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Dear Dr Boulton, Dr Dale and Dr Adbeen

Thank you for your letter dated 26 February 2024, regarding the recently formed AMA Qld LGBTQIASB+ Working Group. I'd like to express my congratulations for creating such an important initiative. Queensland Health is committed to ensuring members of LGBTIQ+ communities have equitable access to respectful, comprehensive and inclusive healthcare.

The Queensland Government has committed nearly \$7 million towards gender affirming care that is tailored and more accessible care for our LGBTIQ+ communities as part of the \$250 million in new investment through the Women and Girls' Health Strategy 2032. It is intended this investment will focus on access to healthcare for LGBTIQ+ communities in rural and regional Queensland.

Additionally, Queensland Health is a member of the whole-of-government LGBTIQ+ Roundtable. An outcome of this roundtable has been a government commitment to develop a LGBTIQ+ Strategy. Consultation on the Strategy has identified many issues related to health needs for diverse LGBTIQ+ communities. Once the Strategy is finalised, Queensland Health will continue to engage with the community and clinicians on how to best implement the LGBTIQ+ Strategy to improve health outcomes of LGBTIQ+ Queenslanders, including reducing barriers to healthcare.

In late 2023, a service evaluation of the Queensland Children's Gender Service commenced. This external evaluation was initiated by Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service in line with the Queensland Government's ongoing commitment to ensuring trans and gender diverse children and young people in Queensland continue to receive the safest, evidence-informed care, aligned with international best practice. The service evaluation will be finalised in April 2024.

Finally, Queensland Health currently runs employee networks to ensure LGBTIQ+ inclusion in the workplace, increase leadership and capability of LGBTIQ+ employees and allies, support the development of positive policies that enable an inclusive workplace and promote and foster employee engagements.

I welcome your offer to meet with the Working Group to discuss this important initiative. I will arrange for my Senior Executive Support Officer, to make contact to arrange a meeting to discuss this further. In the interim, you can contact the Senior Executive Support Officer, Office of the Chief Medical Officer via email: [REDACTED]

I look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely



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