

# Media release

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## **Glenorchy City Council endorses a statement of commitment to LGBTIQ+ inclusion**

Glenorchy City Council has unanimously voted to endorse a statement of commitment to LGBTIQ+ inclusion and noted a five-year action plan.

Glenorchy Mayor Sue Hickey said it was an important step for both the LGBTIQ+ community and the council.

“This statement articulates Council’s intention to foster a safe and inclusive city, strengthen community connection and visibility, support equal access to services and opportunities as well as being an inclusive workplace.

“The five-year action plan which accompanies this seeks to have these aims implemented through staged and practical actions covering training and development, partnerships and projects, inclusive policies and systems, evaluations and ongoing community engagement,” she said.

Mayor Hickey said the statement and plan were informed through the formation of an inclusion co-design group consisting of 10 community volunteers, and consultation with almost 600 community members.

“As a council, it is critical that this organisation takes a lead role in reducing discrimination in our city and foster kindness and inclusion. Developing policies to ensure we are empowering all voices in our community, including the LGBTIQ+ community is extremely important.

“As Mayor, I am extremely proud that Glenorchy City Council is actively working to improve LGBTIQ+ inclusivity. As a diverse community, kindness, acceptance and love build tolerance, understanding and equality for us all,” she said.

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