

Achieving Women's Equality

South Australia's Women's Policy



Government of South Australia

Office for Women

POPULATIONS OF FOCUS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are recognised as the First Australians and are an integral part of South Australia's culturally diverse society.

Aboriginal people are over-represented among Australians facing disadvantage, and this disadvantage is visibly more persistent over time and across generations. This disadvantage can have both immediate social and cultural determinants, and deeper causes.



1.9%

of the total female population in SA are Aboriginal women.

THREE PILLARS

The three pillars listed below are the key drivers of the South Australian Women's Policy: Achieving Women's Equality.

IMPROVING WOMEN'S SAFETY AND WELLBEING

IMPROVING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC STATUS

INCREASING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

How are we addressing the needs of this population?

See below examples of what the South Australian Government is doing to support the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in South Australia.

Detailed information on each South Australian Government department's initiatives and programs is available on the Office for Women website. The following are examples drawn from this information.

IMPROVING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC STATUS

Department	Initiative	Details
Department of State Development	Women in Heavy Industries	This project supported Aboriginal women in the Far North region by providing structured mentoring support.

INCREASING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

Department	Initiative	Details
Supported by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion	Gladys Elphick Awards	The Gladys Elphick Awards are the first South Australian Aboriginal Awards to be created for and by Aboriginal women.

IMPROVING WOMEN'S SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Department	Initiative	Details
SA Health	Metropolitan Aboriginal Family Birthing Program	The program aims to improve pregnancy outcomes for Aboriginal families.