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Dear Varo

On behalf of the SA Labor team, thank you for making contact and sending through the SA Rainbow Advocacy Alliance's Vision for Pride 2030.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge and thank you for the valuable role your organisation plays in supporting LGBTIQ+ South Australians.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on the vision you have put forward, which the SA Labor Party will take it into consideration as part of our policy development process.

In response to the specific matters you have raised, I am pleased to advise:

- Labor is fundamentally opposed to the practice of conversion therapy which tries to change someone's sexual orientation or gender identity and if elected, will work to ensure this practice does not occur in South Australia.
- Labor will strive to make our public health and community services safer and more inclusive for LGBTIQ+ people.
- Labor recognises LGBTIQ+ services work best when they are community-led and owned. We have a strong track-record of supporting LGBTIQ+ community-controlled services and organisations and look forward to continuing and strengthening this support under a Malinauskas Labor Government.
- Labor supports improved access to healthcare for trans and gender diverse South Australians. We condemn the Marshall Liberal Government's inaction in response to SARAA and Transcend SA's continued advocacy to improve awareness of, and access to, these services in South Australia – despite the clear recommendations of doctors.

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- Labor stood with SARAA when the Marshall Liberal Government cruelly cut funding to Shine SA – forcing the organisation to shut down sexual health services at Noarlunga and Davoren Park. These cuts were a cruel blow that disproportionately impacted the LGBTIQ+ community. Labor believes in maintaining inclusive and affirming sexual health services as an essential element of preventive and primary health care.
- There needs to be urgent intervention and investment in the ever-increasing issues around youth mental health. This is why I announced that a Malinauskas Labor Government will provide \$50 million for additional mental health support in schools. Our commitment will deliver better mental health support for young South Australians.
- At the time of writing this response the Marshall Liberal Government has suddenly closed 30 mental health beds, right at a time when South Australia is grappling with a mental health crisis. 15 beds at the Queenstown Western Intermediate Care Centre have been closed, and 15 beds at the Noarlunga Southern Intermediate Care Centre. Labor is committed to ensuring every single South Australian has access to the mental health support they need.
- Labor will provide better support for and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ students and resources for teachers and leaders supporting them.
- Labor will improve the representation of LGBTIQ+ communities in government strategies and services.
- Labor will count identities accurately when collecting data and statistics.

In the lead up to the March 19 election, I will be releasing further policies. Labor's policies on health, jobs, education, and the environment will outline a clear path for the future, not just for the next four years but for the next generation.

I will ensure you are advised of any policy announcements that relate directly to your organisation.

In the meantime, if you would like details policies already announce, they can be accessed via my website at [www.forthefuture.com.au](http://www.forthefuture.com.au)

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Kind regards



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## Labor's response to the SA Rainbow Advocacy Alliance's Vision for Pride

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Dear Varo

Thank you for providing a copy of the South Australian Rainbow Advocacy Alliance's draft scorecard ahead of the 2022 State Election.

On behalf of the SA Labor Party, I am pleased to provide some additional information to clarify responses to the matters you have raised.

As previously provided Labor is committed to providing \$50 million for additional mental health and learning support in schools. It is important that this support understands the diversity in our community, and if elected we will work with the Department for Education to identify ways in which appropriate training on LGBTIQ+ issues can be provided to these mental health workers.

Labor opposes forced medical interventions without the consent of patients. If elected, we will work with SA Health to review the recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission's Ensuring health and bodily integrity report. Noting that many of the recommendations of this report propose national changes, a state Labor government will work with Health Ministers across the country on these issues.

SA Labor would like to absolutely like to reiterate our policy commitments to consult and increase representation of the LGBTIQ+ community in government strategy and services, as well as counting. If we win government following the March election, we will commit \$20,000 per year over 4 years to a LGBTIQ+ Taskforce to address exactly these issues.

Thank you again for your important work on behalf of LGBTIQ+ South Australians, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Your sincerely

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