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## SUBMISSION

**Re: Victims of Crime Reform Bill 2011**

### Introduction

1. This submission is from the New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women Inc.

### Our organisation

2. Our organisation's aims are to link professional and businesswomen throughout the world, to provide support, to lobby for change and to promote the ongoing advancement of women. We work for equal opportunities and status for all women in economic, civil and political life and the removal of discrimination in all countries. We promote our aims and organise our operating structure without distinction as to race, language or religion.

Our membership is approximately 450.

Our structure is comprised of a National Executive, 18 branches located nationwide between Kaitaia and Southland, with a number of individual members in areas where there is no branch. We are a non political organisation.

**Our interest in this bill is because we are a women's group who are committed to ensure safety for all working women through advocacy, education and mentoring. We submit our views on Victims of Crime Reform Bill as we have policy that has been passed urging the Government to review the status of victims**

BPW NZ supports the changes suggested in the Victims of Crime Reform Bill 2011

It is gratifying when reading the bill that most of the changes that we lobbied for in past have been or are going to be implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to have our say and we hope that our comments are of use to you.

Yours Sincerely

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