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Gay Couples Should be Allowed to Adopt

The Queensland Association for Healthy Communities is calling for gay and lesbian people to be allowed to adopt children.

A bill currently before the Queensland parliament is looking to make changes to adoption in Queensland. However the bill excludes adoption by gay and lesbian couples.

“The basis for adoption should be the best interests of the child and the quality of parenting” said Paul Martin, General Manager. *“The international evidence on same-sex parents and their children concludes that the outcomes for the child are no different than for children raised by heterosexual parents.”*

“The real test is whether parents can provide a loving and nurturing environment for the child. Being gay or lesbian is no barrier to this.”

“There’s no such thing as partial equality. If Queensland believes in equality for all people, then this should be extended to all aspects of our lives. Same-sex couples should have the same rights and responsibilities as heterosexual couples, including the right to adopt.”

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