

Federation celebrates marriage equality vote, and will watch legislation closely

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Teachers across NSW welcomed the news of a 61.6% YES vote in the marriage equality survey, confirming the long-held majority opinion that Australians support marriage equality.

In acknowledging the result, General Secretary John Dixon said, "Love is Love. The vote vindicated those who argued that the Parliament should have legislated in favour long ago."

Mel Smith, officer attached to Federation's LGBTIQ special interest group, thanked everyone who participated in the campaign and voted yes in support of the Australian LGBTIQ community.

President Maurie Mulheron outlined the need for vigilance and close scrutiny over any proposed legislation that would now go before parliament.

"Australia voted to allow same-sex couples to marry," Mr Mulheron said. "They have voted to remove discrimination, to not weaken our anti-discrimination laws. Therefore, Federation will be closely reviewing any proposed legislation and strongly advocating for a simple wording change that would make it legal for same-sex couples to marry."

