



National Women's Alliances

Bringing a gender focus to national
policy

Three population focused Alliances



AMaRWA
AUSTRALIAN MIGRANT AND
REFUGEE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

- Australian Migrant and Refugee Alliance (AMaRWA)



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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA)



- National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC)

Three 'issue' focused Alliances



- Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA)



- Economic Security For Women (eS4W)



- Equality Rights Alliance (ERA)



- Funded by the Commonwealth Government through FaC
- Established in 2010
- New contract to 2016





- Two central roles:
 - Bring together and support women's organisations and individuals from across Australia to identify issues and solutions; and
 - Bring the diversity of women's experiences and voices to government
- Varying structures and approaches





•Priorities for Women 2013

- Art. 7 CEDAW – public participation
 - Enrol, then vote correctly on an independent and informed basis
 - Website developed with AEC assistance
- Gender lens on policy development and implementation





- Gender Lens on policy development, implementation and assessment
 - Meaningful consultation
 - Gender disaggregated data
 - Policy outcomes identifying women as a target
 - Gender aware reporting





Equality Rights Alliance

Women's Voices for Gender Equality

- Network – 60 member organisations
- Gender equality
- Women's leadership
- Women's diversity (young women)
- Human rights framework



Equality Rights Alliance

Women's Voices for Gender Equality

2013-16 Priorities:

- Bringing the diversity of women's voices to develop and resource policies and processes that will achieve equality for women.
- Housing that meets the needs of women.
- Women's equality in laws and access to justice.
- Women's health and wellbeing.
- Economic policy and structures that meet the needs of women



Equality Rights Alliance

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Affordable housing with a gender lens

- Definition of housing stress: 30% of income v household wellbeing
- Type of housing / location
- Forward planning – ageing women

AWAVA's focus?

To ensure that all women and children are able to live free from all forms of violence and abuse

AWAVA Recognises:

Violence against women and girls is both a *consequence and cause of gender inequality* in all sectors of society and must be *addressed by promoting women's rights and social, political and economic equality*

AWAVA operates through:

Amplifying and harnessing the work of its 21 Advisory Group members and Friends & Supporters

- Visit our website www.awava.org.au and subscribe to our e-bulletin Weekly Round-up
- Join as a Friend & Supporter by contacting info@awava.org.au or downloading form online
- Follow us on twitter at [AWAVA_Women](https://twitter.com/AWAVA_Women) 
- 'Like' us on Facebook
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Women in Australia have fewer financial resources, less wealth and property, and higher family burdens in the dual economies of paid and unpaid work than their male counterparts.

-Women and Health and Wellbeing:
Position Paper 2012

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S4W Lifelong Economic Wellbeing for Women



Association of Women Educators

19 Member Organisations How many members?



APESMA

Working on Priorities - 2013

- Gender equity: pay, conditions and workforce participation
- The Australian Care Economy
- Education and training of women and girls
- Gender statistics and analysis
- Collaborations with Alliances
 - CSW, Priorities for Women, CEDAW

National Rural Women's Coalition Ltd Governance Board



The Objectives of the NRWC

- Represent the diverse views of women in rural, regional and remote Australia
- Provide advice to the Australian Government on policy issues relevant to the views and circumstances of rural women
- Contribute to building a positive profile of rural women, their issues and achievements



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance

- Strengthen the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women
- Influence policy, through advocacy and representation
- Build capacity and work with other Alliances to address women's issues.



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance

- Right to Public Participation – Art. 7 CEDAW
- Barriers to electoral participation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women



Australian Migrant and Refugee Women's Alliance

- NIRWA - lead agency
- Representing the voices and interests of immigrant and refugee women at the national level.
- Young women's leadership, precarious employment and violence against CaLD women



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- Employment is Empowerment, Empowerment is Choice, Choice is Economic Security
- Employment policy from the perspective of CaLD women
 - precarious employment
 - young women (recent graduates / school leavers)
 - empowerment through economic and financial security – capacity to return to study / work, leave a violent relationship and have the greater say in one's own life.



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