

The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP
Prime Minister of Australia
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

1 June 2017

Dear Prime Minister,

I have been asked to convey to you a resolution by the attendees of the Equality Rights Alliance's annual meeting, held in Melbourne on 25 and 26 May 2017. The resolution is below.

Equality Rights Alliance (ERA) is Australia's largest network advocating for women's equality, women's leadership and recognition of women's diversity. We are one of the six National Women's Alliances funded by the Office for Women and are led by YWCA Australia. Our 64 members are non-government organisations and social enterprises with a focus on gender equality and the impact of policy or service delivery on women.

The ERA annual meeting was attended by 53 women from 34 member organisations. During the meeting it became clear that there is a high level of concern among women that the government machinery for gender equality has been eroded over time, particularly in the areas of policy development and gendered budgeting. There was a strong call for 'government which works for women'.

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We have copied this letter to the Minister for Women and the Treasurer with a view to encouraging a discussion about the role of the machinery of Government in promoting gender equality. We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our members' concerns and possible approaches to building stronger government machinery for gender equality.

Yours faithfully,



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cc.

Senator the Hon M.C. Cash - Minister for Employment, Minister for Women, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service

Hon S. J. Morrison MP – Treasurer

Resolution by the attendees at the annual members meeting of the Equality Rights Alliance on 26 May 2017

To the Prime Minister:

The attendees at the annual members meeting of the Equality Rights Alliance on 26 May 2017 call for the Minister for Women be resourced by the Government to develop a comprehensive, funded plan for women for adoption by cabinet by December 2017.

