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MEDIA RELEASE

GPRRA Supports Equality

General Practice Registrars Australia (GPRRA) today affirmed support for marriage equality.

“We call upon all Australian governments to take action to ensure marriage equality,” said GPRRA President Dr Melanie Smith.

“This is a critically important step for safeguarding the health and wellbeing of all Australians,” she said.

“We must endeavour to eradicate institutional and societal discrimination on the basis of sexuality and gender identity.”

Dr Smith said that GPRRA recognises that many of our LGBTIQ members, and LGBTIQ patients being cared for by our members, have experienced significant distress, vilification and trauma due to prejudice.

“The recent public campaigns against marriage equality have made the situation worse,” she said.

“We would like to express our support for any members who are feeling vulnerable at this time and encourage them to seek help from their own GP if needed.”

GPRRA is able to support registrars or other doctors who would like assistance identifying LGBTIQ-friendly practitioners and will be providing practical advice to our members who wish to optimise their support for LGBTIQ patients.

We recognise that individual members of GPRRA will have their own personal views on marriage equality and that each person has the opportunity to make that known via the postal survey.

ENDS

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