



# STANDING UP FOR LBGTIQ CANBERRANS Against the Plebiscite

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## > **Standing Up Against the Plebiscite**

The ACT Greens do not support the divisive, wasteful plebiscite on same-sex marriage.

However, should the Federal Government's plebiscite go ahead, the ACT Greens will stand with the LBGTIQ\* community against the damaging "no" campaign by:

» Supporting a public "yes" campaign in the ACT if the Federal Government's plebiscite goes ahead;

» Dedicating up to \$500,000 of additional funding to LBGTIQ support services (above and beyond any other funding increases) for the purpose of supporting LBGTIQ people who are subjected to discrimination or harassment as a result of the "no" campaign; and

» Establishing a new ACT Commissioner for LBGTIQ people to hear and help resolve complaints about discrimination and vilification faced by LBGTIQ people in the ACT.

Canberra was the first place in the country to legalise same sex marriage - and while it was quashed by the High Court, the fight is not over.

The Greens will always support marriage equality – every vote, every MP, every time. However, marriage equality is not the only challenge that young LGBTIQ people are facing.

Disappointingly, prejudice still exists within our homes, schools, universities and workplaces; and LGBTIQ youth disproportionately suffer from mental illness and are at risk of suicide and self-harm.

The wasteful, damaging plebiscite; and the Turnbull Government's reckless willingness to expose LGBTIQ people to a harmful "no" campaign poses a real threat to our LGBTIQ community. The ACT Greens will stand with the LGBTIQ community against this threat.