On Friday 17 May 2019 the Blue Mountains celebrated 10 years of International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia [IDAHOT].

The convenor of Pink Mountains, Mr Jonathan Llewellyn, and Blue Mountains Young Citizen of the Year, Mr Adisen Wright, told their stories to 250 supporters who gathered to celebrate the event.

Raising the rainbow flag for IDAHOT is a reminder to us all of the importance of the need to respect and value diversity in our community to ensure all people—especially young people—feel safe and included in society.

I acknowledge the speakers, organising committee and Blue Mountains City Council for their efforts in eradicating prejudice and discrimination against LGBTIQ people in our community.

I thank the many school students, their parents, teachers and supportive school principals who attended this year for standing strong in the name of solidarity and tolerance.