

## The Statutory Declaration - To be signed Pre Ceremony.

This is a copy of the special Statutory Declaration that must be signed by both the Bride and the Groom and witnessed by me, usually sometime in the week before the ceremony. You'll see that the Stat Dec contains 2 sections, each the same, one for the groom and one for the bride. Read it carefully, so that you know what it is you are signing! You are basically declaring that you are who you say you are, and that you believe there is no impediment to you getting married. You don't need to print this document. I will have the official copy of the stat dec ready for signing when I see you

*For your convenience: You don't have to sign at the same time as your partner. We can meet separately if that works better for you. The signing takes only a few seconds as all the personal info required will be filled in by me. A quick 'drive-by' will do the trick! (I once did this signing at a set of traffic lights with a busy couple on the way to the airport. It can be that quick!)*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

### Marriage Act 1961

## DECLARATION OF NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO MARRIAGE

(regulations 38A and 46 Marriage Regulations 1963 (Cth))

I, .....

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*(full name, address and occupation of person making the declaration)*

declare that :

1 I am a .....

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*(state details of conjugal status for example, 'person who has never been validly married', 'widower', 'widow', or 'divorced person')*

2 I believe that there is no legal impediment to my marriage with

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*(name, address and occupation of the other party to the proposed marriage)*

in particular :

- (a) neither of us is married to another person; and
- (b) neither of us is in a prohibited relationship; and
- (c) both of us are of marriageable age; and
- (d) there is no other circumstance that would be a legal impediment to the marriage.

3 I am of marriageable age because  
(\*Strike out if inapplicable):  
\*(a) I am 18 years or older; or  
\*(b) I have not yet turned 18 years,  
being born on .....

*(date of birth of person making the declaration)*

However, I applied for an order under section 12 of the Act, and the

*(name of court)*

*(location of court)*

made that order on .....

*(date of order)*

I make this declaration under the . I believe the statements in this declaration are true in every detail. I am aware that it is an offence under the *Marriage Act 1961* to give a notice to an authorised celebrant knowing that it contains a false statement or an error or is defective. I am also aware that the Act creates offences in relation to bigamy, and in relation to marriage of a person who is not of marriageable age.

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Declared at .....

*(place where declaration made)*

on .....

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Before me .....

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**Mr Geoffrey BAIRD**  
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