



LGBTQIA+ Reference Group Meeting Two Communique

31 July 2024

The second LGBTQIA+ Reference Group meeting was held on 31 July 2024 at Department of Communities (Communities) Walyalup Campus. Interim Co-Chair arrangements, pending establishment of the LGBTQIA+ Peak Body, saw Kimberley Blak Pride representative, Tony Lee, Co-Chair the meeting with Communities as endorsed by the group at the first meeting.

Department of Communities and Reference Group members were pleased to welcome Intersex Peer Support Australia membership to the group ensuring representation and inclusion of this key community in the Reference Group.

Discussions raised in the inaugural meeting on [3 July 2024](#) continued to refine the scope to development of WA's first whole-of-government LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Strategy (the Strategy).

Key outcomes of the Reference Group Meeting included:

- Further discussion and confirmation about the role of the Reference Group—which is to provide guidance, advice and assist, on behalf of the LGBTQIA+ community, the Department of Communities as the lead agency responsible for developing an historic the whole-of-government Strategy.
- Further discussion of the importance of diverse representation including on the Reference Group, including of First Nations, People of Colour, and people with disability, with options to be further explored.
- Discussion about the importance of language to be used to support development of, and the inclusion in the Strategy, and a commitment to developing suitable language notes.
- Developing an agreed co-designed consultative process that will allow the many diverse voices of the LGBTQIA+ communities to be heard, with further detailed discussion to take place at the next meeting.
- A commitment by Communities to review previous consultations and research studies to inform consultation approach.

- Identification of opportunities for sharing of knowledge and ideas between the Reference Group and the State Government Project Steering Group at a future workshop to inform consultation.
- Development of an infographic to outline governance arrangements in the development of the Strategy.