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Dear Secretary,

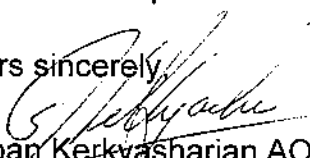
**Reference: Statutory Review of the *Relationships Register Act 2010 (NSW)***

Thank you for inviting the Anti-Discrimination Board of New South Wales (the Board) to make submissions on the statutory review of the *Relationships Register Act 2010 (NSW)* (the Act).

The Board notes that the legislation under review has improved the status of relationships, regardless of the couple's sex.

The Board's submission relates to section 3 of the Act which provides for the 'legal recognition' of persons in a relationship. However, there is no guidance as to what the term 'legal recognition' means and the effects of having legal recognition of a relationship in New South Wales. The Board submits that this could lead to couples making assumptions about registering their relationship. This uncertainty could be resolved by including, in the definition (section 4), the meaning of 'legal recognition' of a relationship.

Yours sincerely,

  
Stepan Kerkyasharian AO  
President

**Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW**

Dated: 17 December 2015