**Local Democracy Group purpose statement**   
Advisory committees and working groups contribute to achieving community expectations as set out in the Inner West Community Strategic Plan - Our Inner West 2036:

Strategic Direction 5, Outcome 5.3 - people are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving

The key purpose of all advisory committees and working groups is to support Council to review and implement the Community Strategic Plan through Council’s four-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan.

Advisory committees and working groups provide a purposeful forum to deliberate and problem solve.

**LGBTQ Working Group purpose statement**

* To involve sexuality and gender diverse people including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual, agender, aromantic (LGBTQ) people and allies in issues that affect them
* To provide a forum to voice ideas, concerns, needs, interests, and views to Inner West Council and hence the community
* To provide input into development and implementation of programs, events and activities that ensure inclusion and equity of access for LGBTQ communities
* To raise awareness in the community of the positive contributions that sexuality and gender diverse people make to community life
* To advocate and provide information and advice to Inner West Council on behalf of LGBTQ people, allies and organisations that work with LGBTQ people
* Leading and engaging the Inner West community in projects that celebrate and affirm sexuality and gender diverse people.

**Selection criteria**

1. Knowledge and understanding of the needs and issues for LGBTQ communities in the Inner West
2. Experience with or direct links to LGBTQ communities and organisations
3. Skills, expertise and experience

Council is seeking a diversity of membership. Selection will be made based on a mix of relevant skills, expertise and experience.

**Application questions**

1. Describe your knowledge and understanding of the needs and issues of Inner West LGBTQ communities.
2. Describe any community groups, activities or membership you’re involved in that would be relevant to the LGBTQ Working Group
3. Outline your experience and key strengths that you would bring to the LGBTQ Working Group
4. Describe any other experience that is relevant to the purpose of the LGBTQ Working Group