



Media Statement

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Equal Identities report highlights need for coordinated action to support trans and gender diverse people

LGBTIQ+ Health Australia (LHA) welcomes the release of *Equal Identities: A human rights review of the experiences of trans and gender diverse people in Australia*, published today by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The release coincides with Trans Day of Visibility, the annual global celebration of trans pride and awareness, recognising the experiences and achievements of transgender, gender diverse and non-binary people.

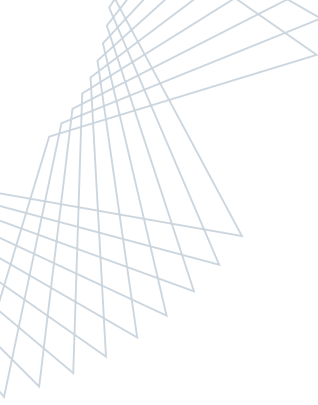
The report provides a comprehensive national assessment of the barriers that trans and gender diverse people face across all areas of life, including safety, healthcare, housing, education and employment. Drawing on extensive research and lived experience, the findings show these barriers are systemic, preventable and require coordinated action.

“The report offers a clear and evidence-based roadmap for reform,” said Nicky Bath, LHA CEO. “The findings reinforce what LGBTIQ+ organisations and service providers have been saying for many years, that trans and gender diverse people continue to face significant barriers to their safety, dignity and full participation in society.”

“It provides practical, actionable recommendations that governments can implement now. It is critical that these recommendations are not only acknowledged but progressed with clear timeframes and accountability.”

Findings highlight the impacts of violence, discrimination and misinformation, alongside gaps in data collection, service access and legal protections. They also point to the importance of consistent, inclusive policy settings across jurisdictions.





LHA supports the full implementation of the recommendations, including strengthened anti-vilification protections, improved access to gender-affirming healthcare, and the adoption of national data standards such as the ABS 2020 Standard.

“As right-wing and far-right movements gain greater visibility and momentum in Australia, their anti-gender campaigns are contributing to a growing climate of hostility in which trans and gender diverse people face increasing levels of targeted hate and discrimination. Let’s use the momentum from Trans Day of Visibility and every day that follows, to act on the findings of Equal Identities by working together to build a society where everyone can live with safety, dignity and equal respect.” Ms Bath said.

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Read the report here: https://humanrights.gov.au/media/documents-files-PDFs/strategic-communications/EQUAL_IDENTITIES_FINAL_DIGITAL.pdf

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LGBTIQ+ Health Australia (LHA) is the national peak body for LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing for organisations and individuals that provide health-related programs, services and research focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans/transgender, intersex, queer and other sexuality, gender, and bodily diverse people. We recognise that people’s genders, bodies, relationships and sexualities affect their health and wellbeing in every domain of their life.

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