

Tasmanian Council for Sexual and Gender Diverse People Inc.

The establishment of the **Tasmanian Council for Sexual and Gender Diverse People Inc** to coordinate consultation, initiate support and generally be responsible for representing the GLBTI Community at a State & National level for the GLBTI Community in Tasmania has been a concept that has gained momentum and is compatible with the establishment of the inclusive benchmarks in Tasmania *Together* as well as the State Government's Whole of Government Framework for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Communities released in October 2004.

It is also seen as part of a balanced model of franchise for the GLBTI Community with representation from local and regional areas across a State that has the most dispersed population in Australia. The State Council formed with representatives from a local and regional base is proposed as the best way for the GLBTI Community to 'think local and act global'. The Council will continue to request the Tasmanian Government for a meeting point with the State Government GLBTI Reference Group as the best way to coordinate the LGBTI Police, Health & Human Services, Education and Tourism Reference Groups collaborative implementation of the GLBTI Framework at both Government and community levels.

The object and purpose of the Association is to operate for the public benefit to:

- Relieve the disadvantage and inequality experienced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) people,
- Promote acceptance of GLBTI people by the wider public, and
- Advocate the integration of GLBTI people into the wider community which would allow them to participate as fully respected members of society

Founding Members of the Association are -

- (a) Kingborough/Huon Coming Out Proud Community Liaison Committee;
- (b) Greater Hobart Coming Out Proud Community Liaison Committee;
- (c) Greater Launceston Coming Out Proud Community Liaison Committee;
- (d) Cradle Coast Coming Out Proud Community Liaison Committee;
- (e) State Coordinating Committee Coming Out Proud;
- (f) State Youth Coordinating Committee Coming Out Proud; and
- (g) The League of Gentlefellows.