



# LGBTQIA+ Reference Group Meeting Five Communique

**23 October 2024**

The fifth LGBTQIA+ Reference Group meeting was held on 23 October 2024 at Department of Communities (Communities) Boorloo Campus.

Tony Lee, Kimberley Blak Pride, co-chaired the meeting with Communities for the final time, noting his role as Interim Co-Chair. As Rainbow Futures WA has now been announced as the LGBTQIA+ Peak Body (Peak Body), Rainbow Futures will commence as the new co-chair.

The Reference Group and Communities would like to acknowledge Tony's contribution as Interim Co-Chair in supporting the Reference Group's establishment and progress to date. Tony will resume as a member on the Reference Group from the November 2024 meeting. Details of the Peak Body representative Co-Chair will be communicated upon commencement of the Peak Body.

The meeting focussed on further refinement of the consultation approach to inform development of the LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Strategy.

## **Key outcomes of the Reference Group Meeting:**

- New members of the Reference Group welcomed:
  - Sam Gibbings – new CEO for TransFolk of WA
  - Kay Lane – Pride with Disability Network
  - Jaini Shah – Queer, Transgender and Intersex People of Colour WA (QTIPoC) (proxy)
- Acknowledgement and celebration of the historic appointment of WA's first LGBTQIA+ Peak Body - Rainbow Futures WA Ltd.
- Group discussion and feedback followed by in-principle agreement regarding:
  - Key themes and insights from the joint Reference Group and whole-of-government Project Steering Group workshop held on 3 October 2024 which will assist further refinement of the consultation approach.
  - Proposed goals, questions and engagement approach to the consultation.
  - Consultation to inform the development of the Strategy to formally commence in November 2024 through to April 2025.

- Communities working in partnership with the Peak Body and three funded organisations to finalise the consultation plan and resources.