

## RESOLUTION 1 – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCW ACT</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	The NCW Australia urges all Federal, State, Territory and local governments to maintain clear, consistent and long-term support to the renewable energy industries, as well as other emission reduction support, so as to reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions more effectively than just a 5% reduction on 2000 levels by 2020.

## RESOLUTION 2 - MICROPLASTICS

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCWQ</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	The NCW Australia urges the Federal Government to tackle the threat of microplastics by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting research and monitoring programs,</li> <li>• Engaging with industry to decrease plastic waste, which involves decreasing production of throwaway packaging and increasing the content of recycled material in new plastic products,</li> <li>• Tightening biodegradability standards,</li> <li>• Promoting consumer education.</li> </ul>

## RESOLUTION 3 – FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCWVIC</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>  <b>Call for Australia wide action.</b>	That. in the light of recent reports including the February 2015 Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory Select Committee on Action to Prevent Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, NCWA calls on the Australian Government to work through the Council of Australian Governments(COAG) for effective strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to prevent the ongoing incidence of this disorder and provide for those affected, by adoption of better training in health, education, justice and child protection sectors.</li> <li>• to allow individuals diagnosed with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder full access to disability and Centrelink supports, including Commonwealth Rehabilitation Services and Medicare reimbursements, and eligibility for government-funded support and services includes criteria that reflect the functional and behavioural deficits of developmental disorders including FASD.</li> </ul>

### RESOLUTION 4 - SURROGACY

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCWVIC</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<p><b>Surrogacy &amp; the best interests of the child and mother.</b></p> <p>That National Council of Women of Australia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the increasing use of family formation by use of surrogacy* by Australians, both inside Australia and overseas,</li> <li>2. Affirms that the best interests of the child and the birth mother must be strongly protected where surrogacy arrangements are permitted, whether commercial or altruistic, and</li> <li>3. Calls on the Australian Government to work with Council of Australian Governments (COAG) for more stringent oversight of surrogacy both internationally by an agreement similar to the Hague code covering inter-country adoption, and in Australian States and Territories for a regime including continuing supervision of the child and the parents to ensure that the welfare of the child is maintained.</li> </ol>

### RESOLUTION 5 – MENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCWSA</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	That NCWA acts to ensure all members of the constituent State Councils are informed about the poor quality of mental health management in Australia and are acting upon this information to improve mental health care in their State or Territory.

### RESOLUTION 6 – REFERENDUM FOR RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINALS AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS AS THE FIRST AUSTRALIANS

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCWSA</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	That NCWA acts to ensure all members of the constituent State Councils are well informed about the issues involved in the proposed referendum for Recognition of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders as the First Australians.

### RESOLUTION 7 – MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCW CTI</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	That NCWA requests the Australian Government: To provide funding to develop independent research of the medical use of cannabis and to continue these trials for a sufficient number of years until it is scientifically accepted that long-term use is safe for Australians and in particular the effect on children.

### RESOLUTION 8 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCW CTI</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<p>Noting with appreciation the commitment of the Federal Governments, and some state governments, to eliminate domestic violence, we submit:</p> <p><b>THAT</b>, in view of the fact that many Domestic Violence Orders are breached which often means more violence, sometimes even resulting in death, a national law should be passed that the perpetrator immediately becomes liable for a prison sentence, appropriate to the severity of the violence and the perpetrator’s history of breaching.</p>

### RESOLUTION 9 – HOUSING HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCW NSW</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<p>In recognition of the work being done by the Federal Government in providing housing for the homeless, <b>THAT</b> the government’s attention be drawn to the need for making more economically substantial provision for young people (children up to the age of 18 years) who are without family or parental support.</p>

### RESOLUTION 10 – SAFE HOUSING FOR WOMEN

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>NCW NSW</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<p>THAT National Council of Women of Australia urges the Federal Government to give attention to gender specific safe housing of women and their children as an essential element in all discussions and implementation of actions taken within the establishment of a National DVO Scheme.</p>