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**Media Release**

**Muslim, Jewish, Christian & Family Groups Unite to Make a Stand for Marriage**

**National Marriage Day Rally 14 August 2012Parliament House Canberra**

Leaders of Muslim, Jewish, Christian & family groups are gathering to make a stand for marriage. Their message is **‘Don’t Meddle with Marriage’**. These leaders will be speaking at the rally and will be available for comment at 1 pm at the conclusion of the rally.

Hundreds of people from all over Australia will travel to Canberra for the National Marriage Day Rally in support of retaining the definition of marriage as a union of one man and one woman.

“Marriage is under a concerted attack. With two same-sex “marriage” bills in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate, and a vote imminent, the future of marriage could even be decided on the very day of the Rally.” says Terri Kelleher, spokeswoman for the Australian Family Association.

In countries where same-sex marriage has been legislated, the denial of freedom of conscience for those who disagree, has quickly followed.

Warwick Marsh from *Dads4Kids,* a speaker at the Rally says, “In Massachusetts, where same-sex marriage was legalized in 2003, parents risk jail to protect their children. In 2005, David Parker of Lexington, who’s child was in kindergarten, was jailed overnight when he insisted on being notified when teachers were discussing homosexuality or transgenderism with his son. We call on everyone to make a stand to protect our children and our freedom.”

To interview the following leaders please meet at 1 pm after rally,

Front Lawn Parliament House, Canberra:

Rabbi Dr Shimon Cowan (son of Zelman Cowan, former Governor Gneral)

Tasneem Yousuff – Muslim woman leader from Melbourne

Terri Kelleher – Australian Family Association

Warwick Marsh – Dads4Kids

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