



Australian Gender Equality Council

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Gender Equality Scorecard: silence is deafening on issues relating to women in 2022 Federal Election

As Australia commences its pre-poll voting, women across the country are astounded and appalled that issues relating to gender equality, including women's safety and economic security, have failed to make the core agenda of the 2022 Federal Election or the conversation amongst our leaders.

With 12.8 million women in Australia, making up just over 50% of Australia's population, the parties have so far said very little, if anything, about how they intend to address the issues affecting such a major group of voters.

Today, the Australian Gender Equality Council (AGEC), an independent non-partisan organisation representing over 500,000 women across 24 industry and community sectors, releases its Australian Federal Election 2022 AGEC Women's Scorecard.

The scorecard provides a star rating on how the six major parties running in the 2022 Federal Election have announced they will address the issues surrounding women including the development of a National Gender Equality Strategy, free universal childcare, safety and respect for women, women's economic security and achieving parity in women's representation and leadership in Australia.

Chair of AGEC, Ms Coral Ross AM, said that despite two years of demonstrating, lobbying, and providing evidence-based solutions to government, we are perplexed that gender equality has not been at the top of the agenda in this election campaign and we release this scorecard based on the parties' published policy platforms.

"The AGEC Women's Scorecard, at this point in the election campaign, acknowledges the superior stance of The Greens and the Australian Labor Party in addressing some of the issues relating to women, with The Liberal and National Parties demonstrating very little policy improvement initiatives and One Nation and the United Australia Party showing none," Ms Ross said.

"It is our hope with the release of this scorecard, is that women take the time to review what each party will do to support their needs and vote accordingly," she said.

AGEC is a national, non-government, not for profit organisation, representing over 500,000 women across 24 industry and community sectors, advocating and producing research to respond to the unacceptably slow pace of change towards gender equality in Australia.

AGEC stands ready to assist and advise the government on implementing a comprehensive gender equality strategy and program of policies.

Read Federal Election 2022 AGEC Women's Scorecard at www.agec.org.au/agecscorecard2022election/

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About the Australian Gender Equality Council (AGEC)

AGEC is a non-government, not for profit organisation – a peak body across a wide range of industry and community sectors advocating for gender equality. We use an evidence-based approach to highlight the facts, the benefits of change, and to ensure initiatives achieve long-term, sustainable change. We have a strong social media and online presence that focuses on building awareness across the community of the need for change with messages that connect with everyone. We operate on an entirely voluntary basis and rely on grassroots and in-kind funding. For more information on AGEC see our website www.agec.org.au

Member Organisations of the Australian Gender Equality Council

National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)

Australian Federation of Business & Professional Women (AFBPW)

Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)

Australian Women Lawyers (AWL)

Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA)

Women in Super (WIS)

Australian Women in Resources Alliance (AWRA)

Women in Digital (WID)

Women and Leadership Australia (WLA)

Transport Women Australia (TWA)

Women in Aviation Australian Chapter (WAI)

Women in Banking and Finance (WIBF)

National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC)

National Association of Women in Operations (NAWO)

Women in Technology (WIT)

Women in Gaming & Hospitality (WGA)

Economic Security for Women (eS4W)

Older Women's Network (OWN)

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