

Centre for Leadership for Women (CLW) Leadership Achievement Award

Statements of Support



Senator Natasha Stott Despoja
Democrats' Spokesperson for the Status of Women

I write to offer my support for the establishment of CLW's Leadership Achievement Award for women in Australia.

I believe this award will play an important role in encouraging women's leadership, through the increased recognition and profile it will give female leaders throughout our community.

This award recognises that community leadership often instigates further leadership development, for example within the workforce. The award will not only benefit the recipient, but also the community within which she has been working, and the cause she has been promoting.

If we are to increase the representation of women in positions of power in Australia, it is crucial that our female leaders are nurtured and supported in their positions – *especially in male-dominated organisations and professions.*

Women in leadership must work together to bring about cultural change to make it easier for others to attain similar positions; mentor aspiring female leaders; and nominate each other for wonderful awards such as this!

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Dr Carmen Lawrence MP
Federal Member for Fremantle

Centre for Leadership for Women - Leadership Achievement Award

I am very happy to add my support to the Centre for Leadership for Women's (CLW) Leadership Achievement Award. Since August 2000, the CLW has performed a crucial function in promoting and nurturing women leaders in Australia. From my personal and professional experience I know how important this function is.

This award will recognise the important contribution of women who undertake voluntary leadership roles in the community. The award is therefore focused on two kinds of under-valued leader: voluntary leaders and leaders who are women.

Indeed, the Leadership Achievement Award goes further by referring in its selection criteria to "self-appointed" leaders. In other words, the award aims to recognise and encourage women to take on leadership roles rather than being constrained, perhaps, by the lack of leadership opportunities for women. For these reasons I strongly support and endorse the CLW's Leadership Achievement Award.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Carmen Lawrence MP
Federal Member for Fremantle



Jodeen Carney MLA
Leader of the Opposition, Northern Territory
Shadow Attorney-General
Shadow Minister for Justice, Women's Policy
AustralAsia Railway

I am delighted to give my full support and encouragement to the Leadership Achievement Award launched by the Centre for Leadership for Women (CLW).

Women all over the country are at long last being recognised for their contribution in society. We're now seeing more and more women leaders, nationally and internationally, making their mark in social and professional arenas.

As a society, I believe we need to make proper use of this wonderful pool of talent. Creating opportunities for women to develop their talents and leadership abilities builds stronger communities. I also believe that too many women undervalue their worth. This is why the Leadership Achievement Award is so important.

I encourage everyone to get behind this wonderful initiative of the CLW. Let's ensure that women always are given a fair go.

This Award is unique and a wonderful initiative and I thank CLW for their part in encouraging women to achieve their true potential.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodeen".

Jodeen Carney MLA
Leader of the Opposition, Northern Territory
Shadow Attorney-General
Shadow Minister for Justice, Women's Police
AustralAsia Railway, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Central Australia & Defense



Katy Gallagher MLA
ACT Minister for Women

I am pleased to offer my support for the Leadership Achievement Award, an initiative of the Centre of Leadership for Women (CLW).

This Award provides an opportunity to both support and to formally recognise women in the community who use their own initiative to create and implement projects for the benefit of the community.

Women bring a wide range of talents and leadership abilities to both their work and to their communities. By recognising the leadership abilities and talents that women contribute to their community, this Award is a further step towards empowering women.

I commend the CLW for initiating and implementing the Leadership Achievement Award and encourage women to nominate for the Award.

Katy Gallagher MLA
ACT Minister for Women



“Australian women have unique potential as leaders. Recognising and developing that leadership potential will allow us to use our ideas, talent and passion both for our own benefit and the benefit of society.”

Tanya Plibersek,
Shadow Minister for Child Care; Youth; Women



**Honourable Desley Boyle MP,
Minister for Environment, Local Government,
Planning and Women**

Dear Ms Rodgers-Healey

Thank you for your email of 13 July 2005 to the **Honourable Desley Boyle MP, Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women** regarding the launch of the Centre for Leadership for Women, Leadership Achievement Award.

The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf, and to congratulate you on the establishment of the Leadership Achievement Awards program.

The program is a positive move in addressing women's under-representation in leadership and decision making roles. I thank the Centre for Leadership for Women for recognising and rewarding women who are making a difference in business, government and the communities in which they live.

The Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation is committed to increasing women's participation in these areas and is currently progressing a number of initiatives such as the *Smart Women on the Move* and the *Women in Local Government Strategy*. The *Smart Women on the Move* strategy targets women's representation and leadership in the sport and recreation sector, on government and private sector boards and in the public sector, enabling women from diverse backgrounds to realise their leadership potential. The *Women in Local Government Strategy* aims to increase women's representation as mayors, councillors and chief executive officers in local government.

The *Office for Women Partnership Grants Program* for 2005-2006 will open in September this year. Details of the program and its categories will be posted at www.women.qld.gov.au. I also recommend that you visit www.qld.gov.au/grants/ for a list of other state government grant programs which you may be eligible to apply for. Alternatively, as this is a national initiative you may want to contact the federal Office for Women on 1800 808 863.

I would like to wish the Centre of Leadership for Women every success with the Leadership Achievement Awards 2005.

Yours sincerely
Charis Mullen
Senior Policy Advisor