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Dear Kelly

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to South Australia Rainbow Advocacy Alliance 2022 Election Platform.

Your Election Platform has four main areas of focus – equality and safety, health and wellbeing, education, and community engagement – all of which are not new issues for the LGBTIQ+ community and positions I obviously support.

Every person deserves to live without fear of discrimination and South Australia’s laws should be reflective of an equal and safe environment. I will continue to support laws and strategies which ensure better acknowledgement of and protections against discrimination of LGBTIQ+ South Australians. It is important open discussions take place in schools and the wider community to encourage greater representation and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ individuals in strategies and services.

Improving LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing can ensure services are safer, more inclusive, and more accessible. Access to experts in LGBTIQ+ health, gender affirming healthcare and tailored information can strengthen HIV and STI prevention and avoid unnecessary medical treatments.

Education is an important part of a young person’s journey and more resources for teachers and leaders need to be made available and ensure adequate and comprehensive information - particularly sexual health and wellbeing information for young people. It was disappointing and sad to see the recent extreme example at Citipointe Christian College in Queensland.

I would be grateful if you would note my continued support for the LGBTIQ+ community and hope we can continue to work together in the next Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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