



#EQUALITYVOTES 2022:

**SUMMARY OF FEDERAL
ELECTION PARTY SURVEY
RESPONSES**

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SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

1. DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS FOR LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
Reforms to protect gay students from expulsion at religious schools	Reforms to protect LGBTQ+ students from discrimination at religious schools	Reforms to remove <u>all</u> religious exemptions from the Sex Discrimination Act, including students and teachers at religious schools
No protections for teachers and students from other forms of discrimination at religious schools	Reforms to partially protect LGBTQ+ teachers from discrimination at religious schools	Protections for trans and intersex people in <i>Fair Work Act</i>
No protections for trans students		Review of SDA including consideration of vilification protections

2. NO REGRESSIVE RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION LAW

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
Enact current form of Religious Discrimination Bill that will undermine protections for LGBTIQ+ people	Commitment that religious protections will not diminish protections for LGBTIQ+ people	Reject the Morrison Government's Religious Discrimination Bill

3. COMBAT CONVERSION PRACTICES

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
Does not support LGBTIQ+ conversion therapy.	Opposes damaging and discredited conversion practices and notes the progress in banning them made by the Victorian Andrews Labor Government and the Queensland Palaszczuk Labor Government.	\$125m to fund survivor groups, a national inquiry, a public health and awareness campaign and work towards a redress scheme. Advocacy for a ban at a state and federal level

4. PROTECT INTERSEX PEOPLE FROM HARM

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
No commitment to reform (Senator Bragg referenced the AHRC 2021 Report and said he would raise it with the Attorney-General)	No commitment to reform	\$132 funding implement the Darlington Statement including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redress scheme - Nationally consistent legislation to prevent 'normalising' medical interventions
	Will examine the recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission 2021 Report closely, in consultation with the intersex community and advocates.	

5. HEALTH & WELLBEING

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
Expanded generalist suicide prevention initiative, including LGBTIQ+ specific initiatives	LGBTIQ+ health consultation including funding for AFAO and LGBTIQ Health Australia to identify key issues for LGBTIQ+ populations	\$285m over four years for a national LGBTIQA+ health and wellbeing plan
Funding for LGBTIQ+ Health Australia and QLife	Funding for Q Life to enable four permanent team leaders to improve call answer rate by 10%	Out of pocket expenses for gender affirming healthcare
Specific focus on LGBTIQ+ people as part of National Suicide Prevention Trial (LGBTIQ+ specific suicide aftercare, media campaigns, peer mentoring programs)	Funding for generalist mental health initiatives	Public health campaign and redress scheme for survivors of conversion practices
Barriers for LGBTIQ+ people to be addressed by Australia's Primary Health Care 10-year plan		
No coordination across portfolios	Unclear commitment to coordination across portfolios	
Insufficient funding of community-controlled organisations	Insufficient funding of community-controlled organisations	
No move to improve access to gender affirming care	No immediate commitment to improve access to gender affirming care	

6. COUNT US IN THE CENSUS & HEALTH SURVEYS

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
General support for LGBTIQ+ data collection	Supports including LGBTIQ+ questions in Census	Include LGBTIQ+ questions in Census \$10m to implement ABS standard on LGBTIQ+ data collection \$600K to fund data and research Review Sex & Gender Guidelines
No commitment to including LGBTIQ+ questions in Census – decision is a “responsibility of agencies”		

7. DOMESTIC, FAMILY & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
LGBTIQ+ people part of \$1.3 billion investment in women’s safety including \$104m to Our Watch for prevention initiatives including those targeting LGBTIQ+ people	Dedicated funding for LGBTIQ+ community organisations to employ specialist domestic violence workers as part of broader funding package for Women’s Safety	LGBTIQ+ inclusive \$12 billion National Plan for Ending Violence Against Women & Children, including long-term funding for specialist LGBTIQ+ services LGBTIQ+ inclusive Respectful relationships education in public schools
No further LGBTIQ+ specific initiatives	No further LGBTIQ+ specific initiatives	

8. MINISTER & COMMISSIONER

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
No dedicated Minister, Commissioner, or branch of government	No dedicated Minister, Commissioner or branch of government	Minister for Equality LGBTIQ+ Human Rights Commissioner Department support

9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
Commitment to consult	Commitment to consult Funded LGBTIQ+ Health Consultation HIV Ministerial Taskforce	Ministerial advisory group Funding for community groups
No commitment to specific consultative mechanisms	No whole of government ongoing consultative mechanism	

10. GLOBAL ADVOCACY

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
LGBTIQ+ human rights a foreign policy priority	Human Right Ambassador appointed to advance LGBTIQ+ human rights within a broader mandate	Funding to establish a LGBTIQ+ civil society network Funding to improve inclusion in ADF
No specific LGBTIQ+ aid programs or other LGBTIQ+ specific initiatives such as a LGBTIQ+ special envoy or Ambassador	No specific LGBTIQ+ aid programs or other LGBTIQ+ specific initiatives such as a LGBTIQ+ special envoy or Ambassador	Specific LGBTIQ+ aid program

11. OTHER ISSUES

LIBERAL/NATIONAL	LABOR	GREENS
No commitment relating to other key issues	No commitments relating to other key issues	Support for LGBTIQ+ refugees Sports inclusion initiatives and support for trans women in sport Funding for legal services including legal need study Non-discrimination in government contracts Inclusive education initiatives LGBTIQ+ housing & homelessness

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