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Dear Premier,

Everyone should be able to live free from discrimination and harm, equal under the law.

But right now, **NSW has some of the worst laws in the country for LGBTIQ+ people.**

The recent passage of the historic bill banning conversion practices shows us progress is possible, particularly when our parliament works together.

Now, reforms that represent the closest we have ever come to **ensuring all LGBTIQ+ people can live safe and free and be truly included** in this state are currently being considered by parliament.

It's time to work together again.

We write to you as organisations working with LGBTIQ+ communities across a range of sectors from health and legal, to women, workers, families, faith and youth.

Every day we face the impact of **discrimination and exclusion** in our laws and see the real-world impacts this has on people.

The Equality Bill would make history in closing gaps and modernising NSW laws that have for too long stigmatised, excluded and failed to protect equally LGBTIQ+ people in our state.

It will close carve-outs that allow religious schools and organisations to discriminate against LGBTIQ+ people. It will give trans and gender-diverse people the dignity of a simple piece of paper that recognises who they are. It will better protect people from violence and harm, and it will recognise more of our families.

Our communities have been waiting decades for reforms that will **bring NSW closer into line with other jurisdictions.**

The Bill before parliament will take us a huge step forward and has our support.

We ask you to change our laws to make sure that all people and families are equal in NSW.

Signatories:

1. ACON
2. All Kids are Equal
3. ALMA (previously the Australian Lesbian Medical Association)
4. Ambassadors & Bridge Builders International (ABBI)
5. Amnesty International Australia
6. Ascension Midland – a church of the Anglican Church Diocese of Perth
7. ASHM
8. Asian Australian Alliance
9. Athletes for Life
40. Leichardt Women's Community Health Centre
41. LGBTIQ+ Health Australia
42. Lou's Place
43. National Justice Project
44. Northern Rivers Women and Children's Service Incorporated
45. No To Violence
46. NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS)
47. NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association
48. NSW Users and AIDS Association
49. Parents for Trans Youth Equity
50. Parents of Gender Diverse Children

10. Australian Association of Buddhist Counsellors and Psychotherapists
11. Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR)
12. Australian Services Union, NSW/ACT (Services) Branch
13. Black Dog Institute
14. BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation
15. Blue Gum Sangha
16. Bobby Goldsmith Foundation
17. Buddhist Society of Western Australia
18. Catholics For Renewal
19. Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre
20. Coffs Harbour Women's Health Centre
21. Community Legal Centres NSW
22. Dowson Turco Lawyers
23. Dykes on Bikes Melbourne Inc
24. Emerald City Kickball Australia
25. Equality Australia
26. Equal Voices
27. Fair Agenda
28. Family Planning Australia
29. Family Planning Alliance Australia
30. First Mardi Gras Inc
31. Growing Families
32. Health Equity Matters
33. Health Voyage
34. HIV/AIDS Legal Centre
35. Human Rights Law Centre
36. Hunter Gender Alliance
37. Inner City Legal Centre (ICLC)
38. International Women's Development Agency
39. Kingsford Legal Centre
51. Pitt Street Uniting Church
52. Positive Life NSW
53. Public Interest Advocacy Centre
54. Qtopia
55. Rainbodhi LGBTQIA+ Buddhist Community
56. Rainbow Catholics Interagency Australia
57. Rainbow Families
58. Rainbow Labor
59. ReachOut
60. Redfern Legal Centre
61. Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS)
62. Sakyadhita
63. Scarlet Alliance
64. Shoalhaven Women's Health Centre
65. Stephen Page, Page Provan
66. Seniors Rights Service
67. Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras
68. Sydney Queer Muslims
69. SWOP NSW
70. The Aurora Group
71. Transcend Australia
72. Trans Justice Project
73. Trans Pride Australia
74. Trikone
75. Twenty10
76. Voices of Influence Australia
77. Wayside Chapel
78. Women's Electoral Lobby
79. Women's Legal Service NSW
80. Women's Health NSW