

# HEAR OUR VOICE POLICY STATEMENTS

## WOMEN

Hear Our Voice will be the voice for women wanting to enter parliament.

Hear Our Voice believes that women have a right to the same opportunities and rewards as men in society. We believe that women are entitled to an equal say into all the issues that affect their lives.

Hear Our Voice believes that women have a right to equal representation in parliament and in the political decision making environment.

Hear Our Voice wants to work toward a society that encourages women's participation in all aspects of life, including political, intellectual, economic and social.

Hear Our Voice recognizes women's efforts and contributions in society and we support initiatives that will improve women's access to parliaments and senior positions in both the public and private sectors.

Hear Our Voice totally opposes violence toward women, and we believe women should have freedom from sexual abuse in any circumstance. Hear Our Voice supports public education campaigns and initiatives that tackle the issue of violence toward women, including family violence.

Hear Our Voice believes women should be entitled to equal pay for work of equal value, and we encourage society to acknowledge the unpaid yet crucially important work women do in regard to caring for their families.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives that will improve social structures which disadvantage women in life.

Hear Our Voice believes women have the right to make decisions about their health, pregnancy, reproduction, birthing and child rearing.

Hear Our Voice believes that all women should have free access to pregnancy termination services, and to unbiased counseling services.

Hear Our Voice believes women should have access to safe and secure accommodation and crisis housing when needed. We believe women in rural, regional and remote areas, and Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are also entitled to the same access and support services.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives and programs that encourage family friendly workplaces.

Hear Our Voice supports the introduction of legislation that removes all forms of discrimination against women.

Hear Our Voice believes the Office for the Status of Women should be re-established.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives that increase the number of women candidates in the political arena, at all levels of government.