

Independent Women for an Independent PSA Women's Council

By now you would have received a ballot paper for your electorate to vote for the 2010 – 2012 term for Women Council Committee members.

Women's Council is a forum where female representatives from all public sector workplaces covered by the PSA meet to discuss and develop recommendations that better women and their families. It is the work of all members of this forum that contribute to outcomes.

As Women's Council is a not a decision making part of the union - all recommendations are sent to Central Council and the PSA Executive for action who then assign these outcomes to the appropriate PSA staff- in most cases the PSA Women's Industrial Officer

Before the 2008 term Women's Council was non factional. Unfortunately this changed immediately after the 2008 PSA Elections where the current executive of our union, leaders of the " Rank and File" and " Members First" factions, lost 47% of members votes to the Progressive PSA group.

We believe this has lead to the factional voting, bullying and harassment of the non aligned women and vote stacking throughout the last 2 years which has hindered free speech and the ability of elected representatives to represent their members. Attempts to ensure that vacancies at Women's Council were filled according the PSA By-Laws that govern the operations of Women's Council unbelievably resulted in a factional vote which rejected the motion that these By Laws be followed!!

It is not surprising as the same leaders of the factions campaigned together under the one ticket in the past PSA elections and changed the voting rules for the last election however have since met in separate factions and publish factional "how to vote" distributed by PSA staff in many electorates.

We would like to see members payments used to provide better outcomes for members and the PSA staff time dedicated to assisting and supporting members rather than used for the distribution of these how to votes

True to the non factional fundamentals of Women's Council we are supporting each other as Independent thinkers who will continue to consider and develop real issues for Women and will vote according to conscience NOT how a faction dictates.

Please turn over to see how we would appreciate you voting and thanks for your support!

We are working for a better union.

How to vote for **Independent Women for an Independent Women's Council**

Electorate 11

There are 4 positions to be elected in this electorate.

Vote by placing numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6 in the following order:

1 **Cameron, K**

4 **Cameron, R**

3 **Wall, M**

5 **Collins, Susanne**

6 **Brown, Ann**

2 **Summers, J**