



Communiqué

Meeting date: 8 September 2023

The Queensland LGBTIQ+ Roundtable (the Roundtable) of the 2023-2025 term met for the third time on 8 September 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.

The meeting was attended by the following Roundtable community members: Mr Brenton Creed, Ms Grace Sholl, Ms Jennifer Toonen, Dr Kirstine Hand representing True Relationships and Reproductive Health, Mx Li-Min Lee, Ms Matilda Alexander representing Rainbow Families Queensland / LGBTI Legal Service, Mr Matthew Gillett, Mr Matthew Higgins, Dr Michelle Jeffries, Mr Phillip Carswell OAM, Ms Rebecca Reynolds representing Queensland Council for LGBTI Health, Ms Stephanie Saal, a representative from Rainbow on the Reef and Mr James Fowler.

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.

Minister Enoch introduced Rebecca Reynolds representing Queensland Council for LGBTI Health as the nominated community co-Chairperson for future Roundtable meetings.

DTATSIPCA delivered a presentation about the engagement and progress of the Queensland LGBTIQ+ Strategy. Roundtable members were invited to share their initial suggestions for the foundational principles of the Queensland LGBTIQ+ Strategy.

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General delivered a presentation summarising the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Act* changes and the overarching implementation plan.

Roundtable community members raised emerging opportunities for LGBTIQ+ communities including: news of 2Spirits becoming its own organisation, consideration of legislative changes in the Australian Capital Territory regarding variations in sex characteristics and continuing this momentum into Queensland, and starting dialogues with local government and the importance of engaging with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) as the Queensland LGBTIQ+ Strategy work progresses.

Rebecca Reynolds representing Queensland Council for LGBTI Health also raised the engagement activity that Queensland Council for LGBTI Health are undertaking to develop options for the model for an LGBTIQ+ Alliance. The LGBTIQ+ Alliance is included within the Communities 2032 Action Plan 2022-2025. Roundtable members expressed an interest in learning more about this at the next Roundtable meeting.



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.