



# Living Proud

LGBTI Community Services of WA  
formerly Gay & Lesbian Community Services

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## Living Proud Media Release

Living Proud is likely to close most services after 43 years of working with the LGBTI and general community after the State Government decided to cease its funding for the organisation from 1 July 2017.

Established in 1974 as the Homosexual Counselling and Information Service of WA, Living Proud has evolved through many guises including and Gay and Lesbian Community Services of WA before adopting the more inclusive Living Proud name in 2013.

According to Reuben Edmonds, the Chairperson of Living Proud the service has helped more than 10,000 people for over 4 decades.

Mr Edmonds said he was disappointed with the lack of financial support from the state government. Mr Edmonds also said that in a tight economy it is important to understand the limitations on government funding.

Living Proud are asking the LGBTI community to dig deep and donate to its appeal to help the organisation maintain a level of services for Western Australia by going to <http://www.livingproud.org.au/support-us/donate/>

The QLife counselling service, which is federally funded will continue to operate.

According to Mr Edmonds, the Living Proud Board is also looking at alternative funding sources.

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