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Women's Electoral Lobby South Australia

(1972 -)

Born 19720731, Adelaide South Australia Australia

Occupation Social action organisation

Summary

The Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL.) first formed in Victoria, 1972. Conducted on a voluntary, non-profit basis, the W.E.L. is a political pressure group that seeks to remove the economic and social disadvantages of women in Australia, to end discrimination against women and to promote equal opportunity. The W.E.L. was constituted with a double purpose – to carry to the elected representatives of the community the views and requirements of female electors and to inform those female electors about their representatives' standard of consciousness of women's issues.

Details

Since 1972, W.E.L. activities have diversified around the central lobby theme. Sexual harassment, birth control and abortion, child care, parental benefits and child abuse, family law and women in jail, domestic violence, emergency housing, women's health (including mental health), offensive advertising and pornography, education and employment, environmental concerns, the rights of Indigenous women and religion are some of the areas addressed by W.E.L. As well as a large body of members, monthly newsletters and annual National Conferences, many ad hoc action groups were developed including environmental, law, media, health, women in detention, women in education and the dangers of gambling.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

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