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NATIONAL AGENDA FOR WOMEN

"Women - Shaping and Sharing the Future", the New National Agenda for Women, released today, is the Commonwealth Government's blueprint for action for women to the end of the decade. The 162 page document describes women's aspirations, as expressed during extensive community consultations, and outlines the government's strategies to meet those aspirations. The Agenda identifies sixteen important policy areas, including child care, employment, violence against women and health and well being, and also covers groups such as women in rural and remote areas and women with disabilities.

In my Message to the Women of Australia, included in the document, I state that Australia is recognised around the world for our achievements in improving women's lives, and I commit my Government to maintaining and improving this record. I invite the women of Australia to comment on the document and look forward to hearing their reactions.

On Wednesday in Sydney I will outline in detail how the Government proposes to act on the strategies outlined in the New National Agenda for Women.

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