



## Don Harwin

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### MEDIA RELEASE

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## OPERA HOUSE LIGHTS UP FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

The sails of the Sydney Opera House will be illuminated this evening to mark the passing of marriage equality into law in Australia.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin says there is no better way to mark this important milestone in the nation's history.

"The passing of this law after a convincing 'yes' vote is a powerful message that same-sex relationships are regarded as both equal and valued," Mr Harwin said.

"I feel incredibly proud that Australia and NSW has embraced the idea that the celebration of love and the institution of marriage belong to all of us, whether gay or straight.

"Tonight's illumination is particularly powerful because of the strong public support for same-sex marriage shown by many of the resident companies based at the Sydney Opera House."

Resident companies that publicly stated their support for marriage equality included Australian Chamber Orchestra, Bangarra Dance Theatre, Bell Shakespeare, Opera Australia, Sydney Theatre Company and The Australian Ballet.

The sails on the western side will be illuminated in pink and the Bennelong sail will have a shimmering rainbow.

The best vantage spot for pictures of the rainbow-illuminated sail is from the Podium. Don't forget the hashtags #marriageequality and #soh.

Image attached.

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