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Hear Our Voice Launched and ready for a fight

Australia has a new political party - the 'Hear Our Voice' party.

Hear Our Voice was officially launched at Parliament House today by party President and Senate candidate for NSW, Toni McLennan.

Hear Our Voice's focus is on equal representation for women in parliament, gay and lesbian equality, more support for aged Australians and the environment.

Toni McLennan condemned the record of the "old" parties on women's equality.

"Only 28% of politicians in both Houses of Parliament are women and this is unacceptable in a country which proudly claims a tradition of a fair go," she said.

"The truth is that women have little control over the public policy that governs their social and economic well being. This situation must change and Hear Our Voice is here to make that change.

"Hear Our Voice supports an increase in the aged pension. Could you live on around \$260 a week? I know I couldn't."

Toni McLennan said Hear Our Voice would be the voice in Parliament for gay and lesbian Australians.

"The old parties are not serious about supporting gay and lesbian people – the proof is in the legislation they refuse to pass," she said.

“Hear Our Voice will work in the Senate to ensure same sex couples are included in the definition of de-facto spouse and to remove all discrimination in the law and society.”

Toni McLennan said another aim of Hear Our Voice is to remind Australians there is more to life than the accumulation of wealth.

“Hear Our Voice will not measure our success through economic statistics, but through the quality of life and happiness of our citizens and a healthy environment. Our policy decisions will be focused on making a real difference to the lives of Australians.

“If you believe that our current politicians are not moving down the right path and you want to see real change, then vote for Hear Our Voice in the NSW Senate this election.

More information about Hear Our Voice can be found at www.tonimclennan.com

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