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THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER, BUT THE WORK CONTINUES

While hoping that Australia has delivered a 'no' vote, the Coalition for Marriage is committed to defending parents' rights, freedom of speech and freedom of faith regardless of the result.

"We are extremely grateful for the contribution of the millions of Australians who supported our campaign: our indefatigable staff and volunteers, our generous donors, and the countless others who supported us by sending messages of encouragement, speaking with their families, friends and neighbours about the consequences of redefining marriage and, most importantly, voting 'no' in the survey," said Coalition for Marriage spokesman, Lyle Shelton.

"I know that our team is looking forward to a few days off; it's been a long campaign and even the tireless get tired!

"If, as we hope, our campaign is successful and the majority of those who responded voted 'no,' we know the 'yes' campaign will not accept the result. They've already said numerous times that they will continue to push to redefine marriage.

"So, even if we win, we will need to continue to fight to defend marriage and to protect Australians from the consequences of its redefinition.

"If a 'yes' vote prevails, we will also need to get straight back to work. Throughout the campaign, we have spoken about the effect that a change in the Marriage Act will have on all Australians. It will be incumbent upon us to hold the 'yes' campaign to its pledge that there would be no consequences to a change in law. If a 'yes' vote is returned, we will do what we can to guard against restrictions on freedom of speech and freedom of religion, to defend parents' rights, and to protect Australian kids from being exposed to radical LGBTIQ sex and gender education in the classrooms.

"We promise our supporters that no matter the result, we will continue to work to defend Australian families," he concluded.

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