Developing the NSW LGBTI Health Strategy Your organisation's involvement

Urbis, an independent research company, has been engaged by the NSW Ministry of Health to develop the first NSW LGBTI Health Strategy. To inform the Strategy, we are undertaking consultations with LGBTI people to hear about their experiences with health services and understand what could be done to improve access and outcomes in the future.

Opportunities for community input

Members of the LGBTI community will have two opportunities to provide their input:

- **1.** By completing a 10-15 minute online survey
- **2.** By registering their interest in attending a community roundtable or one-on-one interview (please note places are limited and we may not be able to accommodate everyone)

Community roundtables

- Duration of 3 hours
- 10-12 people per roundtable
- Participants will receive an \$80 voucher for their time
- Locations and times are:

Gay, bisexual and queer men (cis and trans)	Newtown	9 December, 5.30pm-8.30pm
Lesbian, bisexual and queer women (cis and trans)	Newtown	10 December, 5.30pm-8.30pm
Transgender and gender diverse people	Newtown	16 December, 5.30pm-8.30pm
LGBTI people (combined)	Parramatta	12 December, 6.00pm-9.00pm
	Wagga Wagga	10 December, 5.30pm-8.30pm
	Lismore	11 December, 5.30pm-8.30pm

Consultations with people with intersex variations will be held in early 2020.

One-on-one interviews

- Duration of 1 hour
- One-on-one with the individual
- Conducted over the phone
- Participants will receive a \$50 voucher for their time
- Can be scheduled at times convenient for the participant



We need your help!

We want to make sure these opportunities are open to as many members of the LGBTI community as possible. We are asking for your help to:

- 1. Promote the online survey, roundtables and interviews by posting a statement on your social media sites. We have prepared the statement (see attached), which includes a link to the online survey and the online registration form for the consultations*, as well as an information flyer (see attached).
- **2.** If appropriate, you may also wish to promote the survey and consultation sessions by distributing hard copies of the information flyer. Urbis would be happy to print copies and mail these to you –please get in touch with us as soon as possible.
 - *Roundtable and interview places are limited and we may not be able to accomodate everyone.

 Urbis will contact those chosen to participate to confirm consultation times.

Please note the following regarding timing:

- The survey will be open until 13 December 2019 at 5pm
- Registration for the roundtables and interviews closes on 29 November 2019 at 5pm

We would appreciate your assistance with communicating these opportunities via your networks as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

- Sidonie Roberts from Urbis on (02) 8233 9962 or sroberts@urbis.com.au
- **Greg Smitheram** at the Health and Social Policy Branch, NSW Ministry of Health on (02) 9391 9353 or greg.smitheram@health.nsw.gov.au

Please note we have received ethics approval to conduct these consultations. Ethics approval was granted by the St Vincent's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee and the ACON Research Ethics Review Committee.

All participants will be required to sign a consent form before taking part in the roundtables and interviews. In case of any distress during consultations, information on relevant support services will be provided. Participants can withdraw from the consultations at any time.

