



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

LGBTIQA+ Consultation Kit



FAQs

Strategy Governance

The LGBTIQ+ **Strategy Community Reference Group** provides advice and supports the State Government to engage with LGBTIQ+ individuals and communities during the development of the Strategy.

Membership of the Reference Group includes representatives from:

- Albany Pride
- Academia
- Equal Voices WA
- GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc. (GRAI)
- Intersex Peer Support Australia
- Kimberley Blak Pride
- Living Proud
- Pride WA
- Noongar LGBTIQ+ communities
- Rainbow Futures WA
- Pride with Disability Network
- Queer, Transgender, and Intersex People of Colour Western Australia - QTIPoCWA
- TransFolk of WA
- Youth Pride Network.

Peak body

Following a tender process, Rainbow Futures WA has been appointed as the Peak Body to support the implementation of the Strategy, including guiding engagement with LGBTIQ+ communities and organisations for the consultation.

Three funded organisations

A total of \$900,000 has been provided to develop the Strategy, including capacity building for the sector and engagement with LGBTIQ+ communities.

GRAI, Living Proud and TransFolk of WA will assist the government to engage with sector organisations.

What is the timeframe for the consultation of the Strategy?

Engagement will commence in November 2024 through to April 2025.

What will be included in the Strategy?

The Strategy will be developed in close consultation with the LGBTIQ+ community and sector organisations.

The Strategy will identify priority areas and associated actions to drive long-term change in WA.

What does the Strategy mean for the State Government's law reform commitments?

The Cook Government is committed to its reform agenda supporting diversity and inclusion in Western Australia. Policy and drafting work to develop a new Equal

Opportunity Act and to ban conversion practices is continuing. This includes engaging with stakeholders and monitoring law reform in other jurisdictions.

How will the Government be engaging and consulting with Aboriginal and multicultural communities?

Communities will engage with the Aboriginal community through culturally informed, safe, and responsive approaches reflective of the National Agreement on Closing Gap priority reform areas and principles, and the WA Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy.

In addition, Communities will seek guidance from the Office of Multicultural Interests and appropriate representative stakeholders to ensure engagement with culturally and linguistic diverse communities is culturally safe and meaningful.

How to have a say in the development of the Strategy?

Make a submission

Provide a submission in response to the questions outlined in the consultation template above to LGBTIQA@communities.wa.gov.au.

We also welcome ideas, stories, poetry, artwork and examples that can build our understanding of what it is like to be a person who identifies as LGBTIQA+ in WA – the challenges, triumphs, opportunities, programs and supports that can help us achieve improved outcomes for LGBTIQA+ people and communities in WA.

Please note that a page limit of three pages will apply to written responses (attachments will also be accepted, for example spreadsheets, JPEGs etc).

Complete the online survey

You can also complete the short online survey available at wa.gov.au/lgbtiqa.

Attend a consultation session

The State Government is committed to hearing the diversity of voices of LGBTIQA+ people in WA, and a series of consultation sessions will be held in coming months. Visit wa.gov.au/lgbtiqa to subscribe for more information.

Who can contribute and shape the Strategy?

We are seeking submissions from all interested members of the WA community. This may include, but is not limited to:

- People living and working in WA
- LGBTIQA+ sector organisations
- Educational institutions
- Non-government community service providers
- Local governments and LGBTIQA+ local advisory bodies.

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