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**Rainbow Realities: In-depth analyses of large-scale LGBTQA+ health and wellbeing data in Australia 2024**

The Rainbow Realities report has been commissioned by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care to inform development of the 10-year LGBTIQA+ Health and Wellbeing Action Plan. It reflects the commitment of the Australian Government to ensure the needs and experiences of LGBTIQA+ people are carefully considered in the development of the Action Plan.

This report represents one component of the national consultation process, which also includes engagement of an Expert Advisory Group, a report on LGBTIQA+ inclusion within State, Territory, Commonwealth and Public Health Network strategies and action plans, an examination of perceptions on primary care provision for LGBTIQA+ communities and other targeted consultation activities.

Rainbow Realities provides a synthesis of pre-existing findings as well as more than 50 new analyses derived from the data of six surveys of LGBTQA+ populations in Australia: Private Lives 3, Writing Themselves In 4, SWASH, Trans Pathways, Walkern Katatdjin (Rainbow Knowledge) and Pride and Pandemic. In total, the surveys received more than 20,000 responses from LGBTQA+ people, spanning all parts of the country and a wide range of intersectional backgrounds.

The report has been thematically organised into 10 chapters relating to either a key determinant or contributing factor to LGBTQA+ health outcomes, or a topic of particular interest:

* Mental health and suicidality
* Income inequality
* Housing and experiences of homelessness
* Discrimination and abuse
* Family violence and sexual assault
* Alcohol and other drugs
* Relationships
* Parenting and sexual and reproductive health
* Gender affirmation and trans affirming practices
* General healthcare
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
* Intersectional identities

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