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Review of Ministerial Diary Disclosures
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re: Review of Ministerial Diary Disclosures

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept the following submission responding to the "Enhancing Accountability and Transparency: A Review of Ministerial Diary Disclosures Discussion Paper, November 2025".

Equality Tasmania's is Tasmania's only dedicated LGBTIQA+ human rights organisation and Australia's oldest. We have a long history of consulting with the LGBTIQA+ community and contributing to policy-making at a local, state and national level.

Equality Tasmania welcomes the State Government's commitment to transparency and accountability. We particularly welcome the current consultation about a ministerial diary disclosure framework. In response to that consultation we submit the following.

Support for transparency and accountability

We regularly meet with ministers. We know those who oppose LGBTIQA+ equality do as well. We believe it would be of benefit to the wider public for there to be a public record of these meetings. The benefits would include:

- More open and democratic governance
- More awareness of government involvement in issues which can be sensitive and controversial
- Greater understanding of the disadvantages facing the LGBTIQ+ community
- Dispelling myths and stereotypes about “secret” LGBTIQ+ lobbying and “the hidden gay agenda”

Model for reform

We support a broad model of reform. This would include:

- Disclosure of all ministerial meetings including meetings with departmental advisors and attendance at party events
- Disclosure of all shadow ministerial meetings
- Easy access to this information in a searchable, digital format
- Timely release of this information, at least monthly
- Mandatory reporting
- Entrenching all of the above in legislation

If you have any questions please let us know.

Best wishes,
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