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LEWIS FREEMAN-HARRISON ISSUES PUBLIC APOLOGY TO LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

Eppalock Ward candidate, Lewis Freeman-Harrison, wishes to publicly apologise to the LGBTQIA+ community for his actions in 2017 whilst spearheading the “Vote No” campaign against marriage equality.

“I understand there are people in this community who are still upset by my actions from 2017. I take full responsibility for the views I held and the subsequent damage of my actions. I wholeheartedly apologise to the LGBTQIA+ community for what I did. I was wrong. I am sorry I was ignorant; I am sorry for the hurt I caused you. I am asking for the extending hand of forgiveness.”

Mr. Freeman-Harrison said he believed that three years was ample time for introspection and the changing of views, just as former Prime Ministers, Julia Gillard and Kevin Rudd did, both after a three-year period when they had previously voted against marriage equality.

“I changed my views based on several reasons. First, I dealt with some of my own distortions of homosexuality. I grew up in a same-sex household that was not always a pleasant environment which affected the way I perceived other people. Second, after witnessing and seeing true love in the LGBTQIA+ community, I began to understand that I was wrong to try and stop someone from loving someone else. Third, I grasped that if heterosexual couples had the option of deciding whether to marry or not, so should same-sex couples have the choice as to whether to seek to achieve a status and a set of entitlements and responsibilities on a par with those enjoyed by heterosexual couples. It has been a personal journey for me, and I am thankful to my family and friends for helping me see the error of my ways.”

Mr. Freeman-Harrison emphasised that life is about making mistakes, growing, and learning from them. “I am more than happy to discuss this matter with anyone who wishes to talk and reassure them of where I stand. A leopard might not be able to change its spots, but the human species is known for its ability to adapt and change for the better.”

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