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Baptists urge PM to veto same-sex partnership laws

The National Director of the Baptist Union of Australia, Revd Dr Brian Winslade, has called on the Federal Government to veto same-sex marriage legislation passed last Wednesday by the ACT Assembly.

“An overwhelming majority of Baptists in the ACT, and throughout Australia, support a traditional understanding of marriage which excludes same-sex marriage.

“Changes passed last week to the territory’s Civil Partnership Act clearly weaken the model of marriage affirmed by Baptists, and may set an unacceptable precedent for other legislatures.

“I urge Prime Minister Rudd to honour his 2007 election commitment to marriage by disallowing the ACT’s new civil partnership laws,” he said.

Dr Winslade commended the Prime Minister for his past resolve in disallowing territory laws which undermined and mimicked marriage, and indicated that Australian Baptists would support similar intervention in response to the new laws.

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