



Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Aged Care 2010
Response to draft submission regarding the needs of
gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) people

Thank you for forwarding the draft report *Caring for Older Australians*. Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft. We would also like to acknowledge the relatively comprehensive way in which the needs of GLBTI people were considered. In particular, we are pleased that *Chapter 9: Catering for diversity - caring for special needs groups* acknowledges that cultural diversity is reflected in sexual orientation and gender identity. Recognition within the draft report that older GLBTI people have particular needs and require culturally competent practice is an important message for the aged care sector and for the Government.

We were concerned, however, that while the particular needs of older GLBTI people are summarised in Chapter 9 these needs are not addressed in the draft recommendations. We also note reference to 'gay and lesbian' people (p. LXI and 269) rather than GLBTI and believe these references need to be amended.

Yours sincerely

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