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## **Subject: LGBTQIASB+ Health Position Statement**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We read with interest your organisation's recent publication "LGBTQIASB+ Health Position Statement" (<https://www.ama.com.au/articles/lgbtqiasb-health-position-statement>) published on 06/02/2024.

We are writing to ask what you understand the '+' in LGBTQIA+ to represent.

We are interested in the '+' people your organisation is working to support - what are their characteristics, and on what basis do they face discrimination?

LGB Alliance Australia is the only Australian organisation exclusively dedicated to the rights and interests of lesbians, gay men and bisexual (LGB) people.

It is already unhelpful that our community's views and interests are routinely conflated with various identities through use of the acronym "LGBTIQA+". Sexual orientation, differences of sex development, queer identities and gender identity share no common ground and, in practice, many proponents of this acronym hold views that are directly at odds with same-sex attraction.

To be linked to undefined groups who may fall under the '+' is a further and more serious concern.

We can think of no other context in which a group named in a [policy/research/program] is left entirely undefined. We would welcome clarification of exactly who falls under the '+', what characteristics they share, and on what evidential basis they are grouped alongside lesbians, gay men and bisexual people in legislation, anti-discrimination frameworks and public policy.

We look forward to your response.

Your sincerely,



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