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**Statement by Bishop of Bathurst  
The Most Rev. Michael McKenna**

Now that voters have expressed their opinions on changes to the marriage law, it is time for the Parliament to do its work. I trust that the assurances given, by both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, that any legislation would not impinge on religious liberty, will be respected.

I would encourage everyone to work together in a spirit of cooperation for social harmony and the common good.

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**Bishop of the Diocese of Bathurst**

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