8 STEPS FOR SHORTENING NOTICE OF TIME TO MARRY IN AUSTRALIA

1 Lodge A Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM)

- Download & Complete a **Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM**.
- **Sign it in the presence of an authorised witness** *(details on the form & my webpage)*
- Hand it to me, your Celebrant
- Prepare & collate your evidence in consultation with the Celebrant (Me)
- Write a letter and/or Statutory Declaration to explain & support your evidence
- Fees will apply for this and for the ceremony.
- Celebrant gives you a Happily Before and After Pamphlet in your own language

2 Proof of Eligibility, Identity & Date/Place of Birth

- As your Celebrant I must see your original IDs *(passports, or birth cert & licence)* before the marriage ceremony
- If either of you have been married before, I also need to see original evidence *(in English)* that the previous marriage was terminated.

3 Confirm Consent & Free intent

- I meet each party separately and in private to confirm informed consent and a free intention to marry.

4 Submit Application to a Prescribed Authority

- Pay the Celebrant Fees
- Collate your evidence into a neat file with an index and your covering Stat Dec
- Attach a covering letter from the Celebrant
- Pay the BDM Fee and lodge at a PA –The Celebrant will assist and advise as an online application may be possible but courts tend to be faster

5 Prepare Ceremony Content

- I prepare your ceremony in consultation and collaboration with you

6 Declaration of No Impediment to Marriage

- Each party signs a *Declaration of No Impediment to Marriage* in the presence of the of the Celebrant, as witness.

7 Ceremony

- If all is in order, we joyfully proceed with the Ceremony.
- You must have two witnesses, over 18 years, who understand the ceremony
- After Solemnisation, you receive an official and uniquely numbered Marriage Certificate as proof of marriage.

8 Registration of Marriage

- I register your marriage
- You have the option to purchase a *BDM Registry Certificate of Marriage* which is both proof of marriage & proof of identity

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