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Women in Politics – Never!

Toni McLennan, NSW Senate candidate for Australia's newest political party "Hear Our Voice" agrees with Julia Gillard's comments that 'it sometimes seems impossible to win', referring to the struggle for women entering leadership positions.

Toni McLennan, former Labor party member, left Labor to form her own political party, Hear Our Voice, after it became clear that "Labor was not serious about women's equality in parliament" she said.

"Of the 226 members in the House of Representatives and the Senate, only 28% are women", she said. This figure is proof that the Coalition and Labor are not serious about equal representation for women in parliament", Toni McLennan said.

Hear Our Voice is campaigning to bring more women into politics and leadership roles. "If there were more women in parliament would we have so willingly joined the Coalition of the Willing and invaded Iraq, would there be so many people living in poverty, or would the parliament consider coal profits more important than our environment?" she said.

Toni McLennan is appealing to the people of NSW – "if you believe there should be more women in parliament than vote for Hear Our Voice"

"If you want to learn more about Hear Our Voice than visit our website at <u>www.tonimclennan.com</u>" she said.

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