

Media Release

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Premier



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EQUALITY IS NOT NEGOTIABLE UNDER A LABOR GOVERNMENT

We are proud to march alongside community and allies at the 31st annual Midsumma Pride March.

A record 28,000 people attended the march in 2025.

This year – supported by \$275,000 from the Labor Government – Pride March is expected to be even bigger.

Supporting LGBTIQA+ communities in their struggle for equality is part of the soul of this Labor Government.

To us, equality is non-negotiable.

- That's why we made a world-first apology for homophobic laws.
- That's why we banned conversion therapy and legalised same-sex adoption.
- That's why we made birth certificates fairer for trans and gender diverse people.
- That's why we provided record support for key services and Pride events.
- That's why we speak out whenever young trans kids are demonised.
- That's why we protected LGBTIQA+ people from vilification crime in 2025 – which Liberals voted against.

As ultra-right politicians here and abroad turn on queer communities, you'll never see this Premier think twice about where she stands in the fight.

You'll never see this Premier marching in Pride on one day and cosying up to One Nation on the next.

You'll never see this Premier promoting hard-right, anti-trans MPs to leadership positions in her party.

You'll never see this Premier convene a Cuts Commission that puts Pride funding on the chopping block.

You'll never see this Premier claim to support anti-hate laws and then backflip once they protect queer people.

You'll never see this Premier say one thing on Fitzroy St or Smith St, and vote another way on Spring St.

Homophobia and transphobia are threats to LGBTIQA+ progress in this state.

So is hypocrisy.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"Equality is not negotiable in Victoria under Labor."

"If you're a pollie turning up to Pride while cosying up to One Nation, Victorians see what you're all about."

"Homophobia and transphobia are threats to LGBTIQA+ progress in this state – and so is hypocrisy."

Quote attributable to Minister for Equality Vicki Ward

"Today's march is an important opportunity for Victoria's diverse rainbow communities to come together, celebrate who they are, and connect with each other – and for all Victorians to show their support, respect and love."