



Premiers Council for Women

Established in Dec 2002.

18 members – 10 new in 2005

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Pat Mickan (Deputy)

Ms Diat Alferink

Ms Dascia Bennett

Dr Ingrid Day

Ms Rosa Colanero

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Ms Janet Giles

Ms Danielle Grant

Ms Mandy Keillor

Ms Sue Lamshed

Ms Kerryne Liddle

Ms Sarah Macdonald

Dr Susan Magarey

Prof Eleanor Ramsay

Ms Nerida Saunders

Ms Kim Tolotta

Ms Eugenia Tsoulis

# Role

Shape and inform Government policies for women.

Monitor policies and programs across government to ensure the needs of women are met.

'Develop and implement strategies to deal with the cause of inequalities for women and to provide leadership to influence and shape women's policy, particularly in areas related to income, housing, health and employment'

(State Strategic Plan)

# The Beginning

- Statistical profile
- Consultation
- Women and poverty; women and work

# Consultation

- Adelaide
- Whyalla
- Riverland
- Young women
- Southeast

# Working Groups & Regular Reports

- Work and family
- Boards and Committees
- Indigenous
- Forums
- Gender Indicators
- Safety Strategy
- Women's Health Policy
- Poverty\*
- Helplines services\*
- Generational Health Review\*
- Child Protection Review\*
- Youth/Sport\*

\* Short term

# Issues

- Time
- Childcare
- Work/Life balance
- Education
- Homelessness
- Violence/Safety

# Liaison

- Economic Development Board
- Generational Health Review
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Women's Services Network
- Women's Advisory Structures around Australia
- University of South Australia/University of Adelaide
- Department of Corrections
- OARS
- Victims of Crime
- Department of Human Services
- APOSS
- SA Council of Social Services
- SAMEAC
- Multicultural SA
- Social Inclusion Board
- Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Women's Agricultural Bureau
- Women's Information Service
- Office for Women

# Activity

- Review of Child Protection in South Australia
- Generational Health Review
- Strategy to increase the representation of women on Boards and Committees
- Review of the Equal Opportunity Act
- Economic Development Board
- Work and family issues
- Gender indicators and disaggregated data resource
- Women's Safety Strategy
- Women's Health Policy
- Adelaide Women's Prison

# Boards and Committees

- Increase the number of women on government boards and committees - target of 50% by 2006
- Premier's Women's Directory
  - users/passwords issued since launch: 66
  - site visits to February: 2769
- Implementation Strategy

# Data Disaggregation

- PCW commissioned researchers to develop gender indicators, information and analysis about sources of gender disaggregated data
- 'We can't get the data' - not a satisfactory response
- Office for Women Report Card - teenage pregnancy, education and training, leadership, housing, employment, income, wealth and caring.
- Development/Implementation from Office of the Premier
- State budget - gender analysis

# State Strategic Plan

- PCW input
- Targets:
  - Increase the number of women on all State Government boards and committees to 50% on average by 2006.
  - Have 50% on average of State Government boards and committees chaired by women by 2008.
  - Increase the number of female members of Parliament to 50% within 10 years.
- Representation on the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee and Audit Committee
- Report at each PCW meeting on the activities of these committees

# Women's Housing

- All PCW forums indicate need for greater accessibility to housing
- Poverty is one of the factors in issues of housing for women.
- Ireland's anti-poverty strategy
- Direct payment of social security benefits to wives/partners
- 'Sexcluded: Women, homes and Sex Discrimination 2004 – a snapshot study'

# Thankyou and Questions

- Information about the Council and its work is available on the Office for Women website: [www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au](http://www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au)