

Mental Health Australia statement on the Darlington Statement

Mental Health Australia is proud to sign the Darlington Statement, a joint consensus statement by Australian and Aotearoa/New Zealand intersex organisations and advocates which sets out the priorities and calls by the intersex human rights movement in these countries.

Mental Health Australia stands by the intersex community to raise the visibility of their priorities and needs, including human rights and legal reform, health and wellbeing, peer support, allies, and education, awareness, and employment. For too long this community has faced stigma and discrimination, and harmful medical practices continue to occur in Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand. Mental Health Australia acknowledges the impact this has on mental health, leading to trauma, distress, isolation, and mental ill-health.

Mental Health Australia acknowledges the diversity within the intersex community, and hopes that signing the Darlington Statement will be our first step towards uplifting the voices of this community and raising the visibility of intersex issues in Australia.

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