

The Charter of What Women Want (Australia)

What Women Want (Australia) aims to be the political party dedicated to advancing the voice of Australian women. It will dedicate its work to giving women more of a say in the direction of our country and the important policies that shape it.

What Women Want (Australia) will promote greater participation from women of all ages, cultures and life experience. Currently decisions and policies made by government (disproportionately represented by men) affect women's health and well-being. They also affect the lives of others, including family members and communities. We believe that with more women in Parliament these decisions would be more 'woman, family and community friendly'. Policies would have the 'stamp of practicality' from women who are 'walking the talk', strengthening economic and social policy, to ensure the long term viability of Australia's growth and development both here and internationally.

As members of What Women Want (Australia) we will promote the goals and objectives of this charter and seek ;

- To increase opportunities for women in public participation, political, social and economic decision making
- To break down the inequalities that prevent equal representation
- To ensure cultural, social, land and human rights of Australia's Aboriginal peoples are met through recognition and self-determination
- To promote and develop policies based on a life cycle of our society, rather than an electoral cycle
- To establish equitable access to health care, education and housing for all Australians
- To eradicate poverty through policy formation that addresses the causes and symptoms of poverty
- To promote work that is safe, meaningful, fairly paid, socially useful, child care supportive and able to be a part of life, rather than the whole.
- To eliminate discrimination based on gender, age, race, ethnicity, class, religion, disability, sexuality, or membership of a minority group.
- To respect and protect ethnic, religious, racial diversity
- To promote peace and resist in engagement of war and occupation of other lands and cultures, opposing human rights abuses and political oppression
- To keep Australia nuclear free.
- To develop economic policies that will ensure greater resource and energy efficiency that source and use environmentally sustainable technologies.
- To engage in and promote fair trade
- To develop independent foreign policy that ensures we meet our obligations as members to the declaration for human rights.
- To provide increased development assistance and concerted international action to abolish Third World Debt where initiatives to reduce climate change are established.