RECOGNISING the need for increased women’s participation in the key decision making forums in the community and in democratic governance, we, the local governments of Victoria, on behalf of our communities support the following principles:

GENDER EQUITY
That women and men have an equal right to be representatives in local governments, committees and decision-making positions.

DIVERSITY
The inclusion of different experiences and perspectives in local governments and community decision-making strengthens local democratic governance and helps build cohesive communities. Councils and communities encourage and welcome the participation of all women.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
Local governments will work with the community to increase the numbers and participation of women in public life, so that decision-making more clearly represents and reflects the interests and demographies of communities.