

Queensland LGBTQIA+ Roundtable Communiqué

Meeting date: Wednesday 17 September 2025

The 2025-2027 term of the Queensland Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+ (LGBTQIA+) Roundtable (the Roundtable) met for the first time on Wednesday 17 September 2025.

The Honourable Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence opened the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting for the new term of the Roundtable.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Belinda Drew, Director-General, Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (DFSDSCS) and attended by Roundtable members Mx Aaminah Khan, Mx Alex Clements, Mx Asha Keegan, Mr Ben Bjarnesen representing LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Foundation, Mx Billie Stimpson representing Queer & Trans Workers Against Violence, Ms Jennie Toonen representing 2Spirits, Dr Li-Min Lee, Ms Matilda Alexander, Ms Pam Barker, Ms Rachel Hinds representing Open Doors Youth Service, Ms Rebecca Johnson OAM representing the Queensland LGBTQIA+ Alliance, Mr Simon Betteridge representing the Queensland Council for LGBTI Health and Ms Stephanie Saal.

Apologies were received from Ms Bonnie Hart representing InterAction for Health and Human Rights, Mr Brenton Creed (Townsville) and Mx Richelle Menzies.

Community members were joined by senior agency representatives from the Queensland Mental Health Commission, Department of Justice, Department of Education, Queensland Human Rights Commission, Queensland Police Service, Queensland Health and the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (DFSDSCS).

Introductions were made around the table with members sharing their lived experience, expertise and focus areas. Topics were wide ranging including emerging included the experiences of LGBTQIA+ young people, the need for specialised domestic and family violence responses and a greater understanding of gendered violence and gender inequality, embedding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols, experiences of culturally and linguistically diverse LGBTQIA+ people and LGBTQIA+ Queenslanders in rural and regional areas.

Members of the 2023-2025 Roundtable were thanked for their time, dedication and contribution including special recognition for the late Mr Phillip Carswell OAM, whose memory continues to inspire LGBTQIA+ people and communities across Queensland and Australia in their work.

An update was provided by Ms Rebecca Johnson OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland LGBTQIA+ Alliance that included governance, registration of the Alliance, staffing, a commitment to First Nations principles and practice, training needs analysis, engagement and capacity building undertaken across the State and in discreet communities, research and data collection.

DFSDSCS shared an overview of the Pride in our Communities Strategy and Action Plan and the ongoing work to deliver and implement them, and thanked the many past Roundtable members who had contributed to their development. The three impact areas of the Strategy and Action Plan are: Inclusive culture; Stronger communities and connections; and Responsive, inclusive and accessible services.

Members raised the importance of inclusivity in the 2032 Olympic Games where Queensland and Australia will be on show; inclusive ageing and aged care; the importance of lived experience representation at meetings to discuss key topics; and Pride in our Communities reporting.

The draft Terms of Reference were discussed at the meeting and members shared their feedback and amendments, particularly in relation to the benefits of there being an elected community member co-Chair.

It was proposed that a forward plan of meetings be developed so topics of high interest for members could be discussed and planned-for in advance. In addition, a template will be developed for community members and Queensland Government representatives to share key insights and trends as part of meeting papers when updates are available.

Members raised their support for ongoing publication of communiqués as a way to demonstrate to communities the issues that were being raised by their representatives at Roundtable meetings.

The Chairperson thanked members for their time and contributions at the meeting.