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Angels Hope Calls for Respect during Marriage Equality Survey

Angels Hope, an Australian national Anti-Bullying Organisation has called on all Australians to show respect for each other during the Marriage Equality Survey and for all parties to focus on the issue at hand.

"This is supposed to be a simple survey to see how the majority of Australians view Marriage Equality yet instead of showing respect for each other and our different opinions we are seeing bullying, intimidation and even reports of violence", says Mr Reuben Cunningham, Co-Founder of Angels Hope. "This is very un-Australian."

"Angels Hope comprises of members and supporters from all walks of Australian life including straight, gay, religious, agnostic, indigenous and recent Australians, all with differing opinions on Marriage Equality. As an organisation we encourage our own members to fill in the survey according to their beliefs and views", added Mr Cunningham, "and we believe that all Australians should focus on doing the same without fear of harassment from either side simply because their opinion may be different from someone else's viewpoint or belief".

"People need to remember that whilst there are strong beliefs on both sides of the debate the process underway is just a survey and the final decision on a vote, regardless of the survey results remains in the hands of Federal Parliament," said Mr Alex Jordan, Public Engagement Officer for Angels Hope.

"Regardless of which side you are on we should respect each other's opinion and enable each person to respond according to their beliefs and show respect for their decision. People should channel their energies into writing to their MP and the Members of the Senate if they wish to ensure their side is successful rather than act untoward each other", added Mr Jordan.

"Complaints of Bullying and harassment received by Angels Hope have increased significantly since the survey began and we are calling for people to be calm and treat each other with respect whilst the process continues", said Mr Cunningham. "People should be thinking about what happens after the survey is over and how their actions today will impact their relationships tomorrow".

For further information please contact Angels Hope at info@angleshope.org.au or by phone on (03) 6388 8413 or alternatively info@angelshope.com.au .

About Angels Hope

Angels Hope is an Australian national Anti Bullying Organisation working to bring an end to the high levels of Bullying in Australian Schools, Online Communities and Workplaces.

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