

Statements from motions passed at First Queer Collective Meeting

(17th June 2020)

1. The Queer Collective wishes to acknowledge the oppression faced by Indigenous and People of Colour, alongside acknowledging the roots of LGBT+ activism in civil disobedience. As such, we support civil disobedience and protest in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.
2. The Queer Collective condemns the comments made by UQ Dean of Law Patrick Parkinson in a paper written on the September 6, 2019, that perpetuates attitudes on campus that are both transphobic and homophobic. We call upon UQ to recognise that there is no place for medically inaccurate comments to be made at UQ.
3. The Queer Collective calls for uniformed police and “corrective services” to be refused participation in the annual Brisbane Pride March, alongside all other relevant events in both Brisbane and across Australia.
4. The Queer Collective wishes to acknowledge the Indigenous queer population of Australia, and recognise that sovereignty was never ceded. As appropriate steps towards recognition must be made, the Queer Collective calls upon UQ to update their online delineations of the queer community to “LGBTQIA+ Sistergirl and Brotherboy.”
5. The Queer Collective condemns the 2019 Religious Discrimination Bill.
6. The Queer Collective calls upon UQ to recognise the frustration felt by the Queer and LGBT+ community in regards to the lack of gender neutral bathrooms across campus, and the lack of inclusion that this causes. As such, we call upon UQ to make relevant changes to ensure students feel included on campuses at UQ.