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Women's party say No to nuclear.

Speaking today on a regional tour of Gippsland, Victorian Senate candidate for What Women Want (Australia) Madeleine Love, said "Nuclear power, nuclear waste dumps and uranium mining are significant issues in the forthcoming Federal election, particularly for women". Polls conducted recently confirm there is a growing concern for women about the safety of nuclear power. According to the Morgan Gallup Poll¹ (June 2006), 74% of women said no to more uranium mines, compared with only 55% of men. In the March 2007 Morgan Gallup Poll², 90% of women expressed concern about the disposal of nuclear waste, compared with 74% of men. We also know that 83% of women polled in April 2007 (Newspoll) were opposed to having a nuclear power plan built in their local area.

"Nuclear power is a women's issue", argues Ms Love. "It has the potential to affect the well-being of our society and could have considerable impact on our children. If women band together and vote against the major parties who support nuclear power and uranium mining, it will send a clear message to further engender change. What Women Want (Australia) does not support uranium mining, nuclear power, or nuclear waste disposal in Australia", said Ms Love.

A study conducted by The Australia Institute concluded that women, parents, the young and the middle aged were the most against nuclear power. "Groups with a vested interest in the future who care for their environment are opposed to the nuclear industry. We know that women want power from renewable sources and we argue that using nuclear power is not the answer", added Ms Love.

Following the campaign visit to Gippsland, Ms Love will be attending the Renewable Energy Conference being held in Bendigo September 17-18. "It is important for women to have a very strong understanding of the alternatives to nuclear power, and arm themselves with correct information about the positive power of renewable energy. What Women Want (Australia) aims to enhance this voice of women in Federal Parliament", she added.

WWW has endorsed senate candidates for NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA, and TAS and in a number of key marginal seats including Wakefield, Hindmarsh and Macmillan. "Women want power for the future that is safe, sustainable and clean", said Ms Love. "We know that renewables are the answer and we will bring strong representation to the senate on these issues", she added.

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¹ Number 4032

² Number 4145