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For those of you who have not yet heard, the City of Sydney Council has recently voted to end our accommodation grant and terminate our tenancy in Benledi House as a result of our work in relation to women's sex-based rights.



We would like to thank our members and supporters for the many wonderful emails sent to Council last year, and also over the past week, including one with over 900 signatures organised by the international Women's Human Rights Campaign. Sadly these efforts were ignored by the Councillors and their staff.



Janet Fraser addresses the Lord Mayor and City of Sydney Councillors in support of FLC.

If you would like to learn more about our dispute with Council, all correspondence can be accessed on our website at [Save Feminist Legal Clinic](#), including a small [sample of the many letters](#) sent in our support. You can also watch [Janet](#), [Helen](#) and [Anna](#) address members of Council in support of FLC.

We are considering our legal options, but since our tenancy expires next year anyhow, we are conscious not to waste resources on securing a pyrrhic victory. Instead we will focus our efforts on pursuing and finalising the cases we are already conducting on behalf of our clients.

Coverage of stoush with City of Sydney Council

[WHRC Open Letter and new website](#), The War on Women, 27 June 2021.

[God bless Terf Island! The situation is still bad in Australia, though](#), The Glinner Update, 27 June 2021.

[EXCLUSIVE: Sydney women's charity stripped of council grant over transgender views](#), Sky News Australia, 25 June 2021.

[Sydney Lord Mayor downgrades Feminist Legal Clinic](#), Sky News Australia, 24 June 2021.



[Sydney Council to Terminate Feminist Legal Clinic's Lease](#), The War on Women, 23 June 2021.

Coverage of the Women's Human Rights Campaign

[Feminism has been co-opted to support an agenda to lower the age of consent](#), 29 March 2021.

[The Trajectory of an anti-LGBT Conspiracy Theory](#), Trans Safety Network, 11 April 2021.

[Lesbian vs Pedophiles: A Recent History](#), 4W, 9 April 2021.

[Allow children as young as 10 to consent to sex - LGBT NGO, RIPT](#), 6 April 2021.

[Unionise to get to your kids](#), Kellie-Jay Keen, You Tube, 2 April 2021.

[Feminism co-opted to remove child protection](#), The War on Women, 1 April 2021.

[A piece of the PIE](#), The Glinner Update, 31 March 2021.



WHRC Presentations

[Women's Human Rights Campaign \(Aus/NZ\) Webinar](#) – Speakers [Nicole Jameson](#), [Azure Rigney](#) and [Allecia Staines](#) discussing Article 2 of the Declaration and the female status of motherhood, hosted by Janet Fraser of Feminist Legal Clinic Inc., 29 May 2021. (Podcast [here](#)).



[Women's Human Rights Campaign \(Aus/NZ\) Webinar](#) – Speakers: [Jack Draper](#), [Eileen Haley](#), [Jay Park](#) and [Judi Pattison](#) discussing Article 1 of the Declaration and why the definition of woman is important, 24 April 2021. ([Archive](#), [Anchor](#)).



Submissions

Submission to Select Committee of the South Australian Legislative Council on Statutes Amendment (Repeal of Sex Work Offences) Bill 2020, 7 May 2021.

[Submission to Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights on ParentNext](#): examination of Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – class of persons) Instrument 2021, 4 May 2021.

Other Media mentions

[Book Review of "Beauty, Women's Bodies and the Law: Performances in Plastic" by Jocelynn Scutt in LSJ](#), Law Society of NSW, p.62, Issue 78, June 2021.

[Interview with Beth Matthews on Radical Philosophy on 3CR Community Radio](#), 15 May 2021.

Casework

During this quarter we have been engaged in supporting a number of members who have been the subject of professional complaints as a result of their recognition of sex-based differences. With other members of the international WHRC Legal Working Group, we have also been investigating the feasibility of bringing a challenge to the International Olympic Committee's guidelines on the eligibility of transgender athletes. Our confidential work in support of women who have detransitioned also continues. The other side of our practice which is focused on domestic violence casework is equally busy with several part-heard cases in the Local Court.

Women's Court Support Service (WCSS)

In May we recruited and trained a new team of volunteers to staff the WCSS at the Sydney Family Court. Unfortunately, we have had to again discontinue the face to face roster since June as a result of the current COVID restrictions.

Women Write Wiki

Our group met at The Women's Library in April and May and also online, including for [#1Lib1Ref](#) in May/June. Some of us attended the [Picture This editathon](#) in May where we uploaded images from the [City of Sydney Archives](#). Sadly, most were of long-dead male politicians. We look forward to when COVID restrictions ease and we can solve editing questions face to face in TWL's comfortable environment. We continue to welcome and support new women editors, write new bios of women and update existing ones, including keeping a watchful eye out for unreferenced changes and reverting where necessary.

Please Join as an FLC Member!

The recent publicity has delivered to us many new members and donations, for which we thank you. For existing members, the link to renew for 2021-22 is [here](#). If you're unsure about your membership status, please check by emailing membership@feministlegal.org

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