We, the undersigned clergy and laity of the Anglican Diocese of Perth feel compelled by the love of Christ to formally object to the ordination to the priesthood of one of the candidates presented this evening.

With regard to The Reverend Lloyd D'Souza, we understand that he is presently in a same-sex partnership and currently lives with his partner. Furthermore, we understand that whilst in the ordination programme, and since, he has stated that he did not feel called to celibacy. We therefore find his ordination unacceptable on the following grounds:

1) The clear teaching of the Bible is that marriage is the lifelong commitment of one man and one woman to one another, to the exclusion of all others, in which a new family is created, and that sexual activity is reserved for such marriages. The doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia upholds this view. The candidate's current living arrangement and personal affirmations indicate a breach of this doctrine.
2) *Faithfulness in Service* section 7.2 states "Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for clergy and church workers to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct by maintaining chastity in singleness and faithfulness in marriage." Moreover, section 7.4 states: "You are to be chaste and not engage in disgraceful conduct of a sexual nature." The candidate's current living arrangement and personal affirmations indicate a breach of this provision of the Code.
3) *Faithfulness in Service* section 7.7 states the following: "You should avoid situations where you are vulnerable to temptation or where your conduct may be construed as a breach of the standards of sexual conduct in this Code." The candidate's current living arrangement is a clear breach of this provision.

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