

Over the past decade, Economic Security4Women (S4W) has been one of Australia's most successful National Women's Alliances, as a leading collaborator with women's organisations and the other National Women's Alliances.

S4W has contributed to capacity building in women's organisations, consulted with women of all ages to establish priorities, and issues and led policy research, advocacy and change.

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Status of Women congratulated Economic Security4Women on being one of six National Women's Alliances established to receive government funding over the next three years.

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

Over the past decade S4W has undertaken major projects and the subsequent reports have been produced: Women and Housing; Lifelong Learning: Work related Education and Training - meeting the needs of Australian Women; Out of School Hours Care; Pension Review; and many more. For more information on S4W's project please visit our website:

[www.security4women.org.au](http://www.security4women.org.au)

Through these projects we endeavour to make improvements through policy development and target programs, services and information for the benefit of women and girls.

S4W in the future will be engaging with women who have not previously been associated with the Alliance and collaborate with these women by assisting them to have their interest represented in public policy advocacy in Australia. Women S4W will engage with are:

- Young women entering the workforce
- Mums in the mortgage belt
- Women working in low-skilled, casual and part-time jobs
- Older women who have left the workforce.

Economic Security4Women is looking forward to working with the Australian Government on policy issues and collaborating with all of the National Women's Alliances in order to make a difference for the benefit of all women in the future.

For more information on S4W visit:  
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