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The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is writing to thank you for the time, courage and good will you have invested in expressing interest in attending our planned LGBTIQ workshop on 31 March. In particular we would like to thank the LGBTI Health Alliance for the outstanding work they have done in supporting this campaign to reach deeply into the communities of those with lived experience. We have been delighted and challenged by the volume and quality of workshop participation enquiries and survey responses from both individuals and organisations. It is very clear that the development of a carefully consulted and crafted Agency LGBTIQ strategy is a priority we share.

As a result of the richness of enquiry, survey responses and informal conversations with individuals and organisations, it has become clear to the Agency that the initially planned approach needs to be re-considered and as such the Agency will not be going ahead with the workshop in Melbourne on 31 March. While we understand that this may cause some disappointment, please be assured that the decision was not taken lightly and reflects the Agency's commitment to take the time necessary to re-design the consultation process for the benefit of the LGBTIQ communities and wider stakeholder groups.

The Agency is prioritising the consultation re-design. In the interim, if you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to complete the NDIA on-line survey (visit [www.disabilitystrategy.org](http://www.disabilitystrategy.org) to participate). The survey is open until 31 March.

We will be back in touch by Friday, 7 April, to advise you of the path forward. You will also be able to find details on the LGBTI Health Alliance website at <http://lgbtihealth.org.au/disabilitystrategy/>.

We thank you for your patience and the very substantial contribution you and others have made to date. Again, our thanks to the LGBTI Health Alliance for their work and insights and we look forward to working together in the future.

If you have any queries in relation to this process, please email [scheme.strategies@ndis.gov.au](mailto:scheme.strategies@ndis.gov.au) and we will respond accordingly.

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