



Sydney WorldPride

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Tuesday 3 January 2023

Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia

By email: s 22(1)(a)(ii) (Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister)

Invitation to attend Sydney WorldPride 2023 Events

Dear Prime Minister

Happy New Year, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas period.

[Sydney WorldPride 2023](#) is just a few short weeks away, and we have appreciated the opportunity to brief and work closely with your Government in the leadup to the event.

Further to our discussion with Minister Wong in Canberra in November 2021, and subsequent conversations with your office in mid and late 2022, we are writing to request a meeting with you and/or your team to discuss your involvement at Sydney WorldPride 2023.

As you are aware, Sydney will be hosting Sydney WorldPride 2023 after Australia won the rights in 2019, marking the first time the event will take place in the Southern Hemisphere and representing the most significant LGBTQIA+ festival event ever staged in our region.

In particular, we would like to discuss the following events with you:

- [Live and Proud: Sydney WorldPride Opening Concert](#) Friday 24 February, 2023
- [Sydney WorldPride Human Rights Conference](#) Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 March, 2023
- [Sydney WorldPride Pride March](#) Sunday 5 March, 2023

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We aim to deliver a legacy event for all of Australia, and one that showcases Australia's ability to deliver sustainable, inclusive, world-class events while also enhancing LGBTQIA+ equality in Australia and the region.

We look forward to celebrating this incredible event with you.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Kate Wickett (She/Her)
CEO, Sydney WorldPride 2023

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Monday 9 January 2023

 Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
 Prime Minister of Australia

By email: [REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

(Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister)

Sydney WorldPride 2023: Urgent funding request

Dear Prime Minister

Further to my funding request letter dated 8 December 2022, I am writing with an urgent request for financial support.

With less than 40 days until we showcase Sydney on a global stage, we are seeking financial support from your government to ensure the delivery of a world-class event with an enduring positive legacy, and to promote Australia's reputation and standing as a leading and inclusive nation, and a tourism destination of choice.

As you know, Sydney WorldPride is the first time that a WorldPride event will take place in the Southern Hemisphere – a remarkable achievement for our nation and our region more broadly.

Broadcast across Australia and to the world, Sydney WorldPride will be the most significant LGBTQIA+ festival and tourism event in the Asia-Pacific, representing over 300 events and bringing thousands of domestic and international visitors to Sydney.

With more than 500,000 people projected to participate in the festival, our events have been designed to bring people together to share and experience pride culture in a nation that we love.

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We are seeking support for two events, specifically:

1. **Opening ceremony:** hosted at the Domain and broadcast live around the nation on ABC TV, our opening ceremony will see special guest performances from globally and locally acclaimed artists.
2. **Sydney Harbour Bridge Pride March:** we are inviting locals and visitors to be part of history as we march across the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge. This event will serve as an opportunity to celebrate all that has been achieved for global equality, while recognising what more needs to be done. This event will be a hugely symbolic display of Australia as an inclusive and diverse nation.

The significance and symbolism associated with the delivery of these two events, the opening and closing of our festival, will see Australia featured on a global stage.

While Sydney WorldPride remains in a solid financial position, financial support to the sum of **\$1 million** will enable us to deliver a legacy event for all of Australia, and one that showcases all that Australia has to offer, namely its ability to deliver sustainable, inclusive and world-class events. These funds would be used specifically for the delivery of the above events (Opening Ceremony and the Pride March).

This financial support will enable Sydney WorldPride to deliver an enduring positive legacy of human rights progress - supporting the growth and capability of the pride movement and building a more inclusive and equal world for all.

To be applied effectively, these funds are urgently required and would need to be disbursed by the end of February 2023.

My team and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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From: Kate Wickett s 47F
Sent: Monday, 9 January 2023 6:41 PM
To: Gartrell, Tim s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Importance: High

Dear Tim

Happy New Year, I hope you had a wonderful break.

Please find attached a letter for the Prime Minister detailing an urgent funding request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require any further information.

Kind Regards

Kate

Kate Wickett

CEO

Pronouns: She/Her [Learn about pronouns](#)

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*I acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, who are the traditional owners of the land we work on.
Always was, always will be Aboriginal Land.*

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From: s 22(1)(a)
To: s 47F
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Office for Women - Sydney World Pride Human Rights Conference [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 21 February 2023 9:11:43 AM
Importance: High

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Afternoon s 47F,

I hope you're going well, and just wanted to add congratulations for the kick off of World Pride!!!

I'm reaching out from the Office for Women (OFW) in the Commonwealth Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet. The OFW drives and delivers the Australian Government's commitments towards gender equality, both domestically and supports work in the international space through the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and G20 EMPOWER forum.

I understand that tickets to the Human Rights Conference being held from 1-3 March 2023 have been sold out for some time, however I wanted to reach out as we are hoping you may be able to support with access to one or two tickets for the conference - if not the full conference, at a minimum day 3. The Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher is eager to ensure that OFW is present particularly for the breakout session *Building an intersectional and inclusive movement for gender equality*. The work that OFW is undertaking at the moment links strongly to the conference more broadly, and particularly around the gender equality aspects. We are looking for tickets for our First Assistant Secretary who is head of the Office for Women and represents the Minister for Women at a number of important forums.

I'm happy to have a chat over the phone if helpful to provide further context etc. My contact details are below, alternatively email is great too.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

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