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International Women's Day Statement 2025

To All National Council of Women Australia Members and Friends,

As we celebrate International Women's Day 2025, the National Council of Women Australia (NCWA) proudly joins UN Women Australia in embracing the theme *March Forward*, marking 30 years since the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Since 1995, women have broken barriers, reshaped policies, and ignited powerful movements, yet systemic inequalities, economic disparities, and rising violence against women persist. The National Council of Women Australia remains steadfast in our commitment to achieving gender equality.

This International Women's Day, we recognize both our progress and the ongoing work required to close the gender pay gap, enhance women's safety, and fairly value both paid and unpaid care work.

For over 125 years, NCWA has worked tirelessly to promote gender equality for the benefit of all in Australia. As a committed member of the International Council of Women and its Asia Pacific Regional Council, NCWA envisage a future of collaboration, connecting and amplifying voices across Australia and with our sisters in our region.

Our members across Australia actively engage in advocacy, policy debate, and initiatives aimed at addressing structural impediments to gender equity. And, in 2024, at the NCWA Triennial Conference, we reaffirmed our dedication to this mission by resolving to advocate for ethical AI standards, deepfake prevention, gender equity in technology, a Seniors Dental Benefit Scheme, and transformative education funding to challenge gender stereotypes from early childhood.

On this International Women's Day 2025, NCWA reaffirms our commitment to *March Forward*—to take decisive and bold action that ensures a more equitable future for all women and girls. Our power lies in our collective voices, and together, we will continue to shine a light on the issues that matter most to women in Australia. We invite all members and allies to join us in this movement, to stand with us in this mission, ensuring that gender equality remains a national priority and to champion policies that create lasting impact for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Dorman', is positioned above the printed name.

Fiona Dorman

President, National Council of Women Australia