

NATIONAL WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

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A FIRST STEP...

On 14 July 1978 the Government announced the appointment of a twelve member National Women's Advisory Council.

Creation of the Council was a positive response to the Report of the Women's Advisory Body Working Party which was presented to the Prime Minister in September 1977.

IN A NEW DIRECTION...

The National Women's Advisory Council advises the Government, through the Minister for Home Affairs, on matters of concern to women in all walks of life -- the home, the workforce and the community.

Its functions are directed at responding to the diverse views of women and presenting these to Government and recommending action so that policies and legislation take due account of women's needs and priorities.

FOR ALL WOMEN...

Until women achieve equal opportunity in all walks of public life, the National Women's Advisory Council will continue its work.

Through the Council, Australian women for the first time have a consultative voice at Federal Government level.

This is a significant step in redressing the low level of participation by women in public decision-making -- a level which no longer reflects the range of occupations, skills, talents, aspirations and experience demonstrated by women in their various roles.

In its report to the Prime Minister, the Women's Advisory Body Working Party noted:

'The lack of representation of women throughout all spheres of influence in public life represents a significant loss of human resources to the nation. As well, it raises serious questions about the validity and relevance of decisions themselves.'

The National Women's Advisory Council now provides a bridge for women to the public arena.

IN
PARTNERSHIP...

The National Women's Advisory Council looks to women, government and non-government organisations at all levels, together with the media, as working partners co-operating in areas of mutual concern.

Council listens, advises and provides information and comment.

Specifically, the Council's work program includes:

- . contact with women, women's organisations and other interested groups and individuals
- . raising awareness within the community of the situation of women and of their varied and changing roles and aspirations
- . liaison with the media to ensure women's individuality and achievements are given due recognition
- . promoting a policy of equality of opportunity for all women
- . convening forums, seminars and conferences throughout Australia
- . reporting annually through the Minister to Parliament and, with the Minister's consent, producing publications.

AROUND
AUSTRALIA...

The Council meets regularly, dividing its meetings between city and country areas.

Council's Secretariat, within the Office of Women's Affairs, Canberra, provides office support and central facilities for Council members, who are from all Australian States and Territories.

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Council is accessible to all women, women's organisations, the media and interested individuals. Representations, views and inquiries may be mailed or phoned to the Secretariat or members.

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