

## **SUBMISSION ON PROPOSALS PAPER 21 MARCH 2016**

### **BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS REGISTRATION ACT 1995**

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**It was pleasing to see the constructive proposals in the paper dated 21 March 2016 on the 1995 Act.**

**I fully support the comments laid out in this second round of submissions by C Tregonning.**

**Index searching - wild card and first name-only searching must substantially improve the error finding and fixing rate in these databases. The downside of more "scamming" use of the databases using the more detailed search methods does not seem to have been proved.**

**Indexing Intention to Marry notices would be an improvement on current availability.**

**Marriage Record Privacy: 75 years appears to be a nearly standard length internationally.**

**Re-aligning the birth records publication with the death records publication seems very realistic and in line with some overseas jurisdictions.**

**Charging: Individual record details - yes**

**Index searching per page - avoid charging if at all possible.**

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