enormous number of submissions that were received by the Senate Inquiry this month, Rainbow Tas and its entire membership should be both proud and enlightened by the value that has been given to their submission.

The submission outlines many issues relative not only to LGBTI marriage, but also puts forward solid evidence, which assures that many will be left with the words 'Why not?', rather than having to convince our objectors 'Why?!'

This submission goes directly to the core issues of what is important for our community.

'We start to die when we give up on the things that matter' (Martin Luther King Jr.) comes to mind when reflecting on our continued fight for the basic human right to live in authenticity as a fully functioning member of our community.

The past activists deserve the opportunity to see these issues still being fought for; the present LGBTI community and the broader community deserve the opportunity to be heard in a public, open and conciliatory domain; and the future member aspirations of our community are obvious - just to *'Breathe'*, knowing that they can live in equality and integrity in all areas of their lives.

The Rainbow Tas Inc. submission assures that these past, present and future benchmarks have the capacity to be met.

Look out for Sophia's piece as a follow up after her return from Victoria.

Please feel free to contact Sophia in relation to COPP issues and also in her official capacity as a Rainbow Labor Tasmania Co- Chair and representative on 0414 925 010.