

Women's Petition

2001

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER
AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED:

*The humble petition of the undersigned
citizens of the State of Victoria sheweth*

*That women desire a just and inclusive nation
in which the voices of all its people and its many
cultures are heard and respected.*

*That it is an inalienable right of all women
to participate fully and equally in shaping our
nation and have their contribution valued.*

*That we acknowledge and respect Australia's
Indigenous peoples' spiritual connection with
and custodianship of the land and its waters.
We recognise past hurt and we will work together
to achieve justice and equity.*

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE PRAY
THAT THE GOVERNMENT DELIVERS
FOR AND WITH VICTORIAN WOMEN
AND COMMUNITIES:

- * Equal representation of women in all areas and levels of decision making.
- * A plan ensuring safety for women and children in the home, workplace and the community.
- * Economic independence and security for all women, genuine equal pay for equal work, fair and family friendly working conditions and access to quality child care.
- * High quality, life long and affordable education relevant to the diverse needs of all girls and women.
- * An accessible, well-funded community based public health network which includes specific services for women and girls.
- * Environmental sustainability to improve and protect the quality of our air, land and water.
- * Presentations of women in the media and advertising which are positive and non-exploitative.
- * A society where caring and unpaid work are valued and shared.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.