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NSW ELECTION 2023: **QUESTIONS**

October 2022



QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

HIV, BBVS, AND STIS

If elected, will you:

1.

Maintain strong funding commitments and partnerships across government, health, community organisations, key affected populations and researchers, both to achieve the goals of the current NSW BBV and STI Strategies, and to build on this commitment in future Strategies?
2.

Commit to additional funding for innovative programs that are targeted toward improving access to testing, treatment and prevention for priority populations across all HIV, BBV and STI Strategies?

Yes

No

Comment

Yes

No

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3.

In line with the National HIV, viral hepatitis and STI Strategies, recognise in current and future NSW HIV, viral hepatitis and STI Strategies the need to eliminate the negative impact of legal and human rights issues on people's health?
4.

Repeal the *Mandatory Disease Testing Act 2021*?

Yes

No

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Yes

No

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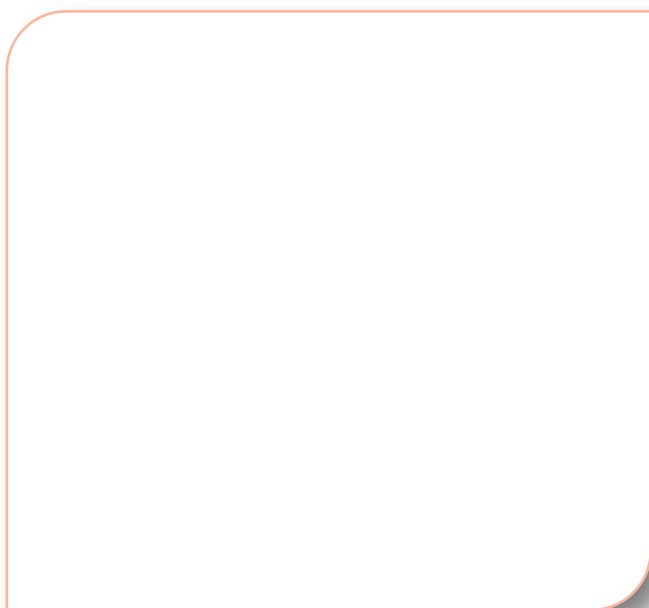
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5. Repeal s79 of the *Public Health Act 2010*, and if necessary, substitute it with non-stigmatising provisions that protect public health?

Yes

No

Comment



6. Amend s61HJ(k)(3) of the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) to clarify that fraudulent inducement does not include a misrepresentation about a person's health or disability, gender history or identity?

Yes

No

Comment



QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUED

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND RESEARCH

If elected, will you:

7. Ensure that all funding agreements the NSW Government has with community organisations are indexed to appropriately match inflation and ensure community organisations do not incur a real loss of income?

Yes

No

Comment

8. Bring together a senior level, cross portfolio standing committee, with community representation, that is tasked with coordination of efforts, enhanced investment in partnerships, and information sharing about programs and services that focus on key populations experiencing significant intersecting inequities?

Yes

No

Comment

9. Increase the government investment in the peer workforce and specialist peer support services in all aspects of government health services, from planning and development to implementation and evaluation?

Yes

No

Comment

10. Provide funding to expand the peer workforce across all aspects of health and community services, including and especially mental health, suicide prevention, ageing, alcohol and other drugs, sexual health, and service navigation?

Yes

No

Comment

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUED

11. Provide long-term investments to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to achieve sustainable, culturally-informed outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQ communities including Sistergirls and Brotherboys (LGBTQ+SB), and people affected by viral hepatitis?

Yes No

Comment

12. Continue to invest in quality research about our communities (particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse members of our communities), including new investments in peer-led clinical and academic research on sex workers?

Yes No

Comment

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INCLUSION IN GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING AND DELIVERY

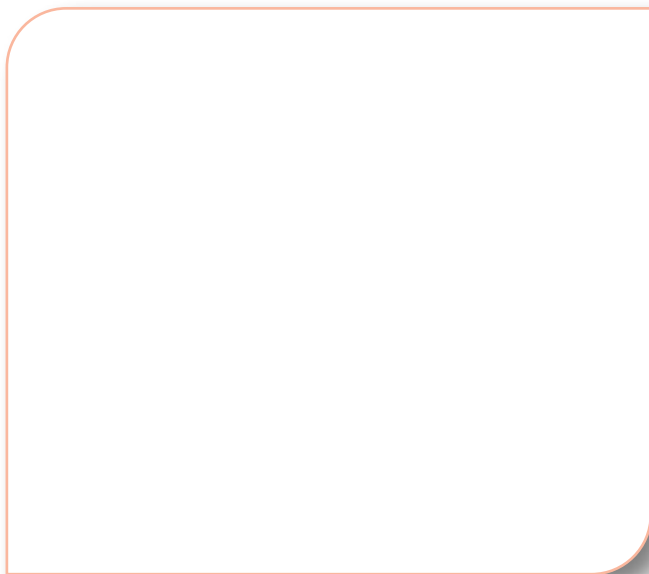
If elected, will you:

13. Have a dedicated Minister or spokesperson for LGBTQ+ communities?

Yes

No

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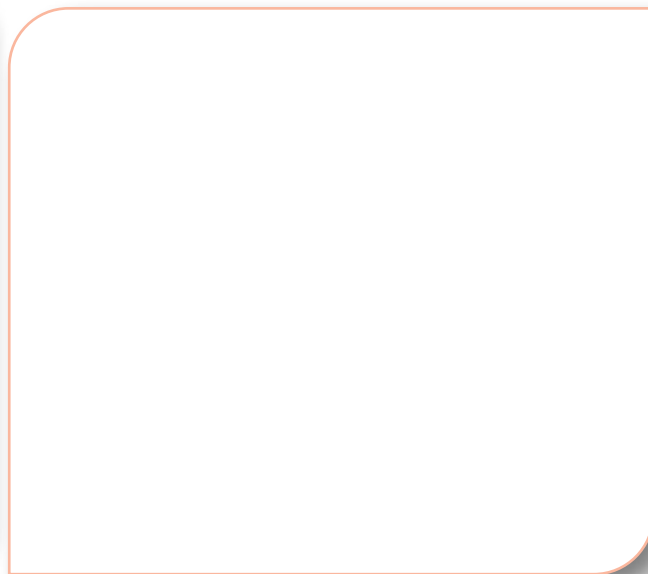


14. Establish an office, branch or unit of government dedicated to LGBTQ+ issues?

Yes

No

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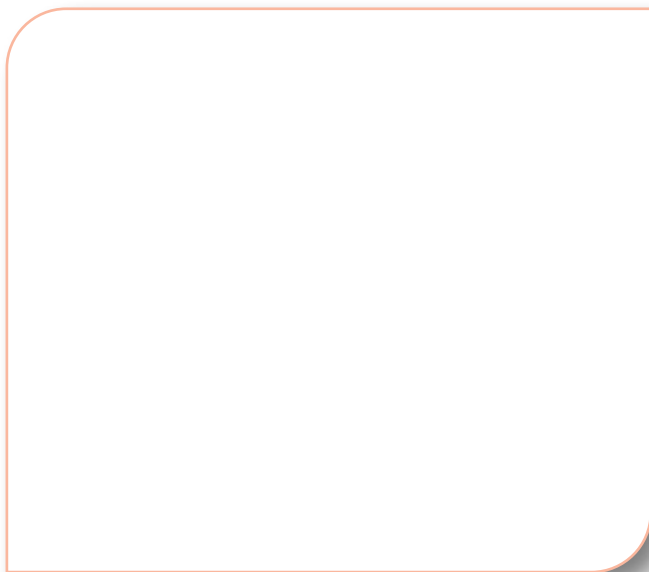


15. Establish an LGBTQ+ advisory council to allow for ongoing community consultation and engagement?

Yes

No

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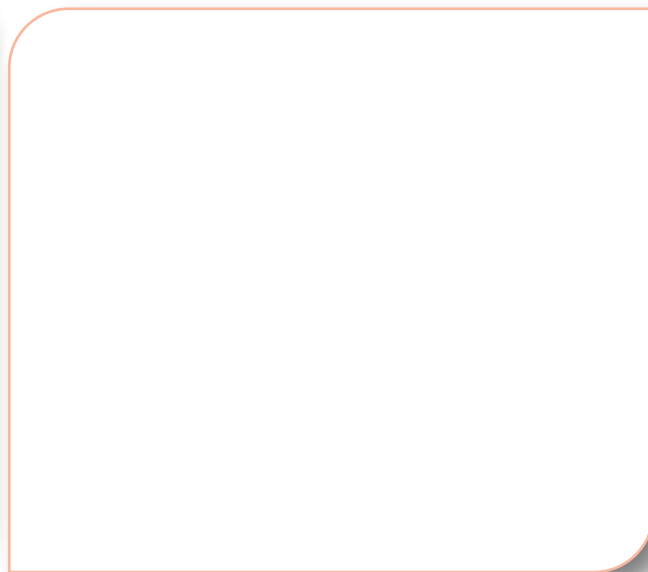


16. Develop a whole-of-government LGBTQ+ inclusion strategy?

Yes

No

Comment



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HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

If elected, will you:

17. Commit to a review and comprehensive reforms of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW), including to:

- ensure all LGBTIQ+ people and sex workers are protected from discrimination;
- remove exceptions allowing discrimination by private educational authorities and religious organisations in employment and service delivery (including adoption)?
- narrow exceptions allowing discrimination against trans and gender diverse people in sport?
- remove exceptions allowing discrimination against trans and gender diverse people in superannuation?

Yes

No

Comment

18. Amend government procurement requirements to require service providers to provide non-discriminatory services?

Yes

No

Comment

19. Introduce legislation to end conversion practices seeking to change or suppress a person's sexual orientation or gender identity?

Yes

No

Comment

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUED

If elected, will you:

20. Reform the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act to allow trans and gender diverse people to update their gender markers on birth certificates through a simple administrative mechanism, including without the need for surgical or medical interventions?

Yes

No

Comment

21. Introduce legislation preventing so-called 'normalising' medical interventions on people with innate variations of sex characteristics without their personal consent?

Yes

No

Comment

22. Commit to a review and comprehensive reforms to parentage laws to ensure families created through surrogacy or with co-parenting arrangements are properly recognised?

Yes

No

Comment

23. Commit to an audit and comprehensive reforms of NSW laws that discriminate or disadvantage LGBTIQ+ people?

Yes

No

Comment

OUR COMMUNITIES' HEALTH AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

If elected, will you:

24. Support and actively monitor implementation of the LGBTIQ+ Health Strategy for the entire term of government, including evaluation reporting, and embedding the goals of the Strategy across all other health Strategies? These goals include:

- Deliver high-quality, safe, inclusive and responsive healthcare, including:
 - Education and training
 - Mental health and suicide prevention
 - System responsiveness
- Respond to the health needs of transgender and gender diverse people in NSW
- Respond to the health needs of intersex people in NSW
- Capture data on sexuality, gender and intersex variations at the point of care and population level.

Yes

No

Comment

25. Implement reforms to ensure transgender young people are allowed to legally consent to gender-affirming medical treatment with the consent of one parent or on their own when they have the maturity to do so?

Yes

No

Comment

26. Ensure that NSW continues its world-leading commitment to innovative, evidence-based responses to infectious diseases that are grounded in partnership with affected communities and researchers, in light of the evolving MPXV and COVID-19 climates?

Yes

No

Comment

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUED

If elected, will you:

27. Commit to the development of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQ+SB Health Strategy to ensure there is a framework to improve the physical, social, and emotional wellbeing of First Nations people?

Yes No

Comment

28. Ensure that there is always a focus on, and consultation with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGTBQ+SB peoples when developing government strategies, and evidence-based frameworks for health provision?

Yes No

Comment

29. Provide support and services that recognise the unique needs of older people in our communities, including social isolation programs and social housing initiatives?

Yes No

Comment

30. Commit to safe and inclusive crisis accommodation and social and affordable housing across NSW?

Yes No

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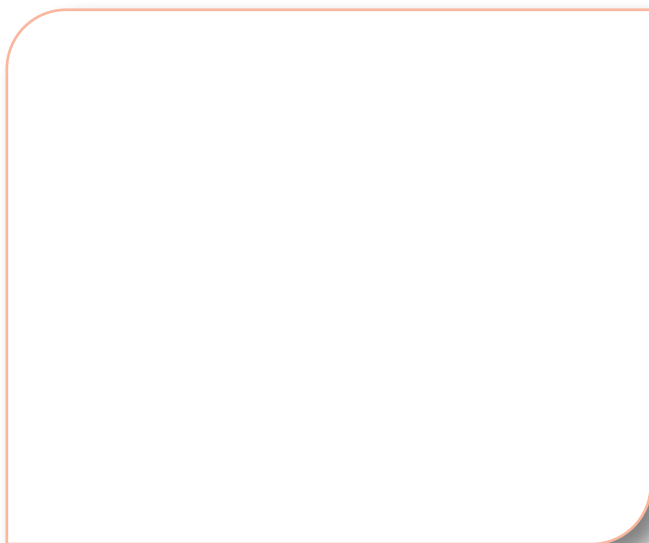
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- 31.** In committing to the improvement of health services in rural, remote and regional NSW, will you commit to specific measures that target the needs of our communities in these areas as an important aspect of this work?

Yes

No

Comment



QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUED

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

If elected, will you:

32. Commit to reforms that ensure drug use is seen as a health and social issue, rather than a criminal one, such as the reforms contained within the Report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into crystal methamphetamine and other amphetamine-type stimulants?

Yes

No

Comment

33. Develop an evidence-based whole-of-government Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy that prioritises health initiatives, commits funding to harm reduction and early intervention programs for priority populations, and is produced in co-design with people with lived experience of drug use?

Yes

No

Comment

34. Provide funding for tailored, community-led programs for people of diverse genders and sexualities that:

- provide early interventions into alcohol and other drug use
- respond to chronic and long-term use of alcohol and other drug use; and
- seek to address the modifiable risk factors for cancer, such as alcohol and tobacco use?

Yes

No

Comment

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUED

SAFETY

If elected, will you:

35. Ensure that NSW based responses to sexual, domestic and family violence be inclusive of the needs and experiences of people in our communities, by:

- building the knowledge base, capacity and capability of specialist SDFV and community organisations to provide services and support to people in our communities experiencing and using violence
- commit to primary prevention initiatives that address the cisgenderism and heteronormativity that drive violence against people in our communities
- invest in community-led service delivery, research, policy and legal change, and improvements in data collection

Yes

No

Comment

36. Commit to a whole-of-government approach to developing and implementing intersectional and inclusive sexual, domestic and family violence policy in NSW, in line with the Seven Calls to Action to End Gendered Violence?

Yes

No

Comment

37. Amend the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007* (NSW) to improve protections for sexuality and gender diverse people and sex workers; and recognise conversion practices and threats to out, disclose or publish a person's sexuality, gender experience, HIV status or sex work as a form of family or personal violence?

Yes

No

Comment

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUED

If elected, will you:

38. Repeal the entirety of ‘Part 3 Prostitution’ of the *Summary Offences Act 1988* (NSW)?

Yes

No

Comment

39. Commit to a transparent process and timely government response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes that reflects the importance of this historical redress?

Yes

No

Comment

