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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INTERVENTION ON MARRIAGE CONFIRMS INTRODUCTION OF TASMANIAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL UNWARRANTED

GAY LOBBY CAMPAIGN EMOTIONAL BLACKMAIL

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The Federal government's High Court challenge of the ACT same-sex marriage legislation confirms the reintroduction of the Tasmanian same-sex marriage bill would be unwarranted and a waste of Parliament's precious time said Mr Guy Barnett spokesperson for the Save Marriage Coalition today.

“The Federal government has confirmed that marriage is a matter for the Federal Parliament and our marriage laws should be consistent across Australia. If the Tasmanian Labor/Green government and Ruth Forrest MLC are so determined for another debate then why not wait for the High Court decision rather than wasting Parliament's time and taxpayer's money on costly High Court litigation?

“It would be quite ridiculous to have different marriage laws in different states and territories. It would be a dog's breakfast of marriage laws and untenable.

“The Federal government will ask the High Court for an expedited hearing and have requested the ACT not to give effect to the laws until this matter is resolved.

“The gay lobby campaign to rush ahead with same-sex marriages in the ACT is nothing short of emotional blackmail. It will be incredibly distressing for individuals who may proceed with their same-sex marriage to then quickly find that they become invalid due to a High Court decision. It is a cruel hoax.

“People's lives should not be used as a political plaything by the gay lobby,” Mr Barnett concluded.

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