Rugby Players Fight Homophobia

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The Qantas Wallabies, the Australian national rugby team, has posed for a series of photos to fight homophobia in a new media campaign in cooperation with the AIDS Council of New South Wales (ACON), Australia's largest community-based HIV/AIDS and LGBT health organization.

The ACON "This is Oz" project is an online photo gallery where people can upload images of themselves, friends and family with messages in support of LGBT issues. For this project, the Wallabies posed for photos with the Sydney Convicts, a gay rugby club.

The photos speak for themselves. I can't imagine a major professional sporting league in the United States even considering such an overt display of support for the LGBT community.

Here's a photo of the Wallabies:

Here’s a photo of the Wallabies and the Convicts:

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