



Trans, gender diverse and non-binary people experience high levels of discrimination and face severe barriers accessing crisis care and accommodation in this state. The Greens would establish a Trans, gender diverse and non-binary community facility in Northcote, providing vital community and healthcare services, as well as much-needed accommodation support.

Northcote is home to a large and growing community of Trans, gender diverse and non-binary (TGD) people from around Australia, and is regarded by TGD people as one of the few comparatively safe parts of the country for their community.

TGD people face high rates of discrimination in the housing and employment market, as well as barriers accessing appropriate healthcare and other public services. TGD people also experience comparatively high rates of domestic and intimate partner violence.

However, existing crisis accommodation services in Victoria cater largely to cisgender women and men, and TGD people escaping domestic and intimate partner violence are often placed at further risk accessing these services.

TGD people rely on peer networks to for support, advice and emergency accommodation, but due to discrimination and often having recently moved to the area, have reduced social and family networks.

Additionally, Trans people from around the country travel to Melbourne for gender reassignment surgery, as Melbourne is home to the only surgeon in the country who does this procedure. There is currently nowhere for people to stay after these procedures to receive crucial

pre- and post-surgery care and peer support, and often people are forced to 'couch surf' before and after this procedure, which requires a large degree of medical aftercare.

OUR PLAN

The Greens will provide \$3.1 million to establish an accommodation facility, community hub and health centre for Trans, gender diverse and non-binary people right here in Northcote.

- **A dual-wing accommodation facility, providing five beds of emergency and crisis accommodation, and five beds of outpatient accommodation**
- **A drop-in centre and community hub to connect TGD people to services, information and resources, and peer support**
- **The opportunity for healthcare providers to co-locate services for the TGD community at the facility**

The facility would be operated for and by TGD people, and empower TGD people to strengthen, support and advocate for their own community, and be responsive to their specific needs.

CRISIS ACCOMMODATION FOR EVERYONE

THE GREENS' PLAN TO MEET URGENT HOUSING NEEDS FOR TRANS, GENDER DIVERSE AND NON-BINARY PEOPLE



In key areas such as access to housing, employment and appropriate health care, TGD people are one of the most disadvantaged groups in our community. TGD people face high levels of discrimination in the wider Australian community, often including within their own families.

As a result, many TGD people from remote and regional communities come to larger cities to find more safe and accepting spaces, with Melbourne and particularly our northern suburbs becoming a popular destination.

A network of peer support is emerging here in Melbourne's northern suburbs, and this initiative would help foster and support this network and give TGD a 'home base' to organise their community, as well as seek out services, access appropriate health care, and access crisis support and accommodation.