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National Council of Women of New Zealand



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MWA's New Website

The Ministry of Women's Affairs has just launched its new website – <http://www.mwa.govt.nz/>
Check it out – it looks great and information is easily accessible.

CEDAW Seminar Saturday 24th November

NCWNZ is organising a seminar in Wellington on Saturday 24th November from 9.00 – 1.00 pm to discuss the 'Key Areas for Government Action on Women' identified by the Monitoring Committee of the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in New York 2012, and to establish working groups to review and address these.

Go to our website for more details, including how to register.

Video about 'Women's Voices' Project

Metro CTV recently screened an item on the *Women's Voices* project. This project is an initiative by the NCWNZ Christchurch branch to record the experiences of women during and in the aftermath of the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes.

Go to our website to see the video clip.

NCWNZ Action Items and Submissions

Current Action Items: Education Amendment Bill, - comments due 12 December; Minimum Wage (Starting out Wage) Amendment Bill - comments due 14 November; Parole Amendment Bill - comments due 22 November.

Recently lodged: Submission to the Social Services Select Committee on the *Social Security (Benefit Categories and Work Focus) Amendment Bill 67-1*; Submission to the Ministry of Health on *Paying Family Carers to Provide Disability Support 2012*

Go to our website (Members Only section) for current Action Items and to read our submissions.

KiwiSaver default scheme review.

The Government is reviewing this scheme and is looking to identify anomalies and individual problems. While NCWNZ will not be making a submission, we would like to draw it to members' attention as you may wish to make your own personal comment. The due date for comments is 24 December 2012.

Link to the discussion document: <http://www.med.govt.nz/business/business-law/current-business-law-work/review-of-kiwisaver-default-provider-arrangements>

NCWNZ Website

Below are some intros into interesting stories recently posted. Go to www.ncwnz.org.nz to read these stories in full –

Marital rape outlawed in the Solomons

A law giving Solomon Islands' men the right to rape their wives has been struck down by the High Court in the Pacific archipelago, the Solomons Star reports.

Killing of daughter with acid for 'looking at boy'

A Pakistani couple accused of killing their 15-year-old daughter by pouring acid on her carried out the attack because she sullied the family's honour by looking at a boy, the couple said in an interview broadcast by the BBC.

There's no harm in The Breast Milk Baby

These days mentioning the words 'breast feeding' seems to have the same effect as throwing a lit match onto a pile of gasoline-soaked rags - thanks a lot, Piri Weepu! But even Piri can't be blamed for the furore surrounding a new doll being marketed this Christmas.

Extra anguish for sex complainants

Sexual harassment victims tell researchers of being further discriminated against at work after they speak out. A growing number of workers who complain about sexual harassment say they are being further victimised or even demoted, a survey has found.

Woman could break Chinese political glass ceiling

A record number of American women will hold U.S. Senate seats after Tuesday's election. In China, there is speculation over whether a woman will also make history by ascending to its top political core.

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