

APPENDIX “D”

RESOLUTIONS OF NATIONAL MEETINGS 2011-2019

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CHAPTER 1 – CHILD AND FAMILY

1.8 MARRIAGE

1.8.1 Age of Marriage

- 1.8.1.4 a) That the marriage age be raised to 16 for both sexes.
b) That the age of marriage for minors be 16 years instead of 12 for girls and 14 for boys as at present. 1933.

Overturns 1.8.1.3

Superseded by 1.8.1.7

- 1.8.1.7 That NCWNZ supports the legal minimum age of marriage being 18 years without any exceptions for parental consent. 2014.
Supersedes 1.8.1.4

1.8.2 Marriage, Miscellaneous

- 1.8.2.5 That NCWNZ supports measures to prevent underage and forced marriages and to protect women harmed by polygamy and dowry-related violence in accordance with clauses 21 and 38 of the July 2012 New Zealand Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. 2013.

CHAPTER 2 – CIVIC AFFAIRS

2.7 PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 2.7.4 That NCWNZ support the Official Information Act 1982 provisions to ensure equitable, public access to official information through both individual and group requests. 2019.

2.11 TREATY OF WAITANGI

2.11.1 That as a statement of policy NCWNZ:

- (i) acknowledges the Treaty of Waitangi as New Zealand's founding document which created a bicultural partnership with rights and responsibilities for both partners;
- (ii) recognises that many ethnic groups have contributed to the cultural diversity of Aotearoa New Zealand; and
- (iii) is committed to the development of an harmonious multicultural society. 1992.

Superseded by 2.11.3

2.11.3 That NCWNZ is committed to the rights and obligations articulated in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi as the founding documents of Aotearoa. NCWNZ demonstrates a visible and tangible commitment to honouring the tikanga of tangata whenua and ensuring the fulfilment of rights and responsibilities of both Tiriti partners. 2018.

Supersedes 2.11.1

2.14 WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT

2.14.2 That the Conference makes representation as a Conference to the head of each political party in N.Z. urging that they put some women on their list of candidates for each election. 1923.

Superseded by 2.14.6

2.14.4 That the time has arrived when it is desirable to set up an interim committee to investigate the whole question of Parliamentary Elections with a view to securing fuller complementary representation of both sexes by both sexes. 1932.

Superseded by 2.14.6

2.14.5 The National Council of Women hereby urges that women work heart and soul to put women into Parliament. 1933, reaffirmed 1934.

Supersedes 2.14.1

Superseded by 2.14.6

2.14.6 That NCWNZ urges Parliament and all political parties to increase women's representation in Parliament through changes to processes of candidate selection and the electoral system. 2015.

Supersedes 2.14.2, 2.14.4 and 2.14.5.

CHAPTER 4 – ECONOMICS

4.2 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

4.2.1 That NCWNZ supports a universal basic income (UBI) for all New Zealanders. 2017.

4.7 TAXATION

4.7.6 Taxation, Miscellaneous

4.7.6.6 NCWNZ calls on the Government to implement a financial transaction tax on all financial trades. 2011.

CHAPTER 5 – EDUCATION

5.3 CURRICULA AND CONTENT

5.3.3 Human Relationships

5.3.3.6 That NCWNZ supports best practice, age appropriate compulsory relationship and sexuality education in primary and secondary schools, including dealing with issues of respect and consent. 2017.

5.4 EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

5.4.8 That NCWNZ urges the government to address issues of gender equality within the Early Childhood sector to ensure the best start in life for all children and a more gender equal Aotearoa New Zealand. 2019.

5.5 FUNDING

5.5.13 NCWNZ urges the Government to reinstate the funding previously available for the production of the Tupu Pasifika Language Services. 2011.

5.14 TESTING AND EXAMINATIONS

5.14.4 NCWNZ urges the Government to reconsider its policy on national standards in primary and intermediate schools. 2011.

CHAPTER 6 – EMPLOYMENT

6.1 EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

6.1.18 NCWNZ urges the Government to require New Zealand chocolate manufacturers to verify that their imported cocoa beans are certified free from child labour. 2011.

6.2 EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN

6.2.2 Conditions of Employment

6.2.2.8 That NCWNZ urges the Government to enact legislation and implement policies that protect and promote the rights of workers engaged in insecure employment, including the right to collective bargaining. 2015. [Insecure employment is defined as including: Casual, temporary, fixed-term and zero-hour employment that can be characterised by low and/or fluctuating pay, uncertain duration, and with limited or no access to training, career progression and employment rights and benefits such as sick leave and holiday pay.]

6.2.3 Employment Equity

6.2.3.12 That letters be forwarded by N.C.W. to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice, asking that the N.Z. Government give their approval to the "Equal remuneration for work of equal value" Convention and to the implementation of the decision made by the I.L.O. Conference in June 1951. 1952, reaffirmed 1954, 1956, 1958, 1974.

6.2.3.20 That N.C.W. support the principle of equal pay for work of equal value, and equal opportunity for women. 1970.

Supersedes 6.2.3.1; 6.2.3.2; 6.2.3.3; 6.2.3.4; 6.2.3.5; 6.2.3.6; 6.2.3.8; 6.2.3.18; 6.2.4.1; 6.2.4.2; 6.2.4.3; 6.2.4.4; 6.2.4.5; 6.2.4.6; 6.2.4.7

Superseded by 6.2.3.27

6.2.3.25 That NCWNZ supports the principle of a living wage. 2013.

6.2.3.26 That NCWNZ when advocating for pay equity:
a) make specific reference to all women with disabilities,
b) acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi the Treaty of Waitangi, and make specific reference to Māori women with disabilities. 2017.

6.2.3.27 That NCWNZ supports legislation that provides for the implementation, monitoring and effective enforcement of pay and employment equity. This includes:

- a) Equal Pay: equal pay for the same or similar work,
- b) Pay Equity: equal pay for work of equal value, and
- c) Employment Equity: to ensure that pay, conditions, access to the full range of jobs at all levels of the workplace, and experiences in the workplace, are not affected by gender. 2018.

Supersedes 6.2.3.12, 6.2.3.20

CHAPTER 7 – ENVIRONMENT

7.4 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

7.4.6 NCWNZ

- a) Urges the Government to require the refinement and extension of regulations governing hydraulic fracturing, assigning to the Environmental Protection Authority responsibility for issuing resource consents, thereby safeguarding the health and safety of well-head workers, farmers, communities and the environment.
- b) Urges the Government to minimise the risk associated with hydraulic fracturing (should the practice be deemed potentially safe by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment). 2012.

7.13 WARMING OF THE EARTH

- 7.13.6 That NCWNZ commits to a net zero greenhouse gas emissions future for Aotearoa New Zealand and recognises that it is crucial to build resilience against the effects of climate change and disaster risk. 2018.

CHAPTER 9 – HEALTH

9.1 ABORTION

- 9.1.11 That abortion should be a standard part of health care – safe, legal and accessible. 2018.

9.3 CHILD HEALTH

9.3.1 Cost

- 9.3.1.3 That NCWNZ urges the minister of Health to set in place funding to increase the age of eligibility for free doctor's visits to children up to the age of 12 years, for families that hold a Community Services card. 2013.

9.3.5 Child Health, Miscellaneous

NCWNZ urges the Government to ensure that all children with disabilities, whether or not acquired through accidental causes, receive equal entitlement. 2012.

9.4 CONTRACEPTION

- 9.4.15 That NCW call on the Minister of Health to make contraception (i.e. the consultation fee and the cost of contraceptives) free to the client. 1993.
Superseded by 9.4.16

9.4.16 NCWNZ supports free contraception for all women in New Zealand (ie the consultation fee and cost of contraceptives), including the provision of Emergency Contraceptive Pills through community pharmacists and all other providers of contraceptive services. 2012.

Supersedes 9.4.15

9.5. DENTAL CARE

9.5.11 That NCWNZ urges the Minister of Health to relieve territorial authorities of their current responsibility for decisions on whether or not to add fluoride to municipal drinking water and to pass that decision making responsibility to the care of the Ministry of Health. 2013.

9.9 MATERNITY SERVICES

9.9.35 That NCWNZ urges the Minister of Health to set a National Health Target that requires District Health Boards to set a key performance indicator for all women to be booked in for antenatal assessment by 10 weeks gestation followed by wrap around maternal care services. 2014.

9.11 MENTAL HEALTH

9.11.23 That NCWNZ urges the Minister of Health to make the reduction of suicide and the incidence of self harming a national priority. 2014.

9.11.24 That NCWNZ supports:

- increased access to existing maternal mental health services in New Zealand and
- increased and ongoing sustained funding for provision and evaluation of maternal mental health services. 2015.

9.11.25 That NCWNZ supports adequate funding of mental health and well-being services to meet short and long-term increased needs in communities, especially after major natural disasters. 2017.

9.14 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

9.14.17 That NCWNZ supports:

- the promotion of education on sexuality and reproductive health rights particularly with regards to the prevention of teenage and unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases
- the strengthening of measures to support pregnant girls to continue their formal education. 2014.

9.15 WORKERS IN THE HEALTH SYSTEM

9.15.2.5 That NCWNZ urges the government to require every aged care provider and disability support provider to raise the remuneration level of all care workers to more fairly reflect the value of their work. 2013.

9.16 Health, Various

9.16.8 That NCWNZ urges the Government to remove from the NZ Public Health & Disability Act No 2 the prohibition of the Human Rights Review Tribunal and the Courts from looking at the new family care policy and deciding whether or not it is unlawfully discriminatory. 2013.

9.16.9 That NCWNZ urges the Government to provide funding for sanitary products for those in need to end period poverty in New Zealand. 2019.

CHAPTER 11 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PEACE

11.13 UNITED NATIONS

11.13.4 NCWNZ urges the Government to sign and then ratify the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. 2011.

11.13.4 That NCWNZ actively supports the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations in 2015. 2019

CHAPTER 12 – JUSTICE

12.2 CRIME

12.2.1 Abortion

12.2.1.5 That NCWNZ request the government to review abortion law and practice with a view to simplifying it and ensuring a woman’s right to choose. 2014.

12.2.3 Domestic Violence

12.2.3.8 That NCWNZ requests the government to resource adequately the national contract for Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention (EANP) Services. 2014.

12.2.3.9 That NCWNZ urges government to develop a well-resourced long-term cross-party, cross department strategy to change social norms and eliminate violence against women. 2015.

12.2.3.10 That NCWNZ urges Government to amend the Domestic Violence Act 1995 to explicitly allow protection orders to include the protection of animals. 2015.

12.2.3.11 NCWNZ proposes that there should be further education around family violence prevention specifically tailored for local ethnic, migrant and former refugee communities. 2018.

12.10.5 Women Prisoners

12.10.5.12 NCWNZ urges the Government to develop and implement policies and procedures that address the specific needs of women prisoners in transition to the community. 2011.

12.10.5.13 That NCWNZ recommends that:

- women in prisons are frequently screened for mental illness and those who are diagnosed with a mental illness receive appropriate treatment and support as required by Section 75 of the Corrections Act 2004
- these services are adequately funded. 2014.

CHAPTER 13 – MASS MEDIA

13.3 CENSORSHIP, GENERAL

13.3.8 That NCWNZ supports the introduction of a voluntary industry code of conduct on body image to stop negative and exploitative portrayals of women and girls in all forms of media. 2014.

CHAPTER 14 – MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

14.2 REFUGEES

14.2.6 That NCWNZ request the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Immigration, Finance, Education, Women's Affairs, Health and Social Welfare to improve the services available to refugees before and on arrival in New Zealand. 1994.

Superseded by 14.2.7

14.2.7 That NCWNZ urges the NZ government to double the refugee quota of 750 to 1500 annually and increase support to services commensurate with this number on an ongoing basis to help build the strength of the sector for future increases long-term. 2015.

Supersedes 14.2.6

CHAPTER 16 – SOCIAL WELFARE

16.3 BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

16.3.5 Family Allowance

16.3.5.7 N.C.W. of N.Z. in conference assembled notes with satisfaction the Government's proposal for universal child allowance and urges that this benefit be made at the same rate for all children, including those born out of wedlock. It further urges that this allowance be paid to the mother or woman guardian responsible for the child and that this payment shall not lessen the liability of the child's father. 1945.

Supersedes 16.3.5.6

Superseded by 16.3.5.14

16.3.5.11 That NCWNZ urge the Government:

1. in the interim ensure that all family support payments are linked to the Consumer Price Index; and
2. in the interim extend the Child Tax Credit to all low income families;
3. in the long term replace the Child Tax Credit with a universal benefit for children indexed to the Consumer Price Index. 2002.

Superseded by 16.3.5.14

16.3.5.14 That NCWNZ recommends that each child between the ages of 0 and 18 years inclusive receives a universal child allowance to replace all present government living allowances for children, which is linked to the Consumer Price Index and paid to the main carer of the child. 2014.

Supersedes 16.3.5.7; 16.3.5.11

16.3.11 Benefits, Miscellaneous

16.3.11.9 NCWNZ supports a change to the system that calculates the income that beneficiaries may earn, so that earnings are set as a percentage of the net average after tax ordinary time weekly wage (NAATOTWW). .2012.

16.4 CARE OF THE AGED

16.4.1 Accommodation

16.4.1.9 That NCWNZ urges the Minister of Health to:

- make compulsory minimum staffing hours per resident for registered nurses, carers, occupational therapists and physiotherapists in residential care facilities. This includes setting the staffing levels in aged care facilities providing hospital level care at the same level as those in public hospitals.
- increase and ring fence the funding to aged care providers to meet the compulsory staffing levels. 2014.

16.5 SOCIAL WORKERS

- 16.5.3** NCWNZ urges the Government to amend the Social Workers Registration Act 2003 to make the registration of all Social Workers mandatory. 2012.

CHAPTER 18 – THE STATUS OF WOMEN

18.3 ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION

18.3.1 CEDAW

- 18.3.1.2** That the members of the National Executive of NCWNZ present at [the National Executive meeting at] Wellington strongly reaffirm their support for the I.C.W. resolution passed at Korea in 1982 urging ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. 1983.
Supersedes 18.3.1.1

- 18.3.1.4** NCWNZ endorses the establishment of working groups to address the ‘Key Areas for Government Action on Women’ identified by the Monitoring Committee for CEDAW in New York 2012. 2012.

- 18.3.1.5** That NCWNZ strongly urges the New Zealand Government to:
- implement fully the articles of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
 - redress the recommendations of the CEDAW Monitoring Committee’s concluding observations
 - take cognisance of the most recent General Recommendations issued by the Monitoring Committee. 2014.

See also 1.8.2.5

18.3.2 Status of Women

- 18.3.2.5** That NCWNZ supports gender equality in all sporting codes, and encourages more equitable reporting by sporting codes and media entities. 2018.

18.10 STATUS OF WOMEN, VARIOUS

- 18.10.4** That NCWNZ acknowledges the rights of people of all genders, including those who identify as female, male or non-binary and further, NCWNZ recognises trans women as women, and trans men as men. 2019.

CHAPTER 19 – SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND OTHER ADDICTIONS

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- 19.2.9 That NCWNZ supports a total ban on the sale and supply of “legal highs” and psychoactive substances in New Zealand. 2015.

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