



Communiqué

Meeting date: 10 November 2023

The Queensland LGBTIQ+ Roundtable (the Roundtable) of the 2023-2025 term met for the fourth time on 10 November 2023.

The Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts chaired the meeting, alongside community co-Chairperson Rebecca Reynolds representing Queensland Council for LGBTI Health.

The meeting was attended by the following Roundtable community members: Ms Grace Sholl, Dr Kirstine Hand representing True Relationships and Reproductive Health, Mx Li-Min Lee, Ms Matilda Alexander representing Rainbow Families Queensland / LGBTI Legal Service, Dr Michelle Jeffries, Mr Phillip Carswell OAM, Mr Elija Cassidy, Mr James Fowler, Mx Kris Sargeant, Mr Matthew Gillett, Mr Matthew Higgins, Ms Rebecca Reynolds representing Queensland Council for LGBTI Health, Rev. Selina McMahon, Ms Stephanie Saal and guest, Ms Rochelle (Rocky) Byrne, 2Spirits.

Community members were joined by senior staff from the Departments of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts (DTATSIPCA); Justice and Attorney-General, Education; Queensland Health; Queensland Police Service; Queensland Human Rights Commission, and the Queensland Public Sector LGBTIQ+ Steering Committee.

The Department of Education delivered a presentation on the work that is being undertaken to strengthen outcomes for LGBTIQ+ young people within the education system. Roundtable community members discussed ways that the education system could be strengthened for LGBTIQ+ communities including: the importance of LGBTIQ+ history and the need to embed this in curriculum to include contributions to society, arts and academics; students obtaining exemptions for time away from school for transitional or intersex related surgeries; importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander training to consider the intersection of Sistergirls and Brotherboys.

Progress to develop the LGBTIQ+ Strategy was a key focus of this meeting. Roundtable members raised additional opportunities for engagement with LGBTIQ+ communities. It was acknowledged that Roundtable members had participated in additional out of session meetings since the last Roundtable meeting, including detailed discussion to inform development of the foundational principles for the LGBTIQ+ Strategy.

The development of an LGBTIQ+ Alliance is included with the Communities 2032 Action Plan 2022-2025. Rebecca Reynolds representing the Queensland Council for LGBTI Health shared an update about the engagement activity being undertaken on behalf of DTASIPCA to inform development of options for the LGBTIQ+ Alliance. Rebecca Reynolds highlighted that the LGBTIQ+ Alliance is a key opportunity to be transformative for Queensland's LGBTIQ+ communities and to assist future generations.



The Roundtable provides an effective engagement mechanism for Queensland's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, plus (LGBTQIA+) communities to discuss issues, challenges and opportunities with the Queensland Government and to strengthen outcomes for communities.

The Roundtable assists the Queensland Government to ensure development and delivery of services, policies, programs and strategies is inclusive of, and responsive to, the needs of people with innate variations of sex characteristics, and of diverse gender and sexuality.