



Communiqué

Meeting date: 18 September 2024

The Queensland LGBTQIA+ Roundtable (the Roundtable) of the 2023-2025 term met for the seventh time on 18 September 2024.

The Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts (Minister Enoch) chaired the meeting. An apology was received by co-Chair, Ms Rebecca Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Council for LGBTI Health.

The meeting was attended by Roundtable community members Mr Brenton Creed, Mrs Charmaine Tolhurst representing Rainbow on the Reef, Ms Grace Sholl, Mr James Fowler, Ms Jennifer Toonen, Dr Kirstine Hand, Mx Kris Sargeant, Mx Li-Min Lee, Ms Matilda Alexander representing Rainbow Families Queensland / LGBTI Legal Service, Mr Matthew Higgins and Dr Michelle Jeffries.

Community members were joined by senior staff from the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts (DTATSIPCA); Queensland Health, Department of Justice and Attorney-General and the Queensland Police Service.

Representatives from Arts and Culture institutions joined a panel discussion to share their thoughts on why LGBTQIA+ inclusion in their sector is important, the challenges and opportunities they had identified and their organisations' future plans in relation to LGBTQIA+ communities.

Members were also invited to participate in future engagement opportunities, and discussions were held about elevating the role of the Roundtable to ensure that the sector is supported.

Agencies present provided updates of their actions in relation to the *Pride in our Communities Action Plan 2024-2026*. The Strategy and Action Plan can be viewed on the department's website at: www.qld.gov.au/pride.

Members expressed the need for more inclusion and accessibility for LGBTQIA+ migrants and refugees and ensuring that the voices of First Nations brotherboys and sistergirls are heard and respected.

Information was shared about the Brisbane Pride Fair Day held on 21 September 2024 of which Queensland Government is a major sponsor.

As this was the last meeting of 2024, the Minister said that it was an honour to work with Roundtable members throughout the year. She acknowledged that members were lost and gained along the way and thanked them for their roles. Roundtable members thanked the Minister for her passion, commitment and motivation to truly hear the voices of Roundtable members.

The next meeting is scheduled for 31 January 2024.

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 LGBTQIA+ 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 people of diverse gender and sexuality.

