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Speak Out for LGBT Equality in Queensland Election

Healthy Communities has released 'pledge cards' in the lead up to the Queensland election, calling on politicians to support LGBT equality.

Healthy Communities is distributing the cards to LGBT people and our supporters across the state, encouraging them to give a card to every politician they see.

"We commonly receive feedback from politicians that no-one ever raises LGBT issues with them" said Paul R Martin, Executive Director.

"Handing politicians a 'Speak Out for Equality' card is a simple way for people to get LGBT issues on the agenda of candidates. Whenever you see a politician, at shopping centres, street corners or at events, give them a card and ask them to support LGBT issues. Carry a set of cards in your wallet or bag so you'll always have them handy."

The card asks candidates to show their support for the LGBT community by committing to achieve:

- Full equality before the law for all LGBT people
- Government recognition and action on LGBT community priorities
- Funding of targeted services and programs for LGBT people
- Resourcing 'Healthy Communities' as a peak LGBT community organisation.

More details on these issues can be found in Healthy Communities' 'Queensland Election LGBT Commitments' paper which is being used to lobby the main parties and will form the basis of an election questionnaire.

To get cards sent to you contact info@qahc.org.au ring 3017 1777 or 1800 177 434 and leave your name and postal address. Or pick them up from our offices in Brisbane, Cairns or Maroochydore.

Further information on LGBT issues in the election can be found at www.healthycommunities.org.au/speakout

* Healthy Communities is a community based, health promotion charity working with and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in Queensland (previously the Queensland AIDS Council).