

# VISION FOR SA PRIDE 2030

South Australia has a proud history of being a champion at the forefront of LGBTIQ+ rights, as the first State to decriminalise homosexuality in 1975.

But in recent years we've slipped behind, being the last State to abolish the outdated gay panic defence.

We want to reinstate the pride of South Australia by creating a healthy, safe and inclusive community for LGBTIQ+ South Australians.

We surveyed 623 LGBTIQ+ South Australians and their allies in partnership with our friends at Equality Australia to develop our community's Vision for SA Pride 2030. The results are a unified vision of LGBTIQ+ inclusion and equality for South Australia.

## Protect our equality and safety under the law

Everyone deserves to live, work and study without fear of discrimination or harm.

Strengthening our laws to better protect LGBTIQ+ South Australians is the highest priority for over **83%** of people surveyed, including by:

- **Banning harmful and damaging conversion practices** that try to change or suppress our sexuality or gender identity
- **Closing loopholes in our anti-discrimination law** that allow religious institutions to fire, not hire and discriminate against us in education, health and community services.

"I grew up in the Church & tried & failed to repress my sexuality. The teachings made me hate myself. **No matter how much I prayed, I couldn't change.**"

- lesbian woman aged 35-44 from Outer Harbour

"I work with a religious conservative director who makes casual transphobic jokes. **Feeling unwelcome in my own workplace takes a toll.**"

- culturally diverse non-binary person aged 25-34 from Unley

## Include and support us in our education systems

LGBTIQ+ students and young people deserve to learn in supportive and welcoming educational settings where they feel safe, seen and heard.

Providing inclusive education was a high priority for **82%** of people surveyed, including **LGBTIQ+ young people and their parents** who want:

- Better **support for and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ students**, and resources for teachers and leaders supporting them.
- Comprehensive and **LGBTIQ+ inclusive sexual health and relationship wellbeing education** in all schools.

"We weren't safe at school because of our identities. My friend is trans and dropped out after **the counsellor told him he was a sinner who'd always be a girl. He then got kicked out of home for causing trouble.**"

- 18-24 year old bisexual woman from regional SA

"At high school, we asked the teacher **how LGBTIQ+ people have sex**. Their response was to **watch porn. That was our only LGBTIQ+ education.**"

- queer 18-24 year old from Morphett Vale



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## Improve our health and wellbeing

Being LGBTIQ+ is an important part of who we are, yet our experiences of discrimination, stigma and misunderstanding from healthcare professionals keep us from being our best selves.

**Mainstream health and community services need to be safer and more inclusive for LGBTIQ+ people, a high priority for 83% of survey participants.**

LGBTIQ+ specific services also need to be easily accessible for those in our communities who need them. We urge our government to:

- Invest long-term in supporting the **development of LGBTIQ+ community-controlled services** who are experts in our health.
- Improve access to **gender affirming healthcare** for trans and gender diverse South Australians.
- Protect the autonomy of intersex children and adults and **end medically unnecessary treatments on intersex people without their personal consent.**
- **Strengthen HIV and STI prevention** and support.

*"When my son was in hospital, nurses laughed at him and refused to call him by his chosen name. It's hard enough being in hospital without being degraded."*

*- asexual 45-54 year old from Dernancourt*

## Represent and lead for our communities

We want to be properly counted and considered in Government strategies and services.

Having a seat at the table and a voice in decisions that affect us is a high priority for over **75%** of people surveyed, **especially First Nations, intersex and older folk** who've experienced erasure and invisibility in public policy.

Our Government needs to:

- Improve the **representation of LGBTIQ+ communities in government strategies & services.**
- **Count our identities properly** when collecting data and statistics.

*"When data is collected about me, I'm rarely able to include my gender and sexuality. It makes me question if governments receive accurate data & if I'm valued in decisions."*

*- non-binary 25-34 year old from Forestville*

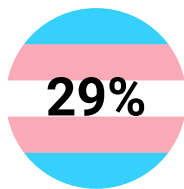
*"It's difficult accessing health care when doctors have no clue how to talk about me."*

*- 25-34 year old trans man from Mawson Lakes.*

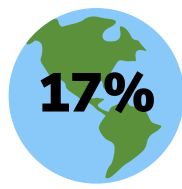
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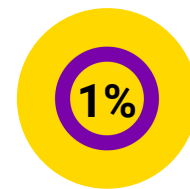
Trans or gender diverse



Linguistically diverse



First Nations



Intersex



Regional

