



Homosexuals are second-class citizens in New South Wales, as in all Australia.

The Howard government and the ALP made sure of that when they passed the same-sex marriage ban in 2004.

This injustice has coincided with a 41% rise in HIV rates across Australia—41% since 2002!

As bigots have become emboldened by politicians declaring homosexual love to be “abnormal” or “a threat to traditional ways of life”, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people have been physically abused at an ever increasing rate.

Unfortunately the Carr and Iemma governments have *not* stood up for the LGTBI community. Instead they have

NSW ELECTIONS 2007 POLICY LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND

followed in Howard’s footsteps.

These NSW elections are a chance to stand up for the rights of the LGBTI community. A vote for the Socialist Alliance will say that we should make NSW a “liberated zone” for same-sex rights.

To this end the Socialist Alliance fights for—and demands that the NSW government implement—three key reforms:

1. *Same-sex civil unions for NSW*
2. *Anti-homophobia campaigns for schools and communities to combat the rise in homophobic violence*
3. *Massive funding of safe same-sex sex messages to arrest the rise in HIV*

The Socialist Alliance also says:

- That the NSW government must call for the repeal of the federal marriage ban.
- Repeal the clauses in the Anti-Discrimination Bill that allow the sacking of disabled and LGBTI people in religious organisations and small businesses.
- Refund and extend The Rainbow Cubby House series as part of building the anti-prejudice campaign combating homophobia, transphobia, racism and sexism within the community and schools.
- Reverse the cuts to NSW Anti-Discrimination Board (ADB) funding.
- Enact enforceable anti-discrimination legislation to protect lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, people living with HIV/AIDS and transgendered people.
- Guarantee the right of gay men and lesbians to adopt or foster children and end discrimination against gay men and lesbians in child custody cases.
- Legislate against the use of non-violent homosexual “advance” as a defence of “provocation” in violent crime.
- Boost funding for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth programs, including refuges and housing and health services, and coming out, self-esteem and suicide prevention programs.
- Boost funding to HIV campaigns that disseminate non-moralistic information about same-sex and opposite sexual experiences.
- Provide non-judgmental information about drug usage and HIV rates.

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