

Q1

**National Action Plan**

*Will you / your party commit to developing an implementation strategy and adequately funding implementation of the National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035 in collaboration with LGBTIQ+ people and organisations to incorporate their feedback into policy development and implementation?*

- The Greens fully support the Health and Wellbeing Plan. National LGBTIQ+ Health and Wellbeing Action Plan to ensure inclusive and comprehensive health services and fund LGBTIQ+ community-controlled health organisations. We will continue to advocate for:
  - States and territories to improve training for medical professionals, including through national standards;
  - Grants funding for LGBTIQ+ community-controlled health organisations;
  - Funding to implement the remaining priorities in the LGBTIQ+ Health Alliance policy priorities, including crisis intervention for mental health and suicide prevention, support for health and wellbeing for LGBTIQ+ elders, and increased participation for people with disability;
  - Reform of restrictions on blood donations to remove discriminatory barriers to blood donations;
  - Funding for health, welfare and allied professionals to undertake professional development training regarding LGBTIQ+ inclusion.
- We will strongly hold the Government to account to make sure the Plan is properly funded and implemented without delay.
- The Greens have and will continue to have a portfolio spokesperson for LGBTIQ+ matters.
- The Greens are committed to ensuring LGBTIQ+ issues are central to government decision-making and ensuring that LGBTIQ+ voices are heard at the highest levels of government.
- The Greens are fully supportive of a whole-of-government LGBTIQ+ equality strategy and will continue to advocate for governmental commitment to equality. This would include:
  - Providing funding for departments and agencies to develop reference or advisory groups on portfolio issues that impact LGBTIQ+ communities;
  - Providing grants to community groups and organisations in a transparent manner, so that they are adequately resourced to contribute to advisory groups about priorities.

Q2

**Stigma and discrimination**

*What specific initiatives will you / your party support to address systemic discrimination against LGBTIQ+ populations and ensure that LGBTIQ+ people are visible, included, and protected in all areas of society?*

- The Greens are fully committed to:
  - Reforming legal provisions that enable discrimination in schools;
  - Funding professional development (via state and territory governments) to enable every school to offer a program on LGBTIQ+ inclusion every year;
  - Creating inclusive guidelines and curriculums for schools that promote inclusivity;
  - Ensuring all services that receive government funding, including health and social services, agree to anti-discrimination measures.
- The Greens recognise that LGBTIQ+ people in Australia deserve to live safe, respected, and valued lives, free from discrimination and hate. Discrimination against the LGBTIQ+ community is not just a failure of policy but a moral failure of leadership.
- Hate and culture wars are damaging to social cohesion and reflect the statistics that see in higher rates of homelessness, mental health difficulties, and suicidality amongst the community.
- The Greens would appoint an LGBTIQ+ Human Rights Commissioner, and make sure there is adequate funding for government departments and agencies to develop pathways for consultation on issues that impact LGBTIQ+ communities.
- The Greens support strengthening protections for vulnerable and targeted communities.
- The Greens recognise that Australia is one of the few democracies without a Human Rights Act to ensure governments uphold the rights of all people, from free speech and access to housing to a safe environment.
- The Greens are committed to protecting these rights and defend essential freedoms, including the right to protest, by legislating a national Human Rights Act and strengthening institutions dedicated to human rights.
- For more information, please refer to <https://greens.org.au/portfolios/justice>.

Q3

### **Mental health and suicide prevention**

*What action will you / your party take to enhance mental health services for LGBTIQ+ Australians, particularly for trans and gender-diverse people, in alignment with the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan and the National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025-35.*

- The Greens would invest in LGBTIQ+-specific mental health programs and services.
- Mental healthcare is becoming increasingly more inaccessible, especially to those in high-risk groups; LGBTIQ+ people, disabled people, First Nations people, people

living in rural and remote areas, and people living in income disadvantage. The Greens have a plan for a truly universal healthcare system, including measures such as:

- Providing universal mental health care with your Medicare Card, expanding the list to more mental health professionals, removing session limits and increasing rebates.
  - Providing preventative and early intervention mental health care by funding \$400 million in grants for community mental health organisations to expand their programmes.
  - Creating a systematic approach to suicide prevention by legislating a National Suicide Prevention Act with a \$180 million investment to ensure alignment across all levels of government.
- Further details of these plans are available here:  
<https://greens.org.au/portfolios/health-mental-health>.

Q4

#### **Gender-affirming healthcare**

*How will you / your party ensure equitable access to gender-affirming healthcare, including Medicare coverage?*

- The Greens are fully committed to ensuring gender-affirming care is free and publicly accessible. We know that gender-affirming care is lifesaving for a significant portion of the LGBTIQ+ community, but is extraordinarily expensive if not completely inaccessible for many Australians. We have fully costed our plan through the Parliamentary Budget Office, as part of our platform:  
<https://greens.org.au/portfolios/lgbtqa>.

Q5

#### **Domestic and family violence**

*What steps will you / your party take to ensure safe, culturally competent support services for LGBTIQ+ individuals experiencing domestic and family violence, in line with the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032?*

- The Greens fully support improving access to family and intimate partner violence services for LGBTIQ+ people.
- The Greens would:
  - Fully fund the National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children with \$12 billion over 12 years.
  - Increase funding for recovery services and raise the Escaping Violence Payment to better support survivors.
  - Establish a mandatory code of conduct for dating apps to make them safer.
  - Expand the Staying Home Leaving Violence Program so survivors can remain safely in their homes.

- Roll out a national Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme to help people who may be at risk of domestic violence to find out if their current or former partner has a history of violent criminal offences.
- Invest in respectful relationship education and include consent training in initial teacher education.
- Commission regular student safety surveys to track sexual violence and ensure accountability in universities.
- Conduct an independent review of the higher education regulator, TEQSA, to improve campus safety.
- Pilot restorative justice programs to better support survivors.
- Improve access to victims' compensation schemes and research the systemic patterns of violence against women.

Q6

### **Ageing and aged care**

*How will you / your party address barriers to inclusive aged care for LGBTI older people, considering the Aged Care Quality Standards and the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety?*

- The Greens are committed to putting older people before profits by reforming the system with universal access, accountability, and care centred on human rights and community well-being.
- The Greens would implement a human rights-based approach to ensure all older Australians receive high-quality care when needed.
- Further details of plans in this area are available here:  
<https://greens.org.au/portfolios/older-people>.

Q7

### **Sexual and reproductive healthcare**

*What measures will you / your party implement to improve access to sexual and reproductive healthcare for LGBTIQ+ people, such as inclusive fertility and parenting support?*

- The Greens support:
  - Reform to enhance access to IVF by removing the infertility requirement;
  - Doubling Medicare rebates in this space;
  - Ensuring equitable access for LGBTIQ+ individuals and couples, including those accessing subsidised IVF treatment through altruistic surrogacy.
- The Greens are committed to implementing recommendations of the [Inquiry and Taskforce](#) to cover LGBTIQ+ families under Medicare.
- The Greens fully support the National HIV Strategy and Taskforce.

- The Greens fully support the Australian Federation of Aids Organisations (AFAO) Agenda 2025 (now Health Equity Matters) proposal, and:
  - Supporting doctors to be able to provide patients with an HIV self-test they can use at home between clinical visits;
  - Establishing minimum service levels and a national partnership agreement with states and territories for community-led education and services, surveillance and public sexual health care;
  - Providing adequate funding to address remaining components of the Agenda.
- The Greens have a fully costed plan to make PrEP and PEP free under Medicare for anyone with a prescription - covering the gap co-payment, to potentially save people that use the medications hundreds of dollars per year.
- The Greens would:
  - Support people experiencing reproductive health issues by introducing 12 days of paid, gender-inclusive reproductive health leave per year in the National Employment Standards and modern awards.
  - Provide free period products, ensuring pads and tampons are available in all public schools and other locations, such as hospitals, libraries, and transport hubs.
  - Make contraceptives free by funding all TGA-approved contraceptive options, procedure fees, and contraceptive counselling.
  - Improve abortion access through free public abortion care.
  - Support menopause treatment through subsidised hormone therapy, enhanced GP diagnostic tools, and national awareness campaigns.
  - Establish and fund five culturally appropriate Birthing on Country maternity hubs for First Nations families to reduce maternal and infant mortality.
  - Double allied health sessions for chronic pain management from five to ten sessions per year.
  - Boost sexual health understanding through campaigns for marginalised communities, ensuring diverse and inclusive health education.

Q8

#### **Innate variations in sex characteristics**

*How will you / your party protect the rights and health of Intersex people, particularly concerning informed consent and access to necessary treatments, as recommended by the Australian Human Rights Commission's report Ensuring health and bodily integrity: towards a human rights approach for people born with variations in sex characteristics?*

- The Greens recognise that people with innate variations of sex characteristics continue to face discrimination regarding health outcomes, including the undergoing of unnecessary medical procedures without their consent.
- The Greens are committed to fully implementing the recommendations of the Darlington Statement.

- The Greens would appoint an LGBTIQ+ Human Rights Commissioner, and make sure there is adequate funding for government departments and agencies to develop pathways for consultation on issues that impact LGBTIQ+ communities.

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**LGBTIQ+ people with Disabilities**

*How will you / your party enhance support for LGBTIQ+ individuals with disabilities to ensure access to inclusive healthcare and disability support services, in accordance with Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) LGBTIQ+ Strategy?*

- The Greens recognise that every person deserves the right to live with dignity, access essential services, and have agency. For disabled people, this means removing systemic barriers, promoting inclusion, and ensuring their voices are heard and respected in every aspect of society.
- The Greens plan includes:
  - Supporting disability leadership
  - Increase access and opportunity for disabled people
  - Strengthen advocacy and representation
  - NDIS reforms
- Further details of these plans are available here:  
<https://greens.org.au/portfolios/disability-rights-services>.

Q10

**LGBTIQ+ community-controlled organisations**

*Will you / your party provide sustainable funding for LGBTIQ+ Health Australia (LHA) and strengthen community-controlled organisations to meet specific needs and work with mainstream providers, as highlighted in the National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035?*

- Yes. The Greens are committed to ensuring LGBTIQ+ issues are central to government decision-making and ensuring that LGBTIQ+ voices are heard at the highest levels of government.
- The Greens are fully committed to ensuring adequate funding for:
  - LGBTIQ+ community groups and organisations, to ensure they can influence policy and priorities effectively;
  - Public education campaigns to promote inclusion and understanding of trans and gender-diverse people;
  - Community leadership development, including training for community leaders and trans and gender-diverse community groups.
- The Greens fully support the Health and Wellbeing Plan. National LGBTIQ+ Health and Wellbeing Action Plan to ensure inclusive and comprehensive health services

and fund LGBTIQ+ community-controlled health organisations. We will continue to advocate for:

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**Data collection and research**

*Do you / your party commit to improving data collection across federal health agencies through implementing the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) standard for data collection, including counting people with innate variations of sex characteristics?*

- Yes. The Greens would improve the quality and integrity of public data collection and definition on sex, gender, and sexual orientation in the Census and data collection and display by other government departments, recognising the distinct needs of people with innate variations of sex characteristics.