

Notes from the Roundtable Discussion on the Review of the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act and Agency

Organised by the Women and Work Research Group,
University of Sydney
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Government information on the Review (Terms of Reference, Issues Paper etc). is available [here](#).

Submissions must be made by 16 October 2009. Some academic articles on EEO and the Act are available [here](#).

Contribute to the debate about the EOWW Act and Agency. Please feel free to contribute, however briefly – email Alex Heron with contributions at A.Heron@econ.usyd.edu.au Contributions are [here](#).

Over ten years on from the 1998 review of the Affirmative Action Act 1986 which resulted in the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999, the Minister for the Status for Women has announced a review of the 1999 Act and the Agency.

The Roundtable held on 4 August 2009 was intended to generate ideas for those making submissions to the review. Its terms of reference include examining the role of the EOWW Act and Agency in gathering and reporting on workplace data, considering how effective the Act has been in delivering EEO in the workplace and advising on how to improve the equal opportunity for women framework. There were c60 attendees.

The current timetable for the review is as follows:

- Publication of the issues paper 31 August;
- Submissions close on 16 October 2009;
- KPMG will analyse the submissions for the Office for Women;
- Consultation roundtables will then be held around Australia;
- A report to the Minister for Women will be submitted in late 2009.