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**ECONOMIC SECURITY4WOMEN NAMED AS ONE OF**  
**SIX NATIONAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCES**

Today at Parliament House the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Status of Women, congratulated Economic Security 4Women (S4W) on being one of six National Women's Alliances.

Over the past decade, S4W has been one of Australia's most successful National Women's Alliances, leading collaboration with women's organisations and the other National Women's Alliances. S4W has built capacity in women's organisations, consulted with women of all ages to establish priorities and issues and led policy research, advocacy and change.

Kate Gunn, S4W's Chairperson says "this is a very exciting time for Women and S4W is looking forward to engaging with women, young and old and in between, on lifelong economic wellbeing"

S4W's Key Area of Focus is lifelong economic wellbeing that aligns with one of the Minister for the Status of Women, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, priority areas – improving women's economic independence and financial security.

S4W believes that economic wellbeing and financial security are essential ingredients to achieving equity for women and will enable women of all ages to have an equal place in society. The ability to achieve positive economic outcomes impacts on all aspects of women's lives including their family, education, health, employment, housing and personal safety and can enable women to make informed choices.

S4W aims to substantially improve:

- women's access to sustainable employment and business enterprise
- women's access to relevant and affordable education and training, information and technology
- provision of appropriate working conditions and advancement within employment
- the rate of elimination of employment discrimination and occupational segregation
- women's control over economic resources
- recognition of women's (actual and potential) role in the economy

Kate Gunn also said "We are looking forward to working with the Australian Government on policy issues and collaborating with all the National Women's Alliances to make a difference to all women in the future."

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