

Queensland LGBTQIA+ Roundtable Communiqué

Meeting date: Wednesday 10 December 2025

The second meeting of the 2025-2027 term of the Queensland Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+ (LGBTQIA+) Roundtable (the Roundtable) was held on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

The meeting was opened by Mr Brad McCoy, Senior Executive Director, Families Commissioning (Communities, Seniors, Carers and Violence Prevention), Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (DFSDSCS) as acting Chairperson, and was later carried on by Ms Belinda Drew, Director-General, DFSDSCS and Chairperson of the Roundtable.

Roundtable community members in attendance were: Mx Aminah Khan representing the LGBTI Legal Service (Townsville), Mx Alex Clements, Ms Bonnie Hart representing InterAction for Health and Human Rights, Mr Brenton Creed (Townsville), 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, Mx Richelle Menzies and Mr Simon Betteridge representing the Queensland Council for LGBTI Health.

Apologies were received from 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, Mx Asha Keegan, Mr Ben Bjarnesen BM, Ms Stephanie Saal and representatives from the Department of Justice and Queensland Mental Health Commission.

Community members were joined by senior agency representatives from the Department of Education, Queensland Human Rights Commission, Queensland Police Service, Queensland Health and DFSDSCS.

The importance of World Aids Day held on 1 December each year was acknowledged and the need to raise awareness and break down stigma and discrimination. Human Rights Week held from 3 to 10 December was also acknowledged as the event celebrates the fundamental rights and freedoms that all people are entitled to.

Members who were unable to attend the first meeting held on 17 September 2025 introduced themselves.

The first half of the meeting focused on Domestic and Family Violence reforms and Youth engagement opportunities, and representatives from Strategic Policy and Legislation (SPL), DFSDSCS and the Office for Youth, Department of Housing and Public Works delivered presentations.

The first presentation provided an update on the development of the department's new 10-year domestic and family violence reform strategy. Members had the opportunity to share their views and discuss key considerations such as embedding a gender analysis and gender lens, preventing misidentification of respondents/perpetrators, data collection for LGBTQIA+ service users and specific considerations required for culturally and linguistically diverse LGBTQIA+ victim-survivors.

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The Office for Youth (OFY) provided a presentation on the range of engagement and leadership opportunities available to LGBTQIA+ young people. OFY leads Queensland Government youth policy and is responsible for the whole-of-Government Young Queenslanders Strategy and Action Plan which includes 72 actions across Government.

OFY also oversees the implementation of the Queensland Youth Engagement Charter, which commits all Queensland Government departments and agencies to listen to the voices of young people when developing policies, programs and services that affect them.

Some of the OFY's activities include Speak OUT events, Queensland Youth Week, the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program and YMCA Youth Parliament. OFY shared information on the annual Youth Sentiment Report that collates and analyses sentiment from young people collected in the Speak OUT survey. More information is available on the Department of Housing and Public Works website: <https://www.housing.qld.gov.au/what-we-do/young-queenslanders>.

Further discussion occurred to progress the Terms of Reference, and members endorsed Ms Rebecca Johnson OAM, CEO of the Queensland LGBTQIA+ Alliance unopposed as co-Chairperson of the Roundtable for the remainder of the 2025-2027 term.

Ms Johnson provided an update on the work of the Alliance, including engagement activities undertaken, issues experienced by communities in regional and remote areas and future work planned.

Written and verbal updates were provided by other members, on topics including gender-affirming healthcare for trans and gender-diverse youth, legislative reforms for people with innate variations of sex characteristics, and LGBTQIA+ inclusion in gender equality in Queensland.

The Chairperson thanked members for their time and contributions working with the Roundtable and wished everyone a good break.

The next quarterly meeting will be held around March 2026, and planning will commence for the Roundtable to meet at least once in a regional centre during 2026.