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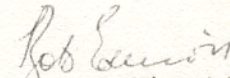
Dear Mrs. Beaurepaire,

As you know, I have on a number of occasions indicated my intention to put forward for consideration by the Government proposals for sex discrimination legislation at Commonwealth level.

The enactment of such legislation is a significant step, and I believe the Government would wish in considering the scope and substance of an Act to know the views of the National Women's Advisory Council. I am writing to you therefore to ask that the Council at its next meeting address itself to the relevant issues and provide advice which could assist the Government in its deliberations. To assist Council in its own consideration, I attach a paper prepared by the Office of Women's Affairs which has been canvassed with the Attorney-General's Department whose responsibility it would be to administer the legislation. The paper is not intended to express the Government's or my views on the issues but to raise for consideration a number of relevant questions.

I should be grateful if Council would treat the paper as confidential.

Yours sincerely,



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