Greens response to LGBTIQA+ survey 2026

Advancing equality

1. What accomplishments for LGBTIQA+ people has your party achieved or contributed to?

The Victorian Greens are proud to always stand with LGBTIQA+ communities and to advocate to ensure that they can live safe, respected, and valued lives, free from discrimination and hate.

In this current term of Parliament, the Victorian Greens have:

- initiated a parliamentary inquiry into anti-LGBTIQA+ hate crimes in Victoria
- advocated for anti vilification legislation to outlaw hate speech against LGBTIQA+ communities and others. This included by first reading the Racial and Religious Tolerance (Anti-vilification Bill 2023) and later supporting the passage of the Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Act 2025
- supported the passage of the Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025 to protect children with intersex variations from deferrable medical interventions
- advocated for ongoing funding for Pride events, including Pride Street Party as well as other events across the state.
- advocated for an expansion of free, state-funded sexual health services in Victoria, in part to address rising case numbers of mpox and syphilis.

2. Will your party ensure coordinated, whole-of-government leadership on LGBTIQA+ equality, including specific ministerial responsibility, dedicated policy capacity and mechanisms for engagement in specific portfolios?

Yes. The Greens were the first party to have an Equality spokesperson responsible for LGBTIQA+ portfolio matters, and fully support a specific minister responsible for LGBTIQA+ equality alongside a properly resourced departmental team. We support a whole of government strategy on LGBTIQA+ equality.

3. Will your party retain a Commissioner for LGBTIQA+ Communities, and enshrine the role in law as a statutory position?

Yes. The Victorian Greens want to see the position of Commissioner for LGBTIQA+ Communities retained and have advocated for this role to be enshrined in legislation alongside the LGBTIQA+ Taskforce.

4. Will your party provide sustainable funding for LGBTIQA+ community-controlled organisations and programs? For example, will you continue funding the LGBTIQA+ Organisational Development program, the Pride Events and Festivals Fund, and the Healthy Equal Youth Grants program?

Yes. The Victorian Greens want to see increased long-term funding for LGBTIQA+ community controlled organisations and programs and support the continued funding of the LGBTIQA+ Organisational Development program, the Pride Events and Festivals Fund, and the Healthy Equal Youth Grants program.

Improving human rights

5. Will your party review the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 with a view to strengthening the powers of the Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission to protect LGBTIQA+ people from discrimination and vilification?

Yes. The Victorian Greens support the strengthening of VEOHRC's powers, including stronger investigatory powers and enforceable determinations.

The Victorian Greens have previously introduced legislation into the Victorian Parliament to restore the power of the VEOHRC to investigate systemic discrimination through the Equal Opportunity Amendment (Improved Protection) Bill 2017.

6. Will your party narrow the exemptions in s 38(4) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and repeal s 42 of the Equal Opportunity Act?

The Victorian Greens support the narrowing of the exemptions in s38(4) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and repealing s42 of the Equal Opportunity Act.

In 2021, the Greens sought to amend s42 of the Equal Opportunity Act to narrow its scope and protect LGBTIQA+ students from potential misuse of this section, however this was not supported by the Labor Government or the Opposition.

7. Will you remove remaining barriers to LGBTIQ+ people starting a family as recommended in the Independent Review of Assisted Reproductive Treatment, namely the requirement to prove you are unable to become pregnant and the requirement to undertake costly mandatory counselling?

Yes. The Victorian Greens want to ensure that LGBTIQ+ people have access to inclusive, affordable and affirming assisted reproductive treatments, and are committed to working to remove the barriers that LGBTIQ+ people are experiencing in Victoria including the requirement to prove you are unable to become pregnant and the requirement to undertake costly mandatory counselling.

8. Will your party reform the historical homosexual convictions scheme in the Sentencing Act 1991 to incorporate a redress scheme?

Yes. The Victorian Greens support the inclusion of a redress scheme in the expungement of historical homosexual convictions scheme.

Ensuring safety and security

9. Will your party establish an LGBTIQA+ Hate Crime Prevention Action Plan?

Yes. The Victorian Greens support the establishment of an LGBTIQA+ Hate Crime Prevention Action Plan. Evidence that was provided to the anti-LGBTIQA+ hate crimes inquiry strongly supported a coordinated plan to prevent these types of hate crimes from occurring and the Greens will advocate for this plan to be developed.

10. How will your party address family violence experienced by LGBTIQ+ people? Will you fund LGBTIQ+ community-controlled specialist support services?

The Victorian Greens support programs that specifically work to meet the needs of LGBTQI+ people who are experiencing family and intimate partner violence. We support the expansion of peer support and counselling, as well as prevention research and programs. The Greens want to see specialist community controlled LGBTIQ+ support services properly funded with secure ongoing funding commitments.

11. Will your party fund dedicated safety and security measures to protect LGBTIQA+ events and spaces and mandate LGBTIQA+ awareness training for private security like for police?

Yes. It is vitally important that LGBTIQA+ events and spaces are safely maintained so that community members can attend without fear. The Victorian Greens support dedicated safety and security measures for these events and spaces and want to see increased mandatory LGBTIQA+ awareness training for private security services as well as an expansion of the training provided to Victoria Police.

Improving health and wellbeing

12. How will your party tackle the disparities in health outcomes experienced by LGBTIQ+ people and meet their health needs? For example, will your party develop an LGBTIQA+ Health and Wellbeing Action Plan?

The Victorian Greens are committed to working to reduce the disparities in health outcomes experienced by LGBTIQ+ Victorians. We will continue to consult with and advocate for community-led organisations. These organisations should be provided with significant ongoing funding to address the health needs of the LGBTIQA+ community.

13. Will your party publish a report on LGBTIQA+ health after each Victorian Population Health Survey?

Yes. Should the Victorian Greens form government following the election, we would publish a report on LGBTIQA+ health following each Victorian Population Health Survey.

14. Will your party maintain or increase funding for health for trans and gender-diverse people, including specialist health clinics and measures to increase inclusiveness of healthcare services?

Yes. Gender affirming care is essential healthcare. It should be affordable, accessible and inclusive. The Victorian Greens will continue to advocate for a comprehensive expansion of gender affirming health care in Victoria. We are committed to working to remove the barriers that trans and gender-diverse people currently experience when accessing healthcare here in Victoria and support increased funding for gender affirming healthcare.

15. How will your party support the health of people born with intersex variations? For example, will your party support and fund the establishment of specific intersex health and wellbeing services?

The Victorian Greens have long advocated for a ban on deferrable medical interventions on intersex children, and were pleased to support this legislation. The Greens support funding for community controlled organisations to provide specific intersex health and well being services, including for children with intersex variations as well as their families and carers.

16. Will you continue to implement the Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Act 2026?

Yes. We very much support this Bill, which ensures that decisions prioritise the wellbeing and autonomy of people born with innate variations in sex characteristics.

17. Will your party continue the Safe Schools and Respectful Relationships programs? How will you otherwise ensure that LGBTIQ+ young people are supported and safe at school?

Yes. The Victorian Greens are strong supporters of the Safe Schools and Respectful Relationships programs and will always advocate for these and other similar programs to be fully funded and delivered in Victorian schools. We also support increased funding for organisations such as Minus18, who support young LGBTIQA+ people in schools by running excellent education, awareness and inclusion programs and events.

18. Will your party implement in full the recommendations following the 2023 coronial inquest into the trans and gender diverse suicides?

Yes. The Victorian Greens supports the recommendations from the 2023 coronial inquiry into the trans and gender diverse suicides and if the Greens form government we will implement all recommendations.

19. Will your party commit to the goal of ending HIV transmission in Victoria and provide sustained funding for community-controlled prevention, testing and treatment support?

Yes. The Victorian Greens are committed to ending HIV transmission in Victoria. We support sustained funding for community-controlled prevention, testing and treatment support.

20. Will your party fund LGBTIQA+ community-controlled mental health and suicide prevention services, including peer support and peer navigation?

Yes. The Victorian Greens support funding to community-controlled LGBTIQA+ mental health and suicide prevention services, including peer support and peer navigation.