

Council Member
Councillor Snape

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Snape will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That the Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith write to the Premier Peter Malinauskas, Attorney-General Kyam Maher and Minister Nat Cook urging the government to progress a ban on LGBTIQA+ conversion therapy practices in South Australia.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. If this motion is passed the Lord Mayor will write to the Premier Peter Malinauskas, Attorney-General Kyam Maher, and Minister Nat Cook to advocate progressing a ban on LGBTIQA+ conversion therapy practices in South Australia.
2. The SA Labor Party made an election commitment in the lead up to the last State election.
 - 2.1. In a letter to the South Australian Rainbow Advocacy Alliance the Premier said, "*Labor is fundamentally opposed to the practice of conversion therapy which tries to change someone's sexual orientation or gender identity and if elected, will work to ensure this practice does not occur in South Australia.*" [\[Link 1\]](#).
3. In December 2019, SA Health's Chief Psychiatrist issued a memorandum to public health mental health services, restricting gay conversion therapy in SA Health services.
4. On Tuesday 6 July 2022, the Hon. Stephen Wade asked the State Government to report on any identified breaches of this directive.
 - 4.1. On Tuesday 6 September 2022, The Hon. Kyam Maher reported that no breaches have yet been identified [\[Link 2\]](#).
5. A legislative ban would bring South Australia in line with Queensland and ACT who passed laws banning conversion therapy in August 2020, and Victoria who followed in February 2021.
6. Tasmania, Western Australia, and NSW are also considering legislation on this issue.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not Applicable
External consultant advice	Not Applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not Applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not Applicable
Budget reallocation	Not Applicable
Capital investment	Not Applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Met within existing resources
Other	Not Applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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