



## Rt Rev. Greg Watt PCQ State Moderator 2017/18

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS WITHIN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF QUEENSLAND

In keeping with Rule 5.13 of the Code of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, I, in my capacity as Moderator, write this pastoral letter, requesting that it be read during public worship in all congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland.

I endorse the actions of the Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia affirming that marriage is the life-long union, entered into voluntarily, between one man and one woman.

I further affirm that marriage falls within the realm of God's general grace, and is therefore available to all classes of people, not just believers in God through Jesus Christ, and that in voting "NO" in the postal plebiscite Christians are not in any way violating any Gospel principle, but rather upholding what is part of the whole counsel of God.

I join with the Moderator-General in encouraging all Presbyterian Christians to participate in this postal plebiscite and vote "NO" - being careful, as we do so, to deal graciously and gently with those who differ with us on this matter.

In Christian fellowship,

Right Reverend Gregory Watt,  
Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Queensland