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Our tenancy at Benledi House has been terminated by the City of Sydney Council. Our request to Council for further information has revealed that the original complainant was the Gender Centre and there were only four other letters sent in support of the decision after it was already made. Meanwhile many hundreds of women wrote and signed letters in support of our service and protesting Council's action.



*Anna Kerr and Margot Oliver removing the portrait of Virginia Woolf as they pack up the Feminist Legal Clinic office at Benledi House.*

As a direct result of this action by the City of Sydney, NSW Legal Aid has now threatened to remove us from all legal aid panels and court rosters and to reassign our existing cases. We are certainly challenging this and are now receiving pro bono legal support from counsel with expertise in human rights and defamation law.



*Misguided protestors at the University of Sydney Event that preceded the complaint to Council against FLC*

While clearly not the outcome we were hoping for, our eviction did receive quite a bit media coverage which resulted in a boost in membership applications and donations. Thank you to all those who were moved to support us during these difficult times.

## Media mentions

[Trans women allowed to enter NSW Woman of the Year awards](#), Daily Telegraph, 8 September 2021

[Why single-sex spaces are a battlefield for transgender rights](#), The Age (& SMH), 28 August 2021

[Eleventh-hour bid to save women's charity](#), Sky News, 18 August 2021

[Last-minute bid to save women's charity from eviction](#), Sky News, 18 August 2021



*Sky News covering Feminist Legal Clinic volunteers packing up the office*

[ABS on a gender bender](#), The Daily Telegraph, 13 August 2021

[Biological Sex in Sydney](#), The Critic, 3 August 2021

[Sydney Lord Mayor downgrades feminist legal clinic](#), NT News, July 2021

[EXPOSED: City of Sydney evicts legal service for vulnerable women and girls for holding biological sex matters](#), The Spectator, 30 July 2021

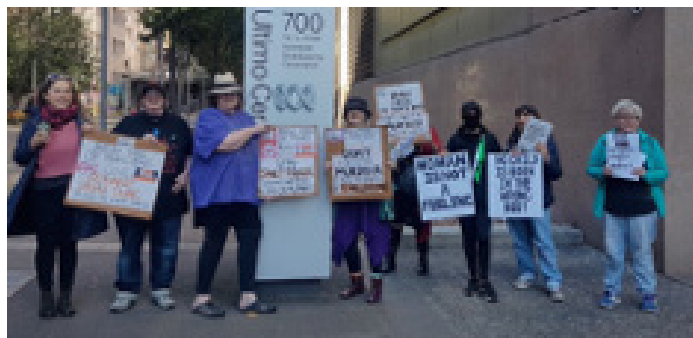


*Rachael Wong from Women's Forum Australia advocating on behalf of Feminist Legal Clinic Inc. on Sky News.*

[City of Sydney Council revoking legal clinic grant “a serious misuse of power”](#), news.com.au, 29 July 2021

[Women’s charity given boot over claim biological sex is real](#), Daily Telegraph, 28 July 2021

[City of Sydney serves Eviction Notice to Transphobic Feminist Legal Clinic](#), Star Observer, 27 July 2021



*Protest outside ABC about their lack of balanced coverage*

[Feminist Legal Clinic evicted for posting anti-trans websites](#), Sydney Morning Herald, 25 July 2021

[“You can kill nan, unless she identifies as a man”](#), Daily Telegraph, 24 July 2021, p15

[City of Sydney Council evicts legal service for vulnerable women and girls](#), Women’s Forum Australia, 12 July 2021

## Presentations

Women’s Human Rights Campaign (Aus/NZ) Webinar – speakers [Virginia Mansel Lees](#), [Michelle Uriarau](#) and [Caroline Norma](#) on Article 6 hosted by Janet Fraser, 25 September 2021 ([Podcast](#))

Catherine Lynch (from 7.03) and Anna Kerr (from 15.45) [speaking on the need to ban surrogacy](#) at the [Symposium on the child’s right to Identity in assisted reproductive technology](#), 14 September 2021

[Anna Kerr with updates on Feminist Legal Clinic and WHRC Australia](#), Women’s Human Rights Campaign, Feminist Question Time, Saturday 4 September 2021



Di Landy - Founding member of Mana Wāhine Kōrero - talks on Children’s rights

[Women’s Human Rights Campaign \(Aus/NZ\) Webinar](#) – Speakers [Beth Johnson](#), [Di Landy](#), [Jan Rivers](#) and [Prue Hyman](#), discussing Attacks on women’s sex-based rights in New Zealand, hosted by Janet B, 31 August 2021

[Women’s Human Rights Campaign \(Aus/NZ\) Webinar](#) – Speakers Professor [Bronwyn Winter](#), [Madeleine Valdor](#), [Jessica Hoyle](#) and [Anna Kerr](#) discussing Articles 4 and 5 of the Declaration on freedom of expression and assembly, hosted by Janet Fraser of Feminist Legal Clinic, 31 July 2021 ([archive](#) and [podcast](#)).



## Submissions

[Submission to the Commission on the Status of Women regarding Human Rights Infringements in the Australian Family Court](#), 30 July 2021

[Submission to the Commission on the Status of Women on violation of our rights as women human rights defenders to freedom of expression and assembly](#), 30 July 2021

[Submission to the Commission on the Status of Women on behalf of the Women’s Human Rights Campaign](#) (originally submitted in June 2020 to OHCHR), July 2021

## Women Write Wiki

Group members have created bios of 45 more women during the quarter. We have assisted at several online (obviously!) editathons and are working on arrangements for [Ada Lovelace Day](#) – a 24-hour global editathon on 12 October. If you’re interested, please email [membership@feministlegal.org](mailto:membership@feministlegal.org) – no prior experience is necessary.

## Please Join as an FLC Member!

For new and existing members, the link to join or renew is [here](#). If you’re unsure about your membership status, please check by emailing [membership@feministlegal.org](mailto:membership@feministlegal.org)

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