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### **GPSA Support Equality**

GP Supervisors identify strongly with recognition and respect; both key ingredients being sought in the marriage equality debate.

As those charged with the responsibility to mentor the next generation of young doctors it is incumbent upon us to call out intolerance when it occurs.

The current vote is every community members opportunity to voice their individual position and we ask for tolerance from both sides in this "Postal Survey".

We respect the broad church that is general practice and more widely respect the views of the Australian community.

Dr Steve Holmes, GPSA Chair said: "The GPSA board support marriage equality."

We are saddened to see the debate become such an unhealthy one. A process that is inherently harmful to our patients, our communities and ourselves.

It is important that wherever it takes place, marginalisation and discrimination, be addressed.

With so many important issues that require attention in Australia, seeking to give fellow Australians equality should not require this degree of focus or energy to the detriment of others.

History and contemporary research shows the effects of intolerance on the LGBTIQ community. Let us not contribute further to this burden.

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