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SGLMG's Action Plan for Trans Rights: What's Next?

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Dear Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Board Member,

At the AGM last year, our members voted decisively for the Mardi Gras Board to support trans rights and to call for urgent anti-discrimination reforms.

Since that time, there have been significant developments impacting trans communities:

1. In December, the Northern Territory government defunded puberty blockers, and
2. The Queensland government has extended its ban on trans youth healthcare until 2031.

This situation is not only politically pressing but also requires immediate action before the season kicks off in a month. With such overwhelming member support, this should have been addressed much earlier.

We kindly request an update regarding the status of these AGM commitments. Specifically, we want to know if they are officially in place and how Mardi Gras is currently enacting, communicating, and advocating for trans rights as per the AGM vote.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so so much for emailing me about this incredibly important matter.

I cannot speak on behalf of the board, and so this response is made in an individual capacity.

At the Mardi Gras AGM last November, it was made incredibly clear to me that our community wants a pro-trans Mardi Gras that speaks up for our rights. Mardi Gras membership voted in favour of;

- *Resolution 2 - requests SGLMG embrace transgender rights, to encourage parade participants to put transgender rights in the spotlight*
- *Resolution 5 - requests SGLMG to formally write to state and federal governments*

demanding urgent reform on anti-discrimination laws, informing parliamentarians that they cannot march, and make all correspondence public to ensure transparency.

These motions are very important to me. I recognise that many of the people who voted for me are trans folks, sex workers, and/or queer workers and I firmly share their belief that there is no LGB without the T.

As a SGLMG board director, I am bound by fiduciary duties and am not permitted to disclose confidential matters. However I will do my best to keep you in the loop on members' AGM motions on transgender rights progress.

*Together, we stand! together, we fight!
We demand our equal rights!*

Damien Nguyen
Board Director

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Dear [REDACTED],

I also want to say thank you for reaching out on this urgent matter.

From last year's AGM, it is clear to me that members demand a community-based Mardi Gras that will support trans rights and promote equality for the trans community, sex workers, and queers here and internationally. Members voted in favour of:

- **Resolution 2 – Embrace Trans Rights, Not Trump**

“Encourage all parade participants to make support for trans rights a key part of their float”

- **Resolution 5 – Equality Bill and Religious Exceptions**

“Formally write to the federal and state governments calling for urgent reform to anti-discrimination law, and inform parliamentarians they will not be welcomed at the parade and fair day if they do not commit to this reform in a timely manner.”

“Make the results of this correspondence public to the membership so that politicians can be held accountable for their views on our community.”

As a trans woman elected by the community on the platform of trans rights, I was proud to see both members of the community and cis allies affirm the need to stand up for our equal rights and fight back against the transphobic bigots who have discriminated against us in areas of public life, including employment, education, using services, and renting.

I agree with you that these resolutions are especially important now that the Northern Territory government has ceased public health access to puberty blockers and gender-affirming hormones for people under the age of 18. This is a noticeable pattern of transphobic bigotry that follows a similar ban on healthcare for trans youth by the Queensland government, which was

extended for another six years until 2031.

As a trans asylum seeker, I am aware of systematic attacks on trans rights and equality around the world. Right now, the trans and gender diverse community needs powerful visibility more than ever before as we resist these attacks on the streets, in workplaces, and in communities. For me, 2026 needs to be a year of trans visibility and a year of trans resistance.

Similar to Damien, I want to note that I am speaking in an individual capacity and NOT on behalf of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras or the other seven board directors. As a board director of SGLMG, I am bound by my fiduciary duties. I cannot share confidential Board discussions or pending announcements on the matter. To me it is a clear matter of priority that needs to be addressed across the Board and I expect clarification on Mardi Gras' AGM commitments to the trans community soon.

I will keep you in the loop on whatever I am allowed to with respect to trans justice and equal rights, considering my fiduciary duties as board director of SGLMG and to the best of my ability as a trans woman elected on the platform of equality without exceptions.

Equality delayed is equality denied!

Luna Choo
Board Director



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