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# Women’s Electoral Lobby SA Policy Platform

Thank you for agreeing to engage with the Women’s Electoral Lobby SA on issues of relevance to and importance to the Women of South Australia. The seven listed priorities have been arrived at on the basis of matters raised with WEL-SA by women in a dedicated workshop for that purpose.

Please indicate your personal position on each priority by marking the appropriate adjacent square.

## 1 Pandemic recovery

▫ Address the disproportionate impact on women and the reinforcement of gender

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## 2 Reducing and eliminating violence against women and children

- Mandatory sexual consent training in schools – and for teachers
- Increase funding and greater supports for domestic violence services; refuges and frontline services including prevention services and women’s safety services
- Legislation to criminalise coercive control and stealthing
- Gain consistent definitions across all states and territories for domestic and family violence related legislation.
- Increased focus on preventing violence against women with disabilities and an Independent Authority to oversee services and policies
- Raise the age of criminal responsibility
- Public education programs on domestic and family violence
- First Nation focussed child protection policies that focus on supporting families

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### 3 Climate and environmental crises

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- n Proactive Climate change policies
- n Environmental protection
- n Water distribution and maintenance
- n Clean energy
- n Emission controls
- n Protecting biodiversity and the natural environment
- n Assisting SA businesses and agriculture to make the transition
- n Salination of the Murray River

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### 4 Work

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- n Create a positive duty on employers to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace
- n Fully implement the recommendations of the SA Equal Opportunity Commissioner's reports into sexual harassment in the Parliament and legal professions
- n Criminalise wage theft: systemic and deliberate underpayment of wages, super not being paid
- n Decriminalise sex work

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(Re sex work decrim, desire further enquiry re ramifications of decrim versus addressing underlying issues which means this is not a true choice for some)

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### 5 Housing

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- n Women focused policies to improve access to public, social and community housing
- n Increasing funding for housing for homeless women especially older women
- n Improved security of tenure in tenancy laws
- n Affordable housing for purchase and renting
- n More programs and focus on transitioning to own your own home

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## 6 Education and training

- n Compulsory consent education for all students
- n Technology training for women, addressing the digital divide – including gender investment gaps in start-up enterprises
- n Increase all girl's public schools
- n Support girls in education including STEM – and STEAM and entrepreneurial pathways
- n Extend sex education to be taught throughout all primary and high school years – including focus on menstrual health, menstrual cycles and full scope fertility education, including birth choices components for seniors
- n Increase funding to public schools
- n Teach the TRUE history of Australia's colonial past – will require further information to confirm what is meant here

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## 7 Health

- n Ensure a sustainable future for the Pregnancy Advisory Centre – ABSOLUTELY. This is a major issue which has gone unaddressed for several years now.
- n Ensure a sustainable future for TQEH and their relationship between the Pregnancy Advisory Centre – would prefer reinstatement of standalone, full scope abortion care services at PAC
- n Focus on First Nation People's access to mental health services
- n Ensure access to reproductive health services that are safe, accessible and effective
- n Ending period poverty – and address poverty of understanding regarding normal fertility physiology
- n Access to women's health services in rural and regional areas
- n Funding for women's health initiatives – particularly to address ever-increasing Caesaeran birth rates (a longstanding passion of mine)
- n Improved and continued support for SHINE SA

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WEL-SA thanks you again for collaborating with us in this survey. The results of the survey will be collated by WEL-SA and published as a "Scorecard" for the information of voters in the forthcoming State election.

I am additionally concerned about the emerging gender gap with regards to government investment in Innovation in South Australia. Spaces like Lot 14 are measured against growth metrics which disadvantage / exclude social enterprises and thereby disadvantage / exclude many female founders and entrepreneurs (who typically pursue social enterprise and/or are less likely to be supported in currently male-dominated Tech / Defence / Space industry pathways).