

ENDING LGBTQ+ CONVERSION AND SUPPRESSION PRACTICES

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Since 2016, researchers at La Trobe University in partnership with the Brave Network, the Australian LGBTQ+ Multicultural Council and the Victorian Government, have been investigating practices that attempt to change or suppress the sexuality or gender identity of LGBTQ+ people. The 2018 report entitled Preventing Harm, Promoting Justice: responding to LGBT Conversion Therapy in Australia drew on the testimony of survivors to demonstrate that conversion practices remained active in Australia. It was communicated to the Attorneys General of all jurisdictions.

Following bans in Victoria, Queensland, and the ACT, conversion practices are now also banned in NSW (2024) and South Australia (2025). As of 2026, the Tasmanian Greens are proposing a similar bill and consultation has been conducted in Western Australia.

The team and their research have supported the [Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission](#) to develop a wide range of resources for survivors and faith communities, including a [new resource](#) launched in August 2026 for parents from multicultural and multifaith backgrounds. VEOHRC now provides coaching, facilitation and prevention planning as well as investigating reports of suppression.

