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## **ACT Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer (LGBTIQ) Community Advisory Council**

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### **SUMMARY OF COUNCIL OUTCOMES**

This document is a public summary of matters considered by Council. This summary is not intended to be a detailed set of minutes and does not cover all matters considered by the Council.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING 17 MARCH 2014**

##### **Leading Australia in Marriage Equality**

Members discussed national developments, the work of Australian Marriage Equality in this space and the impact of the High Court decision in relation to the ACT Marriage legislation. Members discussed the need for the community to be clear on the status of the *Civil Unions Act*.

##### **Reparative therapy**

Members highlighted the key issues regarding reparative therapy and noted that self-regulation of would-be providers of such therapy is not effective. It was agreed that members would prepare correspondence to key community organisations and to ACT Government Directors-General on the council's position.

##### **Children and young people in care**

Members advised on the outcomes of a meeting with officers from the Community Services Directorate about children and young people in out of home care with the council interested in discussing work that could be done with families prior to children/young people going into care where issues about gender identity or sexuality were a factor. Members agreed it would be desirable to put in a late submission in relation to the Out of Home Care Strategy if this was possible.

##### **Updates on Priorities for 2014**

Members provided updates to council on the following priority issues for 2014: Evidence-based advice to Government on ageing and aged care issues for the LGBTIQ community; Processes for communication with the community; Effecting cultural change in the ACTPS, community organisations and the community; Inclusive Education and Training Directorate policies for preschools, primary, high schools and colleges; Addressing gender issues in schools at all levels; Collecting data allowing us to 'quantify' our community; Sexual health and general health education in ACT schools, including a focus on diversity and healthy relationships for teenagers; Guidelines for health practitioners regarding treatment for intersex people; and Births, Deaths and Marriages Registrations (BDMR) regulations and implementation.