

Typical Quaker Certificate of Marriage /Commitment

A. B. of..... (1)
and C. D. of (2)

have made known their intention of marriage /commitment to each other and due public notice of that intention has been given. The proceedings have been allowed by the proper representatives of Regional Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Australia Inc.

This is to certify that, for the solemnisation and celebration of their marriage /commitment, A. B. and C. D. were present at a duly appointed public Meeting for Worship at (3) on (4)

Taking each other by the hand, A. B. declared

Friends, in the presence of God and this assembly, I take this my friend C.D. to be my life partner/ husband/wife, trusting with divine assistance to be loving and faithful as long as we both on earth shall live (5)

and C.D. made the same declaration, referring to A.B. In confirmation of these declarations, they have signed this certificate in this Meeting.

A. B. (6)
C. D. (6)

We, the following, have been present at this occasion and have signed our names as witnesses on the date written above

(7)

Footnotes

- (1) Here inscribe the address and parentage or other sufficient description of the agreed first speaker.
- (2) Here inscribe the address and parentage or other sufficient description of the agreed second speaker.
- (3) Here insert the address of the Meeting House or other place at which the ceremony was held.
- (4) Here insert the full date of the ceremony.
- (5) Here insert the exact words of the chosen Declaration, in place of the typical example given above. The Declaration is devised and written out beforehand by the couple, in consultation with the Registering Officer.
- (6) This is the signature used before the ceremony, in the event that one or both of the couple change their name at this commitment celebration.
- (7) Here there is space for everyone present who so desires to sign their names.