

**Australian Federation of Graduate Women Inc.**

**Policy and Attitudes 1982-2016**

(formerly known as the Australian Federation of University Women Inc.)

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## INTRODUCTION

This booklet results from the decision of the 35<sup>th</sup> Triennium of AFUW to review and archive the existing general and administrative resolutions. The archive allows the historical direction to be maintained, whilst ensuring currency of the resolutions to help direct the activities of the organisation.

As far as practicable, the headings of specific resolutions relate to the existing Standing Committees and philosophy of AFGW. The AFGW Council should be kept informed of action taken by State and Territory Associations on any of the AFGW resolutions, and it is suggested that each association appoint a committee member to be responsible for notifying the National Convener of Resolutions Standing Committee. She will report to each Conference on actions taken and may suggest avenues for further action.

# GENERAL POLICY RESOLUTIONS

## 1. Status of Women

Prevention of Domestic Violence	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW recommends that AFUW and its State and Territory Associations urge the Australian and State and Territory Governments to meet the continuing need to prevent violence and violent crimes against women by means of public education, delivery of services and prosecution of offenders.
Superannuation Contributions Tax	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW calls upon the Australian Government to abolish the Superannuation Contributions Tax.
Concerns of Older Women	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> AFUW Conference calls upon our members to promote: increased awareness in governments of the fact that the majority of older people are female and, therefore, the concerns of older women need attention; research on all relevant aspects regarding the situation of older women in order to confront the myth of "older and ageing women" being "fragile, helpless and dependent"; increased awareness among our governments of the importance of gender sensitive measures for elderly people covering issues of finance, housing, health, supportive services and mental stimulation.
Industrial Relations and Family Law Acts	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW urges the AFUW Council and STAs to monitor the Australian, State and Territory Governments to ensure that they are aware of the implications of the amendments made in December 2005 to the Industrial Relations Act 1996 as amended and the proposed amendments to the Family Law Act 1975 as amended (Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2006) and their potential for significant effect on Australian families and individuals.
Paid Maternity Leave	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW: (a) affirms the need for employees to have access to paid parenting leave and flexible employment options to ensure that they can exercise their right to choose to combine paid work and parenting; (b) urges the Federal Government to adopt the findings and recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report "A Time to Value – Proposal for a National Paid Maternity Leave Scheme"; and (c) resolves to promote the HREOC report and its recommendations on paid maternity leave.
Optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against women	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to continue to urge the Australian Government to sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the elimination of Discrimination Against Women, also known as Resolution 1325; and Requests State and Territory Associations to use their influence to this end.

Influence of AFUW Inc.	1997	The 30 <sup>th</sup> Conference of AFUW asks its State and Territory member Associations to develop a higher profile in the community and to increase awareness of the contribution its members are equipped to make in local and national affairs, particularly those of special relevance to women.
<b>2. Education</b>		
Education of Children in out of home care	2016	That this AGM of AFGW urges all STAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to investigate whether children in out-of-home care in their State are receiving an education that will equip them with the knowledge and life skills to function as independent adults when leaving care; and</li> <li>where any deficiencies are found, to advocate to the State governments for remedial action by relevant government departments</li> </ul>
Parenting Education	2016	That this AGM of AFGW reaffirms the 2000 AFGW Resolution on Education of Teenage Girls with Babies: “The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW recommends that State and Territory Associations lobby relevant State Ministers to formulate, implement and monitor policies which enable teenage girls to continue their education and career training during pregnancy and child-rearing, and recommends these policies include the provision of facilities in school buildings for child-care.”; and urges all STAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to investigate, with Education authorities and/or individual schools, programmes, such as ASEPT (the Australian School Education for Parenting Teenagers), that are designed to provide all teenage parents with the necessary skills to raise their children responsibly so that these parents and their children can achieve a purposeful quality of life, well integrated with society; an</li> <li>to advocate to State and Territory governments for support, facilities and a curriculum to empower personal independence and responsible citizenship for all parenting students.</li> </ul>
Schools funding	2015	That the 2015 Annual General Meeting of AFGW reaffirms AFGW commitment to the policy that equity of educational opportunity, access, and outcomes must be our national goals and consequently reaffirms the resolution of the 35 <sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference to support the implementation of a needs-based model of schools’ funding;  That the 2015 Annual General Meeting calls on the Federal Government to uphold the promise made before the election not to make adverse changes to education funding, to reinstate \$30 billion which has been cut from the schools funding, as legislated for by the Australian Education Act 2013 to fund the full six years of funding;  That the 2015 Annual General Meeting requests the STAs to petition their Ministers of Education to work with the other States, Territories and the Federal government to achieve these ends.

TAFE funding	2015	That the 2015 Annual General Meeting of AFGW urges the national and state governments to ensure that TAFEs are provided with sustained and increased funding so they may continue to provide access and equity, quality training, and pathways to further education and work especially through providing courses for disadvantaged groups including those in rural and remote areas and through focusing targeted funding on the non-trade and lifestyle courses that enhance student's ability to contribute to our society.
Employment conditions for sessional staff of the Tertiary sector.	2012	<p>That the Minister for Tertiary Education (or ministers for higher education) be requested to fund an independent study of the employment of sessional staff across the Tertiary Education sector, its terms of reference to include:</p> <p>(i) How Higher Education institutions can better report on the actual number, as well as the percentage of sessional staff in the academic workforce; the percentage of total teaching hours for which they are responsible; and the relative percentages of female and male staff within the category; and</p> <p>(ii) The making of recommendations that address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acceptable ratios of sessional to full-time academic staff;</li> <li>• appropriate academic support systems of training and supervision for sessional staff;</li> <li>• terms and conditions for their employment that establish equitable workloads and payment;</li> <li>• any concerns as to the quality of teaching that may emerge from the study</li> <li>• any concerns as to gender disparities in equal opportunity for career advancement.</li> </ul>
Funding for education of students with disabilities and specific learning difficulties	2012	That the 35th AFGW Conference strongly recommends that each STA support and advocate for state governmental funding and initiatives that enable or improve the access of students with disabilities and students with specific learning difficulties to all levels of education.
Implementation of the Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling report	2012	<p>The 35th Conference calls upon AFGW and its State and Territory members to support through advocacy and monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling – Final Report – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• national implementation of the funding model as recommended in the report</li> <li>• establishment of a statutory and independent National Schools Resourcing Body</li> <li>• establishment of a national schooling resource standard with annual indexation according to actual costs.</li> </ul>

Quantitative and qualitative definition of an 'effective teacher'	2012	Further to the resolution of the 34th Conference (2009) seeking improved training for teachers especially in the areas of pre-service/practicum and career-long in-service training and general promotion of the teaching profession, the 35th AFGW Conference proposes that AFGW calls on the STAs to ask their State Governments to specify what is meant by 'an effective teacher' by identifying and defining all quantitative and qualitative factors to be taken into account. That all these be identified and defined before any question of incentive payments for outstanding teachers be considered or class sizes increased.
Implementation of the Bradley Review	2009	That the 34th AFUW Conference calls upon AFUW and the State and Territory Associations to monitor the implementation of the Bradley Review of Higher Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to explore potential unintended consequences, and</li> <li>b) to discover how far it is favourable to women.</li> </ul>
Implementation of national curriculum	2009	That the 34th AFUW Conference calls upon AFUW and the State and Territory Associations to monitor the implementation of the national curriculum across Australia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to consider the impact of the emphasis on consequential testing on education at pre-tertiary levels and</li> <li>b) to advocate for the provision of quality resources, with a focus on the provision of qualified staff and professional development support for all staff as they implement the national curriculum.</li> </ul>
	2009	That the 34th AFUW Conference resolves that AFGW and the State and Territory Associations, in acknowledging that education shapes and prepares us for both our professional and personal lives, recognise the need to include respect for our natural environment as a fundamental value in all aspects of education.  We ask AFGW and STAs to seek to identify areas of education, for example science and economics, that influence the way we understand and treat the environment and to advocate in such cases for policies that embody best environmental practice.
Opportunities and equity in education	2009	That the 34th Conference of AFUW strongly recommends that each STA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) maintain a watching brief of the national and state/territory reports on curricula with a view to developing appropriate advocacy;</li> <li>b) support advocacy for improved pre-service training, particularly addressing practicum processes;</li> <li>c) support career-long in-service training;</li> <li>d) support advocacy for adequate incentives to ensure equity in education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. in areas of hardship, e.g. rural and remote and low socio-economic status, and</li> <li>ii. in all curriculum disciplines;</li> </ul> </li> <li>e) support the promotion of an enhanced status of the teaching profession within the wider community.</li> </ul>

Equitable and Accessible Higher Education	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW calls upon the Australian Government to provide equitable and accessible higher-education by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) increasing their funding of public Universities; and</li> <li>(ii) allowing external undergraduate students to access the HECS system without having to pay upfront fees;</li> </ul> and requests the AFUW Council and its STAs to monitor relative progress.
Research	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW advocates practices that enact the following principles in relation to the conduct of research in universities and research organisations such as the CSIRO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a flourishing knowledge economy and intellectual culture depends on research activity that is adequately funded, encourages both pure and applied research and nurtures all disciplinary fields;</li> <li>(ii) concentration of funding on short-term outcomes, predictable impacts and programs dictated by government policy is destructive of a healthy research culture;</li> <li>(iii) research is an essential and defining component of a university;</li> <li>(iv) peer review is the best available guarantee of achieving high quality research and ensuring a distribution of research funds determined by intellectual excellence; and</li> <li>(v) a free flow of the knowledge gained by research and vigorous public discussion of its implications, benefits and dangers is essential for the well-being of society.</li> </ul>
Tertiary Education for Rural Women	2003	(a) The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW encourages its State and Territory Associations to support rural, isolated and indigenous women to attain tertiary education and fulfil their potential; and (b) urges AFUW and State and Territory Associations to lobby their respective governments and other corporate agencies to provide resources for rural, isolated and indigenous women to pursue their studies at all levels.
Support for Palestinian Women and Girls	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to support the Palestinian women and girls to gain access to education; and requests IFUW to urge all its National Federations and Associations to support the Palestinian women and girls to gain access to education.
Educational Opportunities for Teenage Girls with babies	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW recommends that State and Territory Associations lobby relevant State Ministers to formulate, implement and monitor policies which enable teenage girls to continue their education and career training during pregnancy and child-rearing, and recommends that these policies include the provision of facilities in school buildings for child-care.
Funding for Higher Education and Research	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to urge the Federal Government to recognise that the current low levels of government investment in higher education and research are short-sighted and counter-productive to Australia's long term interests, particularly in the light of the considerable investment of countries, such as the UK, USA and Canada, in their higher education systems as a way of

		capitalising on emerging knowledge-intensive industries.
Funding in the Higher Education Fields of Health and Education	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to urge the Federal Government: (a) to recognise that the knowledge-intensive revolutionary change will demand more numerous and better-equipped professionals in the allied fields of health and education; and therefore (b) to invest more in the higher education fields of health and education to enable society to be pro-active and productive in its approach to victims of changing economic circumstances.
Indigenous Education: Curriculum, Training and Development	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW recommends to State and Territory Associations that they urge Ministers of Education throughout Australia to support the following principles of best practice in curriculum, training and development: indigenous history and culture to be an integral element of social education programs from pre-school level to university; all teacher education courses to include units of indigenous culture; and indigenous teachers, where possible, be employed to teach the history of indigenous culture at primary and secondary school level.
Support for Bi-Lingual Education	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW urges Federal and State Governments: (a) to ensure that a range of options exists for Indigenous students through bi-lingual education, English as a Second Language and the Australian Indigenous Languages Framework to enable Indigenous parents and students to choose pathways appropriate to different stages in their education; and (b) to provide adequate funding to ensure the mutual benefit of this range of these options for all Australians; and (c) the Conference further urges the national executive to seek from the Federal Government legislation to provide legal standing for Australia's Indigenous languages.
Mentoring Scheme	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves that AFUW establish a Mentoring Scheme to support the personal and professional develop of AFUW members, particularly new or younger members.
The Significance of TAFE in the Education of Women	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW urges the Federal Government to re-examine its approach to Technical and Further Education; and, in particular, to restore the financial support needed to enable the nation-wide, urban and rural TAFE institutions to continue to provide those life-enhancing and paid-work-promoting courses which should not be funded on the 'user-pays' principle.
Aboriginal Studies	1997	The 30 <sup>th</sup> Conference of AFUW recommends that AFUW and member associations find ways and means to support indigenous Australian women in their educational pursuits and especially in their undergraduate and post-graduate studies.
<b>3. Health and Welfare</b>		
Preferential processing and the protection	2012	The 35th Conference of AFGW resolves to reaffirm its motion of 2003 on women and children asylum seekers and refugees and requests the incoming President to urge the Australian Government to adopt

of refugee children and their carers		<p>and expedite policies whereby:</p> <p>(a) children and their primary parent or carer, if any, be released after no more than three months in detention provided parents or carers are in agreement with any separation consequent upon the release; and</p> <p>(b) that after such three month period, while their claims are being heard, children, their primary parent or carer and unaccompanied minors, are housed in the community and have access to appropriate training and development and to counselling and professional services, particularly the education for children.</p>
Legal status of asylum seekers without security clearance	2012	The 35th Conference of AFGW resolves to request the Federal Attorney General to review the legal status of those asylum seekers who have been given refugee status but who are detained, indefinitely, because they have failed to receive security clearance from ASIO.
Funding for Mental Health	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW calls upon the Australian, State and Territory Governments to provide appropriate funding for health care and services for patients with mental illness.
Health Care Services	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW calls upon relevant health and/or education organisations to determine comprehensive policies to provide high quality health services for all Australians and requests AFUW Council and its STAs to monitor the situation.
Processing of Asylum Seekers and terms of Temporary Protection Visas	2003	The 32nd Conference of AFUW resolves to urge the Federal Government that <p>(a) asylum seekers be processed for refugee status within Australia;</p> <p>(b) the process be conducted as expeditiously as possible, in order to ensure that those granted refugee status can be settled within the community with minimum delay; and</p> <p>(c) the restrictive nature of the terms of the temporary protection visa be reviewed to provide holders with more rights, such as those to welfare support, education and freedom of movement, that are enjoyed by Australian citizens.</p>
Humanitarian Approach to Refugee Issues	2003	The 32nd Conference of AFUW resolves to promote a humanitarian approach by the Federal Government and within the wider community to refugee issues, including re-settlement in Australia, access to education and health care.
Women and children Asylum seekers – education	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to urge the Australian Government to adopt policies whereby: <p>(a) children and their primary parent or carer, if any, be released after no more than three months in detention provided parents or carers are in agreement with any separation consequent upon the release; and</p> <p>(b) that after such three month period, while their claims are being heard, children, their primary parent or carer and unaccompanied minors, are housed in the community and have access to appropriate training and development and to counselling and professional services, particularly the education for children.</p>
Reproductive Rights	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW affirms the importance of the inclusion of support for women's reproductive rights within any population

		policy or convention of the United Nations or World Health Organisation, and undertakes to lobby the Australian government and its agencies not only to maintain its present stance in favour of their inclusion, but to oppose vigorously any attempts whatever to have them excluded from any such policy or convention.
Support for International Family Planning Association	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW urges the Australian government to give the fullest possible political and financial support to the work of the International Family Planning Association, including (a) support for birth control programs that include all methods that are legally available in the host country, and (b) for the distribution of condoms as a measure to counteract HIV/AIDS.
<b>4. Employment</b>		
Gender Equity in University Employment	2006	The 33rd Conference of AFUW urges the Australian Government and university administrations to create and implement mechanisms leading to gender equity across all academic levels (Level A-E), in all disciplines and departments at all publicly funded Australian universities. In particular, to follow the lead of the European Union and target “40% participation of women at all levels in implementing and managing research programs” and to link this level of gender equity as a performance measure to university income under the Infrastructure Grant Scheme.
<b>5. Social Environment</b>		
Education and Skills for Women Prisoners	2006	The 33rd Conference of AFUW resolves that AFUW should develop its research into the quality and availability of education and skills development programs for women prisoners so as to pay special attention to the situation of women serving repeated short-term sentences in prison.
<b>6. Physical Environment</b>		
Climate change	2013	That this AGM of AFGW reaffirms IFUW policy on climate change as set out below:  IFUW and its National Federations and Associations (NFAs) urge their respective governments to act immediately to create national climate action plans that would:  (a) set strong short-term targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; (b) reaffirm their commitments to implement signed international agreements on climate change, ratify the successors to such agreements, and work to achieve international reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and (c) provide ongoing support for research and education concerning all aspects of climate change

Sustainable Energy	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to: (i) Call upon the Australian Government to minimise the use of fossil fuels and uranium and maximise the use of renewable energy (solar and wind); and (ii) Call upon the Australian Government and all bodies governing public research funding to fund research into areas of high importance to a sustainable ecological and environmental future for Australia including harnessing clean energy and, water and land preservation and conservation.
Renewable Energy	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW reaffirms the support expressed at its 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference held in 2000 for the harnessing of renewable energy and resolves to request the Federal Government to ensure the continuation of research in this area through the use of financial and other resources.
Atmospheric Pollution	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to encourage all State and Territory Associations to urge their respective governments to maintain a careful watch over activity that contributes to greenhouse gas emission and, wherever possible, to support projects and development that will ultimately lead to a reduction of atmospheric pollution.
Groundwater Quality	2000	Given that groundwater quality is a high priority in policies for sustainable development, the 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW recommends to State and Territory Associations that they emphasise to their respective governments the long-term dangers to the population of allowing toxic substances to accumulate in soil.
Power Generation	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW urges all State and Territory Associations to monitor proposals to establish new electricity generating plants and, where appropriate, petition Ministers responsible for Energy, Environment and National Resources, arguing that priority be given to establish plants which harness renewable sources of energy wherever this can be done efficiently and effectively.
The Murray-Darling Basin: Land Management, Salinity and other Problems	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW urges the Federal Government to greatly increase the financial and other resources required to improve land management, salinity mitigation practices, and other economic and social problems in the Murray-Darling River basin, and recommends to State and Territory Associations in affected areas that they act in their own States and Territories in accordance with this resolution.
Tidal Energy	2000	The 31 <sup>st</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to request the Federal Ministers for the Environment, and Energy and Natural Resources to influence the Western Australian Government to reverse its decision against the use of tidal energy in the West Kimberley and to reinstate the project at Doctor's Creek as a matter of high priority.
Awareness	1988	The 27 <sup>th</sup> Conference of AFUW, in conjunction with its member associations, promotes awareness of the environment at all levels, local, state and national, in order to enhance the quality of life for all, with particular regards to the monitoring of planning regulations.

## 7. Indigenous Affairs

Engagement with Indigenous People	2006	The 33rd Conference of AFUW resolves that AFUW and its STAs actively pursue its collaborative, culturally-appropriate engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and maintain its advocacy for the quality of, and access to, their educational opportunities at all levels.
Treaty with Indigenous People of Australia	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW resolves to actively support the establishment of a Treaty with the Indigenous people of Australia provided that it continues to be the wish of the indigenous people.

## 8. Peace

Depleted Uranium Armaments	2006	<p>The 33rd Conference of AFUW resolves that</p> <p>(i) AFUW opposes the use of depleted uranium in armaments and requests the Australian Government to</p> <p>(a) resolve that its armed forces will not use weaponry containing depleted uranium;</p> <p>(b) declare that it will not take part in military campaigns in which its allies are using weaponry containing depleted uranium; and</p> <p>(c) take action in the UN to have the use of depleted uranium in armaments declared illegal under the international laws of war and hence liable to prosecution in the International Criminal Court.</p> <p>(ii) in addition Conference resolves to ask IFUW to request the UN Human Rights Council for an independent international study on the short and probable long-term effects of depleted uranium on human populations and on the environment.</p>
UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development	2006	The 33 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW encourages AFUW to use its members' expertise to contribute to the UN Decade of Education for sustainable development 2005-2015.
Conflict Resolution	2006	<p>The 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW calls upon the Australian Government and its agents to:</p> <p>(i) explore exhaustively and support all diplomatic and peaceful means to resolve conflict; and</p> <p>(ii) support the United Nations Security Council in seeking diplomatic and peaceful means to resolving conflict.</p>
UN Security Resolution 1325	2006	<p>The 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW reaffirms Resolution 9 of the 28<sup>th</sup> IFUW Conference that women are essential to peace and supports the continued implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 by asking each STA to promote the essential role of women in peace building in their community by:</p> <p>1. a) preventing conflict;</p> <p>facilitating an early end to conflict;</p> <p>assisting humanitarian operations and reconstruction processes;</p> <p>protecting women and girls from gender-based violence; and</p>

		<p>working towards ensuring at least 50 percent of participants in such processes are women; and</p> <p>2. ask AFUW to urge the Australian Government to direct the Australian mission at the United Nations to ask the Secretary General to provide regular reports on the progress made towards full implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325.</p>
UN Decade on Culture of Peace	2006	<p>The 33<sup>rd</sup> AFUW Conference resolves to continue support for the United Nations Decade on Culture of Peace by asking the appropriate educational departments in Australia to:</p> <p>promote programs for women who are migrants, refugees, or from indigenous and minority groups; and</p> <p>encourage schools to include programs in their curricula that are designed to respect differences, promote understanding and counter racism within school communities and multi-cultural societies.</p>
Hate Speech in Media	2003	<p>The 32nd Conference of AFUW</p> <p>(a) recommends that State and Territory Associations monitor Hate Speech in the media but, particularly on Short Wave Radio / Broad Band and Hate related Websites and report their findings to AFUW Executive; and</p> <p>(b) the Conference directs the AFUW Executive to forward these findings to IFUW for attention.</p>
<b>9. International Relations</b>		
Solomon Islands in Conflict	2006	<p>The 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference of AFUW, currently meeting in Canberra and in view of the current situation in the Solomon Islands resolves to:</p> <p>send an urgent message of support to our fellow PGWNet members, the Solomon Islands Association of Graduate Women, asking whether there is any way in which we can be of assistance;</p> <p>urge the Australian Government to do everything in its power to ensure the implementation in the Solomon Islands of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (on Women, Peace and Security), in particular with respect to the recognition of the roles of women in preventing conflict, facilitating its end, being full participants in all negotiations aimed at establishing and maintaining peace and in any reconstruction processes following conflict; and</p> <p>request the Australian Government to ensure that all those working on their behalf in the Solomon Islands in any capacity are informed as to the terms of Security Council Resolution 1325 and the obligation to implement those terms.</p>
Links with Indonesian Association	2003	<p>The 32nd Conference of AFUW resolves to develop stronger links with the Indonesian Association by working towards peace and mutual understanding between AFUW and the Indonesian Association; and</p> <p>Initiating and promoting the development of collaborative projects between AFUW and the Indonesian Association.</p>
Link between UN	2003	<p>The 32nd Conference of AFUW resolves to support IFUW's participation in the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative.</p>

International Goals and IFUW Action Plan		
Promoting UN Conventions	2003	The 32nd Conference of AFUW recommends that AFUW and its State and Territory Associations develop strategies to promote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to promote: (a) the role of the United Nations; and (b) the Conventions and Protocols, which Australia has signed and those which it has ratified.
Overseas Aid	2003	The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of AFUW urges the Federal Government to increase the amount of aid given to developing countries to the target set by the United Nations of 0.7% of gross domestic product, such aid to be substantially directed to programs to benefit women and children.
<b>10. The Criminal Justice System</b>		
Cavity Strip Searching	2006	The 33rd Conference of AFUW urges all STAs to call on their State and Territory Governments to take action to end degrading, humiliating and ineffective processes of cavity strip searching of women prisoners.

# ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS

## 1. Structure

1997	That the Secretary elect of the Incoming Council be kept informed of the business of the previous Council during the interim before assuming office by the circulation of relevant business papers, reports and minutes.
1997	That the Members' Register form include an additional item, which members may either choose or decline to tick, viz: I agree that the information submitted may be made available to other members, through the State Presidents, who seek assistance with research, wish to make contact when travelling, to participate on task forces and/or consultative bodies.

## 2. Conferences

2006	AFUW resolves to assist financially if possible an Australian Indigenous woman to attend and participate in the 29 <sup>th</sup> triennial IFUW Conference being held in Manchester in 2007.
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## 3. Fees and Levies

2006	The AFUW per capita levy be increased by \$10 per annum from \$35.00 to \$45.00 with effect from the 2006-2007 financial year.
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## 4. Awards and Fellowships

1991	That the funds from the interest on the Georgina Sweet Fellowship Fund be distributed between the Georgina Sweet Fellowship and the AFUW Fellowship, to provide a Fellowship annually, the two Fellowships alternating in availability.
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## 5. Formalisation of State and Territory Association Constitutions

2012	<p>The 35th Conference of AFGW resolves that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Each STA is responsible for providing the Hon. Sec. of AFGW with a copy of their Constitution as duly approved by AFGW. This copy is to be kept in the AFGW Office.</li><li>b) Where the Constitution of an STA has already been duly approved by AFGW and is subsequently amended, the amended clauses shall be sent within 30 days to the Hon. Sec. of AFGW, who shall, within 30 days of their receipt, submit them for approval by Council either at a Council meeting or by electronic vote.</li><li>c) In the event that approval is not granted, the Hon. Sec shall convey to the STA the grounds therefore and specify what remedial action is required.</li><li>d) Until such approval is confirmed, the amendments to the Constitution of the STA shall not be effective.</li></ol>
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