

# Executive summary

The Queensland Government is committed to advancing the rights and interests of women and girls, increasing their economic participation, and working to achieve gender equality in Queensland.

The *Queensland Women and Girls' Health Strategy 2032* has been developed as a commitment under the *Queensland Women's Strategy 2022-27*.



**Our aim**  
All women and girls are well and healthy throughout their lives and can participate in social, economic, and cultural activities.

The **Strategy** outlines the Queensland Government's ongoing commitment to improve the health of all women and girls.

**Our Strategy aims to** improve the health and wellbeing of all women and girls across their life course, with a focus on our priority communities, to achieve health equity, including:

- First Nations women and girls
- culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) women and girls
- women and girls with disability
- members of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ+) communities
- women and girls living in rural and remote areas
- women and girls in contact with the justice system, including women in custody.

**We undertook extensive consultation to inform the development of this Strategy.**

We heard from many women and girls living in Queensland and organisations that provide health and other services to women and girls. We gathered as much information as possible.

*Research* was commissioned and provided by the Australian Women and Girls' Health Research Centre to ensure the Strategy is also based on evidence.

This Strategy is to be read in combination with the *Queensland Women and Girls' Health Strategy 2032 – Consultation Outcomes Report* which summarises what we heard.

**Our principles**



Human rights



Women and girls' voices



First Nations health and healing



Life course approach



Determinants of health



Co-design and collaboration



Clinical and cultural safety



Health equity

**Priority health action areas**



Healthy lifestyles and bodies



Sexual and reproductive health



Health response to domestic and family violence, and sexual violence



Mental health and wellbeing



Maternal health



Chronic health conditions and cancer

**System reform goals**

- Enhance the health of priority communities
- Increase prevention and early intervention
- Improve health literacy
- Increase access to gender-informed, integrated and equitable care
- Continue to develop an informed and trusted workforce
- Build a strong evidence base

Driving effective and meaningful change across the health system and across government requires strong commitment. Our Strategy will support the **HealthQ32** vision by driving innovative service delivery.

**We will work together to improve women and girls' health through:**



Co-design



Collective implementation



Building evidence



Advocacy



Linking across the health system

Queensland Health thanks everyone who has contributed to reforms by sharing their unique experiences and suggestions on how to improve the health of women and girls.

**An evaluation framework will enable the Queensland Government to assess the Strategy's outcomes and impact on the health and wellbeing of Queensland's women and girls.**

Anticipated outcomes align to the system reform goals. These broadly include improved health and wellbeing of Queensland women and girls, increased availability and access to health services and information, improved system support for coordinated care, and improved workforce capacity and capability in providing gender-informed care.