



14.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Tim Baxter – Reaffirm commitment to LGBTIQ+ Community

I, Councillor Tim Baxter, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 June 2023:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Publicly reaffirms its commitment to the inclusion of LGBTIQ+ people in our community.
2. Condemns right-wing terrorism and hate speech perpetuated against the LGBTIQ+ community their allies and supporters.
3. Continue to work with the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee, Pride Centre, Municipal Association of Victoria and other key bodies on the safe delivery of LGBTIQ+ programs, community events and recognition moving forward.
4. Report back to Council on item 3 above within six months

Supporting Information

- There has been a number of events planned to celebrate and recognise the LGBTIQ+ community that have been either cancelled or moved online in response to threats perpetuated by right-wing terrorists.
- It's unacceptable that hateful views are impacting on programs aimed at recognising diversity and inclusion in our communities.
- Both the Minister for Local Government and the Municipal Association of Victoria have expressed concern about disruption to both Council meeting and events and have committed to working with Local Government to ensure safety for staff, community and councillors.