



LGBTQIA+ Reference Group Meeting One Communique

3 July 2024

A significant milestone was achieved on 3 July 2024 in the work towards developing WA's first whole-of-government LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Strategy (the Strategy) with the inaugural Reference Group Meeting.

The Reference Group meeting attendees consisted of LGBTQIA+ leaders and individuals from the community and sector organisations representing the LGBTQIA+ community, supports and services across the State. The historic nature of the meeting was recognised with much excitement, and engaged and robust discussion focussed on the opportunity presented by the Strategy to improve outcomes for LGBTQIA+ people in WA.

The Reference Group Meeting was chaired by Department of Communities (Communities), with future meetings to be co-chaired by a Reference Group member to ensure meetings are community-led and inclusive.

The Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA provided an opening address, expressing gratitude to the participants for their role in this historic inaugural meeting. Minister Beazley acknowledged the vital work carried out by members of the Reference Group in supporting LGBTQIA+ individuals in WA and reaffirmed her personal commitment to supporting the LGBTQIA+ community through the development and implementation of the Strategy.

Key outcomes of the Reference Group Meeting included:

- Ensuring appropriate and inclusive representation of LGBTQIA+ people on the Reference Group and engagement through consultation.
- Prioritisation of the development of the statewide engagement and consultation approach to inform Strategy development.

Communities also provided an update on the upcoming release of the tender to establish an LGBTQIA+ Peak Body on TendersWA.

The meeting closed with positive feedback from participants.

Communities looks forward to continuing engagement with Reference Group members at future meetings to ensure the LGBTQIA+ community remains at the heart of the Strategy's development.