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Dear ACL Supporter,

Although it is the strong desire of ACL, and indeed Christians all over Australia, to deal with issues that can have a positive and redemptive change to society, it is often the case that we find ourselves having to react to issues instead. To put it another way we would prefer to be more of a light in the world rather than always having to be the preserving salt (Mt 5:13-14). This certainly feels to be the situation often on the issue of marriage, where we would prefer to be helping to strengthen marriage rather than always having to defend against its deconstruction. However, hopefully that time is coming soon.



Nick Jensen  
ACT Director

As you can see in the newsletter we have had an amazing response from MPs gauging their electorates. Our own Fraser MP Andrew Leigh spoke for the redefinition of marriage (one of the few who did), a position he has held for a long time. He did not, however, reveal his results from the consultation, which is most likely due to the significant support for the current definition of marriage. Thank you to all those who wrote to him (or our other MP Gai Brodtmann) as now he cannot say with any authority that Canberra supports his position. For more details on the consultation and the great success this campaign had then please read the newsletter or visit [www.acl.org.au](http://www.acl.org.au).

In other news we are pleased to announce our support for a new group in Canberra that one of our supporters has initiated called **Labor for Life**. Please note that ACL is non-partisan, and we will certainly support groups from both sides of politics who are representing Christian values. **Labor for Life** is non-factional and dedicated to promoting pro-life causes within the Labor Party and amongst Labor supporters. If you are interested please contact Tara on 0409076596 or email [laborfor@live.com.au](mailto:laborfor@live.com.au). Feel free to contact me if you know of any other groups similar to this you would like us to promote.

In terms of local political activity in Canberra, there have been few developments from last time on the prostitution inquiry, which we are waiting anxiously on as the outcome will certainly have an effect on vulnerable women in the ACT. We are however only a year or so away from the next ACT election, and so now is the time to start thinking about issues that you think need change in our city. I don't know if you are aware but in talking to a range of church leaders it is clear that God is doing something significant in Canberra, and I thank you for continuing to join us in seeing His kingdom come.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Jensen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nick Jensen  
ACT Territory Director

