

081201 GLBT Rights Study

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1. Methodology



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- ▶ This study was conducted on the Galaxy Omnibus on the weekends of 5-7 December, and 19-21 December, 2008.
- ▶ The sample was 400 respondents in Queensland aged 16 years and older distributed throughout urban and rural Queensland.
- ▶ Interviews were conducted using CATI (computer assisted telephone interviewing) with telephone numbers randomly selected from electronic White Pages. All interviewers were personally trained and briefed on the requirements of the study.
- ▶ Age, gender and region quotas were applied to the sample.
- ▶ Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest ABS population estimates.



2. Main Findings



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- ▶ The majority of Queenslanders (60%) agree that same sex couples should be able to have a civil union with the same legal rights and responsibilities as marriage (26% strongly agree, 34% agree). This is higher than the proportion who disagree (33%). The remaining 7% are unsure.
- ▶ Those most likely to agree that same sex couples should be able to have a civil union are female (68% cf. 51% for males), those aged 16-24 years (74%) or 25-34 years (75% cf. 63% of 35-49 and 45% of those aged 50 years and over). Those in Brisbane are more likely to agree with same sex civil union (65%) than those in regional Queensland (56%).
- ▶ Slightly fewer (54%) Queenslanders agree that same sex couples should be able to marry (21% strongly agree, 33% agree). Conversely, 41% disagree (25% strongly disagree, 17% disagree) with the remaining 5% unsure.
- ▶ Those most likely to agree that same sex couples should be able to marry are female (64% cf. 43% for males), those aged 16-24 years (74%) or 25-34 years (69% cf. 55% of 35-49 and 38% of those aged 50 years and over). Those in Brisbane are more likely to agree with same sex marriage (59%) than those in regional Queensland (50%).
- ▶ There is strong support amongst Queenslanders that children in same sex headed families have both parents recognised by Queensland law, with two in three (67%) agreeing both parents should be recognised by law (27% strongly agree, 40% agree). Conversely, 26% disagree (15% strongly disagree, 11% disagree) with the remaining 7% unsure.



Main Findings *continued*

- ▶ Those most likely to agree that children in same sex headed families should have both parents recognised by Queensland law are female (74% cf. 59% for males), those aged 16-24 years (84%) or 25-34 years (79% cf. 70% of 35-49 and 52% of those aged 50 years and over). Those in Brisbane are more likely to agree both parents should be recognised by Queensland law (71%) than those in regional Queensland (64%).
- ▶ Almost all (96%) Queenslanders agree that schools should actively try to prevent bullying of gay and lesbian students (74% strongly agree, 22% agree). Just 3% disagree (1% strongly disagree, 2% disagree) with the remaining 2% unsure.
- ▶ The majority (54%) of Queenslanders say these issues will impact on the way they will vote at the next state election (6% say it would change the way they would vote, 16% a large impact on their vote, 33% a small impact).
- ▶ These issues are most likely to affect the vote for females (62% cf. 46% for males) and those with children (59% cf. 52% without children).



3. Questionnaire

SECTION K – ASK RESPONDENTS IN QLD.

- K1. A civil union is formal recognition of a relationship by the government. For heterosexual couples this can occur through marriage, however there is no equivalent available to same sex couples. Do you agree or disagree that same sex couples should be able to have a civil union with the same legal rights and responsibilities as marriage?
- IF AGREE:** Is that strongly agree or just agree?
- IF DISAGREE:** Is that strongly disagree or just disagree?
- Strongly agree 1
Agree 2
Disagree..... 3
Strongly Disagree..... 4
Don't know 5
- SR**
- K2. Do you agree or disagree that same sex couples should be able to marry?
- IF AGREE:** Is that strongly agree or just agree?
- IF DISAGREE:** Is that strongly disagree or just disagree?
- Strongly agree 1
Agree 2
Disagree..... 3
Strongly Disagree..... 4
Don't know 5
- SR**
- K3. Do you agree or disagree that children in same sex headed families should have both parents recognised by Queensland law?
- IF AGREE:** Is that strongly agree or just agree?
- IF DISAGREE:** Is that strongly disagree or just disagree?
- Strongly agree 1
Agree 2
Disagree..... 3
Strongly Disagree..... 4
Don't know 5
- SR**
- K4. Do you agree or disagree that schools should **actively** try to prevent bullying of gay students and lesbian students?
- IF AGREE:** Is that strongly agree or just agree?
- IF DISAGREE:** Is that strongly disagree or just disagree?
- Strongly agree 1
Agree 2
Disagree..... 3
Strongly Disagree..... 4
Don't know 5
- SR**
- K5. How much impact will these issues have on the way you will vote at the next state election? **READ OUT 1-4**
- They will change the way you will vote.... 1
A large impact..... 2
A small impact 3
Or, no impact 4
Don't know 5
- SR**



4. Detailed Tabular Findings

Tables

▶ **The tables of findings are set out such that they include the following details:**

1 BASE: Wght Sample (000's):

The number of completed interviews has been weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates. These estimates are shown in thousands (000's). The percentages in the table are based on these weighted figures.

2 WEIGHTS:

This indicates that in order to reflect the latest ABS population estimates the data has been weighted by age, gender and area.

3 FILTERS (Where applicable):

If the table is based on a subset of respondents then this will be titled as a Filter and accompanied by a description of the sample upon which the table is based.

4 RESPONDENTS:

These figures show the actual sample size, indicating the total number of respondents who were asked the relevant question.



▶ **Each question has been analysed by a series of demographic variables as follows:**

→ **SEX:**

- Male
- Female

→ **AGE:**

- 16-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-49 years
- 50 years or older

→ **MARITAL STATUS:**

- Married (married/de facto/living together)
- Not married (never married/separated/divorced/widowed)

→ **MAIN GROCERY BUYER:**

- Yes/Shared
- No

→ **CHILDREN AT HOME:**

- Children under 18 living in the household
- No children under 18 living in the household



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→ WORK STATUS:

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Not working

→ SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:

- *Occupation of the main income earner of the household:*
 - White collar (professional/senior management, upper white collar, lower white collar)
 - Blue collar (upper blue collar, lower blue collar)

→ CAPITAL CITY:

- Brisbane
- Rest of Queensland

→ HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

- Under \$40,000
- \$40,000 - \$69,999
- \$70,000 plus

→ HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING:

- Below Year 12
- Year 12

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TABLE 2 Standard Banner 2 *BY* K1 Same sex couples should be able to have a civil union
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Area		Household Income			Schooling	
		Brisbane	X-City	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12	Year 12
RESPONDENTS	400	200	200	97	105	150	143	257
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3243	1471	1772	764	888	1212	1089	2154
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
K1 Same sex couples should be able to have a civil union								
TOTAL AGREE								
Strongly agree	850 26%	422 29%	429 24%	150 20%	273 31%	324 27%	165 15%	686 32%
Agree	1093 34%	535 36%	558 32%	247 32%	302 34%	464 38%	373 34%	720 33%
**SUBTOTALS	1943 60%	956 65%	987 56%	398 52%	575 65%	788 65%	537 49%	1406 65%
TOTAL DISAGREE								
Disagree	476 15%	202 14%	274 15%	158 21%	134 15%	134 11%	184 17%	292 14%
Strongly disagree	591 18%	191 13%	400 23%	130 17%	128 14%	225 19%	267 24%	324 15%
**SUBTOTALS	1067 33%	393 27%	674 38%	288 38%	262 29%	359 30%	451 41%	616 29%
Don't know	233 7%	122 8%	111 6%	78 10%	51 6%	65 5%	101 9%	132 6%
TOTALS	3243 100%	1471 100%	1772 100%	764 100%	888 100%	1212 100%	1089 100%	2154 100%

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TABLE 4 Standard Banner 2 *BY* K2 Same sex couples should be able to marry

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Area		Household Income			Schooling	
	Total	Bris X-City -bane	< \$40K	\$40K- \$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12 Year 12	
RESPONDENTS	400	200 200	97	105	150	143	257
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3243	1471 1772	764	888	1212	1089	2154
	100%	100% 100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
K2 Same sex couples should be able to marry							
TOTAL AGREE							
Strongly agree	684 21%	369 315 25% 18%	108 14%	204 23%	283 23%	88 8%	596 28%
Agree	1064 33%	491 573 33% 32%	231 30%	300 34%	435 36%	349 32%	715 33%
**SUBTOTALS	1749 54%	861 888 59% 50%	339 44%	504 57%	718 59%	438 40%	1311 61%
TOTAL DISAGREE							
Disagree	535 17%	244 291 17% 16%	160 21%	164 18%	158 13%	229 21%	306 14%
Strongly disagree	801 25%	290 511 20% 29%	213 28%	175 20%	289 24%	350 32%	451 21%
**SUBTOTALS	1337 41%	535 802 36% 45%	373 49%	339 38%	447 37%	580 53%	757 35%
Don't know	158 5%	76 82 5% 5%	52 7%	45 5%	47 4%	72 7%	86 4%
TOTALS	3243 100%	1471 1772 100% 100%	764 100%	888 100%	1212 100%	1089 100%	2154 100%

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TABLE 6 Standard Banner 2 *BY* K3 Children in same sex headed families should have both parents recognised by QLD law

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Area		Household Income			Schooling	
		Brisbane	X-City	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12	Year 12
RESPONDENTS	400	200	200	97	105	150	143	257
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3243	1471	1772	764	888	1212	1089	2154
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
K3 Children in same sex headed families should have both parents recognised by QLD law								
TOTAL AGREE								
Strongly agree	884 27%	470 32%	413 23%	164 21%	264 30%	394 33%	148 14%	736 34%
Agree	1287 40%	567 39%	721 41%	250 33%	385 43%	441 36%	462 42%	825 38%
**SUBTOTALS	2171 67%	1037 71%	1134 64%	414 54%	649 73%	835 69%	610 56%	1561 72%
TOTAL DISAGREE								
Disagree	366 11%	164 11%	202 11%	130 17%	106 12%	115 9%	160 15%	206 10%
Strongly disagree	487 15%	157 11%	330 19%	156 20%	85 10%	185 15%	212 19%	275 13%
**SUBTOTALS	852 26%	321 22%	531 30%	286 37%	191 21%	300 25%	372 34%	481 22%
Don't know	220 7%	113 8%	107 6%	64 8%	48 5%	77 6%	108 10%	112 5%
TOTALS	3243 100%	1471 100%	1772 100%	764 100%	888 100%	1212 100%	1089 100%	2154 100%

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TABLE 8 Standard Banner 2 *BY* K4 Schools should actively try to prevent bullying of gay/ lesbian students

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Area		Household Income			Schooling	
		Brisbane	X-City	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12	Year 12
RESPONDENTS	400	200	200	97	105	150	143	257
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3243	1471	1772	764	888	1212	1089	2154
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
K4 Schools should actively try to prevent bullying of gay/ lesbian students								
TOTAL AGREE								
Strongly agree	2391 74%	1116 76%	1275 72%	555 73%	639 72%	918 76%	750 69%	1640 76%
Agree	721 22%	294 20%	428 24%	167 22%	219 25%	250 21%	296 27%	425 20%
**SUBTOTALS	3112 96%	1409 96%	1703 96%	722 94%	858 97%	1168 96%	1047 96%	2066 96%
TOTAL DISAGREE								
Disagree	54 2%	17 1%	37 2%	14 2%		31 3%	14 1%	40 2%
Strongly disagree	28 1%	20 1%	8 0%	15 2%	6 1%		7 1%	21 1%
**SUBTOTALS	82 3%	37 3%	45 3%	29 4%	6 1%	31 3%	20 2%	61 3%
Don't know	49 2%	25 2%	24 1%	13 2%	23 3%	13 1%	22 2%	27 1%
TOTALS	3243 100%	1471 100%	1772 100%	764 100%	888 100%	1212 100%	1089 100%	2154 100%

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TABLE 10 Standard Banner 2 *BY* K5 Influence of these issues on voting at next state election
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Area		Household Income			Schooling	
		Brisbane	X-City	< \$40K	\$40K-\$69K	\$70K+	Below Year 12	Year 12
RESPONDENTS	400	200	200	97	105	150	143	257
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3243	1471	1772	764	888	1212	1089	2154
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
K5 Influence of these issues on voting at next state election								
TOTAL IMPACT								
They will change the way you will vote	180 6%	75 5%	105 6%	66 9%	50 6%	55 5%	32 3%	148 7%
A large impact	517 16%	205 14%	312 18%	95 12%	140 16%	231 19%	89 8%	428 20%
A small impact	1067 33%	537 37%	530 30%	301 39%	296 33%	406 33%	418 38%	650 30%
**SUBTOTALS	1765 54%	817 56%	947 53%	462 60%	485 55%	692 57%	539 50%	1225 57%
No impact	1322 41%	592 40%	729 41%	255 33%	366 41%	520 43%	505 46%	816 38%
Don't know	157 5%	62 4%	95 5%	46 6%	37 4%		45 4%	112 5%
TOTALS	3243 100%	1471 100%	1772 100%	764 100%	888 100%	1212 100%	1089 100%	2154 100%



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