



Communiqué

Meeting date: 14 March 2024

The Queensland LGBTIQ+ Roundtable (the Roundtable) of the 2023-2025 term met for the fifth time on 14 March 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 chaired the meeting, alongside community co-Chairperson Rebecca Reynolds representing the Queensland Council for LGBTI Health.

The meeting was attended by the following Roundtable community members: Mr Brenton Creed, Mrs Charmaine Tolhurst proxy for Rainbow on the Reef, Ms Grace Sholl, Ms Jo Sampford proxy for Matilda Alexander representing LGBTI Legal Service, Dr Kirstine Hand representing True Relationships and Reproductive Health, Mx Kris Sargeant, Mx Li-Min Lee, Mr Matthew Gillett, Mr Matthew Higgins, Dr Michelle Jeffries, Rev. Selina McMahon, Ms Stephanie Saal.

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 Minister advised that Dr Elija Cassidy will no longer be a member of the Roundtable and thanked him for his participation and contribution.

Queensland Health delivered a presentation on the work underway and planned to strengthen outcomes for LGBTIQ+ communities.

The Human Rights Commission shared information about the implementation of Queensland's stronger vilification and hate crime laws.

It was acknowledged that Roundtable members participated in an information session and individual consultation meetings about progress of the LGBTIQ+ Strategy and shared their insights into some of the draft inclusions. Roundtable members had shared initial feedback and as a result, a representative from DTATSIPCA informed the Roundtable members of subsequent changes to the draft inclusions. It was agreed that Roundtable members could continue to help shape the development of the LGBTIQ+ Strategy with any additional feedback to be shared out of session.

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.

