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'Girls can do anything... they just won't be paid for it.....' stated Executive Officer for economic Security4Women, Kimberly James

"You may be fooled to think that this is 1813 not 2013, when we can see such a dramatic increase in the gender pay gap. It is incomprehensible to think that not only is it merely an increase but it has more than doubled; surely this could not happen in this day and age".

Furthermore, we continue to perpetuate myths to our children when we still tell our daughters they can do anything - well they can do anything - they just are not going to get paid the same as their brothers for doing it.

New figures released by Graduate Careers Australia show the gender pay gap between female and male university graduates more than doubled last year to 9.1% across all occupations, increasing from \$2000 to \$5000 per annum.

Sandra Cook, Chair of economic Security4Women, is committed to continuing to raise the issue for gender pay equity and work until this becomes a subject that will only appear in history books and not in modern history.

At economic Security4Women we work to influence government to address the issues that will see the gender pay gap decrease and eventually disappear. We hope that the government will take action towards seeing this gap reduce.

2012 saw the women's agenda become primary in the political sphere; we are hoping that by working together with Government and industry we can continue to work towards gender pay equality.

Work towards increasing participation for women in tertiary studies is obviously working as women make up the majority of university graduates; our next stage is to see them participate in employment that will see them earn equitable remuneration in all spheres.

It is disappointing to see the increase in the disparity of income; we just hope this is not a sign of the times to come.

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