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New marriage equality law a good outcome for children

Early Childhood Australia (ECA), the national peak advocacy body for children under eight, their families and early childhood professionals, welcomes the passage of the [Marriage Amendment Bill 2017](#), and congratulates all the MPs and Senators who voted in favour of the bill.

‘This is good news for Australia’s children, as well as for same-sex couples’, said ECA CEO Samantha Page. ‘It is in the best interest of young children living in LGBTIQ families to know that their families have the same value as other children’s families, and to know that their parents’ relationships are equally valid in the eyes of the community.’

‘Children flourish and grow in loving families’, said Ms Page. ‘When people think about the welfare of children being raised by same-sex parents or carers, they need to realise that the ability to give children a loving home environment is more important than any other factor.’

‘It is also important that children and young people in Australia today know that when they grow up, they can marry whomever they choose, irrespective of the gender of their partner.’

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