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WA LIBERAL LEADER



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Dear Misty

Thank you for your letter seeking the Liberal Party's commitment to a whole of government strategy for LGBTIQ+ Western Australians, and the accompanying pre-election survey report.

The Liberal Party of Western Australia believes in justice and equity for all Western Australians and is opposed to any form of discrimination that would deny that to one part of our community.

As a party, we strive to achieve a just society which recognises the innate worth of all individuals, provides equality of opportunity, and where all our citizens have equal access to services and rights under the law.

For the benefit of your members, here are my responses to your specific questions.

Does your party support strengthening anti-discrimination protections? If so, what actions will be taken to ensure they are enacted?

As there is no such legislation before the parliament, the party does not currently have a position. If legislation like this was to be introduced by the government, it would need to be considered by the partyroom.

However, the Liberal Party has no plans or policies which would seek to amend the equal opportunity laws in Western Australia.

Does your party support ending conversion practices? If so, what actions will be taken to ensure they are enacted?

As there is no such legislation before the parliament, the party does not currently have a position. If legislation like this was to be introduced by the government, it would need to be considered by the partyroom.

Does your party support ensuring trans and gender diverse people can easily update their official documents? If so, what actions will be taken to ensure they are enacted?



As there is no such legislation before the parliament, the party does not currently have a position. If legislation like this was to be introduced by the government, it would need to be considered by the partyroom.

Does your party support prohibiting medical interventions performed on people born with intersex variations? If so, what actions will be taken to ensure they are enacted?

As there is no such legislation before the parliament, the party does not currently have a position. If legislation like this was to be introduced by the government, it would need to be considered by the partyroom.

Does your party support ensuring people are not discriminated against in surrogacy laws? If so, what actions will be taken to ensure they are enacted?

If legislation like this was to be introduced by the government, it would need to be considered by the partyroom.

However, I note the party allowed its parliamentary members a conscience vote on the Human Reproductive Technology & Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to allow access to surrogacy for same-sex couples before it was withdrawn by the government.

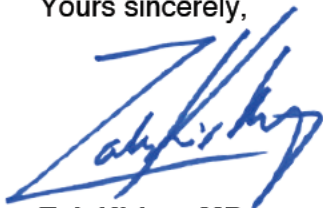
What actions will be taken to improve government services to better recognise and accommodate the unique needs of LGBTIQA+ Western Australians?

How will your party support the development of a comprehensive whole-of-government LGBTIQA+ strategy to address the issues raised in this survey?

As the report on the survey acknowledges, the reasons why its respondents felt that government services were unsatisfactory are not specified and would need to be explored before they can be addressed. To that end, we would support developing a comprehensive whole-of-government strategy to address the several issues raised in the survey. To be of value, such a strategy must be done in consultation with our LGBTIQA+ citizens and their representatives.

I hope this information helps advise your members about where the Liberal party sits in relation to these matters.

Yours sincerely,



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