



# Rainbow

NZ PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK

Letter of support for Wellington 2018 ILGA World Conference

We are writing to give our full support to Wellington's bid to be the host city for the 29<sup>th</sup> ILGA World Conference in 2018.

The NZ Cross Party Parliamentary Rainbow network includes members of parliament from five of the seven political parties in our parliament, including two political party leaders. The membership includes heterosexual allies and lesbian, bi-sexual, gay and takatāpui cis members. The purpose of our group is to provide education & leadership on LGBTI rights within and from Parliament and to consider/ lobby for policy and legislation to progress LGBTI rights.

We are confident that the proposed hosts Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand, Tiwhanawhana Trust and Rainbow Youth, will engage the diverse communities within Wellington and New Zealand who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, takatāpui and many others, to ensure a great conference atmosphere.

We are very proud of our amazing communities in Aotearoa-New Zealand and believe the way they work together and really embrace diversity will provide inspiration for others as well as an incredible Conference.

We believe NZ has made some good progress on LGB rights but we are also very mindful of the work we still need to do. Human rights is a key theme that underpins ILGA as it does in our roles as Members of Parliament in New Zealand. It would mean a lot to us and our communities to have this conference here and we hope it would provide strength and inspiration for the next stage of work we need to do to progress rights in NZ and the Pacific.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet you all in 2018.

Nau mai, haere mai.

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