

Achieving Women's Equality

South Australia's Women's Policy



Government
of South Australia

Office for Women

POPULATIONS OF FOCUS

Rural and regional women

Women play an increasingly influential role in every aspect of regional Australia – they share a passion for a viable and sustainable future for Australian agriculture. It is estimated that one third of Australian women live in rural and regional communities.



50.4%

of SA's
population
are women.

When we give regional women access to productive agricultural and natural resources, we empower them. They, in turn, can contribute more to food supply and boosting the ability of their communities to cope with the effects of climate change, land degradation and displacement. This benefits all people.

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

INCREASING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

IMPROVING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC STATUS

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 rural and regional 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 for State Development in partnership with Regional Development Authority (RDA) Far North, Training Duo, Civil Train	Women in Heavy Industries	Delivered structured mentoring to 15 women with barriers to employment as they undertook a certificate in Civil Construction.

INCREASING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

Department	Initiative	Details
Primary Industries and Regions South Australia	South Australian Rural Leadership program (SARLP)	The aim of the Plan was to build capacity and to develop a network of rural people with leadership skills and the confidence to influence decision-making processes in rural South Australia and in the primary production sector.

IMPROVING WOMEN'S SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Department	Initiative	Details
SA Health – Department for Human Services	Before-Birthing and Beyond – A Healthy Start for Women from Rural and Remote Areas	An 8 month project which aimed to increase system coordination and more appropriate support services for women from rural and remote areas requiring pre-natal and post-natal care.