

NEW ZEALAND REPORT TO WDI FROM 20 APRIL 2023 TO MID FEBRUARY 2024

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Events for the rest of 2023 and beyond, reverberated with the effects of the violence towards women at Albert Park on 25 March, at the Let Women Speak event with Kellie-Jay Keen. The events also featured a build up to, and aftermath of, the New Zealand general election which saw a change of government to a coalition of National, New Zealand First, and Act parties. Women's sex-based rights groups, parents groups, community groups, health professionals and others concerned about gender continued to grow in numbers and held several events across the country.

Follow up from 25 March Let Women Speak Event at Albert Park with Kellie-Jay Keen, and Police Inaction about Violence against Women.

(For details of the 25 March event see the Report from January to late April 2023)

The Free Speech Union (FSU)

18 April

The FSU invited Nadine Strossen, former president of the ACLU, to New Zealand. Q@A Jack Tame interviewed her about freedom of speech and the heckler's veto, which is what the mob brought at Albert Park.

<https://www.facebook.com/NZQandA/posts/pfbid02DcjjLdUPdDvscHQjcQChXZhrb9a6adJrE9JALGTo1eadkUEfUVvixQdLzcVcgnUPI>

20-21 April

The Free Speech Union wrote an open letter, with 23,000 signatures, to the Police Minister and the Commissioner of Police about their mismanagement of the women's gathering (KJK event) at Albert Park on 25 March.

26 September

Holly Lawford Smith, from Melbourne delivered a powerful speech in Auckland, at a FSU debate .

<https://www.facebook.com/WDIANZ/posts/pfbid0223csPLDqLhuASzQAm1Cdzva2LjMmfcdKL8i675UEQRiB8QugnZxzQqcD7WVRdYml>

January/February 2024: FSW announces upcoming events with visiting speaker Graham Linehan, in New Zealand in March.

Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA)

Several Complaints were made to the IPCA about the police failure to protect women at Albert Park.

20 July: The **Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA)** announced they would do a public enquiry into police conduct at **Albert Park on 25 March**; after receiving around 160 complaints and 36 complaints from people who were there.

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/national/posie-parker-rally-police-watchdog-probe-complaints?fbclid=IwAR03dfDRv13FUoBrYX4wchu3bfSz9jwEN-PEnjN-31LSUIHAOecKtEom1vA>

15 September

NZ Police released copies of the correspondence about the Albert Park event to some Official Information Act (OIA) requests.

<https://twitter.com/SimonRAnderson1/status/1702125388871475422>

February 2024 The IPCA said it would release its report in June .

Court Cases and Police Role

20 April

The man accused of punching Emily Steele, a 70+ years old woman, at Albert Park, appeared in court.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/crime/posie-parker-protest-man-accused-of-punching-elderly-woman-appears-in-court/XKEIG7WEDRCJFAKAK76RPPC7VQ/?fbclid=IwAR1TlqEdXoGweuXw05novQTRgSFb5smiRNDhXdEB1TkNd_iuTVIaXLmTn2w

In June, Police stated that the man was granted diversion (no conviction.) This was untrue. In July, this was said to be an “administrative error”

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/kahu/diversion-over-posie-parker-rally-assault-a-withdrawn-by-police-man-heading-back-to-court/EIE5INXYPNBEJA57PJERZMW3DA/?fbclid=IwAR2BHNUpWCa5_LpwtH0QPEvGiSAWRCYDrvjopIy4z7DdfSkvxDp3c83toFU

Mid -August

Linda Sutton spoke to Reality Check radio about her assault at Albert Park. (Police declined to arrest anyone).

<https://realitycheck.radio/linda-sutton-on-the-posie-parker-let-women-speak-event-her-assault-the-police-investigation/>

26 October

Eli Rubashkyn, who threw tomato juice on Kelly-Jay Keen and Tania Sturt, failed to have the assault charges dismissed.

<https://www.facebook.com/WDIANZ/posts/pfbid0DbRUzvVp3SJ39Z9i89ZaPMJL8rDWt4J5dNaJr6srBHCjZpA7EnDCyfxbdQFopQHjI>

“I do not accept that protest and counter protest should be expected to end in violence,” Judge Ryan said. “People in this diverse and tolerant society when they go to protests should expect that they can protest peacefully.”

Media

Criticisms of Media Bias about the Albert Park Let Women Speak Event.

27 March

Andrew Doyle on the Newshub misrepresentation of KJK adjusting her zip as a white power signal.

https://twitter.com/andrewdoyle_com/status/1640082435806310401

26 April: A Bold Woman-158 Biased Media Articles re Posie Parker Rally

https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/re-sending-the-posie-parker-madness?fbclid=IwAR1xCCbRBcYVdfGf8aJTSgqIHFYEG8MwOQcFmSrLoZBQtZuRlxVYvTI_DCU

4 May: Auckland Mobbing of Kellie-Jay Keen fuelled by media peddled misinformation

Laura Lopez

<https://quilllette.com/2023/05/04/the-auckland-mobbing-of-kellie-jay-keen-was-fuelled-by-media-peddled-misinformation/>

24 April : NZ Herald spoke to Emily Steele, the elderly woman who was assaulted at Albert Park

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/posie-parker-assault-elderly-woman-allegedly-punched-during-rally-breaks-silence-over-incident-and-mans-arrest/EU3JYNZ3PBBMHKW73ITRMYLKPY/?fbclid=IwAR2NDBzu1EdBI7p_a060S8zBIue9ZyWLDnKILLPkkVHvpUImLJQHmwIFZc#

Media Council (MC) and Broadcasting Standards Authority (BSA) Complaints

April

Several women made complaints to the Media Council and the Broadcasting Standards Authority about biased reporting prior to and subsequent to the Let Women Speak event at Albert Park on 25 March.

The Media Council

Late May

The Media Council began to respond to complaints .

A defence from media outlets for their claims about Kellie Jay Keen being an “anti- trans activist” and a “Nazi sympathiser” was that these claims were widely reported.

The Media Council claimed that lack of balance in a report is not a problem because balance can be looked for over a number of articles.

https://www.mediacouncil.org.nz/rulings/natasha-hamilton-hart-against-the-nz-herald/?fbclid=IwAR2SGAGuEnzbu5-FiXQaQ_T3hKgcZ5qob3MTShD25MzXe58-jHXfyh7li5o

13 September-Report

Media Council and Broadcasting Standards Authority dismissed 16 Complaints

https://www.newsroom.co.nz/nz-media-cleared-in-posie-parker-coverage?fbclid=IwAR1gLyccmGoStHeCMkcOFp_LBssL-zoG5M6jd3Zx1Azqaa7G8-Ns5OS9T6E

However, the Media Council **upheld** a complaint about a **biased Puberty Blockers article in 2022**.

In 2022 Stuff reported that the Ministry of Health considered puberty blockers to be safe and effective, even though that advice was removed from the MOH’s website. The Media Council found that this report was unbalanced and incorrect.

https://www.publicgood.org.nz/2023/05/29/media-council-finds-stuff-endorses-unbalanced-coverage-on-puberty-blockers/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ&fbclid=IwAR0mQ37dmy_CW1FjGASJ9CMoN_dWt6h2wStd_tCgaKfEdQ3yR9KVI8nf4Gg

The Broadcasting Standards Authority

The Broadcasting Standards Authority stated that defending women- only spaces is by definition "anti- trans", and so calling Kellie- Jay Keen “anti-trans” was literally correct!

https://www.bsa.govt.nz/decisions/all-decisions/absalom-and-mediaworks-radio-ltd-2023-030-26-july-2023/?fbclid=IwAR3KXzV5zG17eYaEJfZc8UWPfj-o_M_cdP9EGnEDOKGnUNOZGI4MNwyUA-o_aem_Ad6sFwZ7s3WGrghxvVWPvYzksTqbv2DhWSJKxPvkmZJsnvEDVbrsPWdBdl6FL1sQK3k

20 June

The BSA Issued New Guidance on Coverage of Gender Identity.

The guidance calls for censoring of gender critical material.

https://www.bsa.govt.nz/news/bsa-news/bsa-issues-new-guidance-on-coverage-of-gender-identity-issues/?fbclid=IwAR0sxnMpTFZ4kZr55vlpLyBXfLx_t8JAfLvTI_V4EFcTv8fRVjvOJp8bGhc

21 November

The Broadcasting Standards Authority upheld a complaint

In April, on Marae, the transactivist, Shaneel Lal, made a false claim that Kellie Jay Keen had said that “due to the transgender agenda, cisgender women are being kidnapped, blended and put into meat for human consumption.” The BSA said that this was “inaccurate.”

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/tv-radio/301012719/activist-shaneel-lal-made-inaccurate-claim-about-posie-parker-media-watchdog-finds?fbclid=IwAR3omeYBYRCNjT1-MRH11TUzwoGaOy83j3OVvY-xOrxUSgDnulhMmTkPPT0>

Street Activism

Successful open air events continued to be held by women in 2023, despite the intimidation at Albert Park. **Turn Up for Women** events (organised jointly by Women Act Up and Speak Up for Women) occurred in Wellington, Nelson, Auckland and Hawkes Bay.

3 May: Turn Up for Women, at Parliament Grounds, in Wellington.

The Police and parliamentary services kept the two groups separate behind fences, so the women were able to hold their event and have speakers. Success!

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/131922706/speak-up-for-women-protest-at-parliament-on-wednesday?cid=app-iphone&fbclid=IwAR0qvgl1iLqzeQjbA44WUSi8DEMrJsaB9VyG6EGWF9EmVq04wmZm37ZAZI68>

8 June: Turn Up Listen Up

Parliament. Wellington

Lesbian and Gay speakers

(Re: Pride month, Pride in Schools Week, and the BDMRR Act which is coming into force (Sex Self-ID))

22 July

Turn Up for Women in Nelson

Successful event with no harassment from gender activists

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNnCatRbZpM>

19th September Suffrage Day

Celebrating 130 years since women won the vote in 1893.

Events were held across the country in Auckland, Wellington, and elsewhere.

In Auckland, the Women's Rights Party held a banner over the Bond St motorway bridge, then later mingled with an event held by the pro-genderist National Council of Women at Suffrage Square at midday.

<https://www.facebook.com/WDIANZ/posts/pfbid02pTs1NPC2x47rrriVH1tcmYg22UNrUFwHsgI52u762Nx5KmkjMF9F8oSHZ62dqQePI>

20 September: Let Women Speak - a highly successful event was held in **Auckland**, at **St Patrick's Square**. Kellie-Jay Keen was originally expected to attend, but she was forced to pull out for safety reasons. The event went ahead anyway. A strong police presence protected the event attendees from harassment from anti-women protestors.

Video of entire event

<https://www.facebook.com/TruthBombsNZmedia/videos/622254153431694>

Photos

<https://www.facebook.com/WDIANZ/posts/pfbid02fCzDomqGbt5w4o95xZjE9TX1YCPNrGgn2xyo1LJGAV6Et53a8q9fVqaFQUYCWUZ8I>

Mainstream news managed to give a slightly more balanced report than its report of LWS on 25 March.

<https://www.facebook.com/NewshubNZ/videos/861173112233390/>

8 October: Turn Up event in Hawkes Bay

31 October: Voices for Children event, organised by Mana Wāhine Kōrero, at Parliament Grounds in Wellington.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eF8-HjdOXhc>

July: Let Women Speak, song by Whistle honours the women at Albert Park.

<https://whistle.bandzoogle.com/track/3427154/let-women-speak>

Women's Rights Party (WRP)

April

In response to events in Albert Park, the Women's Rights Party (WRP) was formed.

The Party supports the Women's Declaration.

A big year for New Zealand women. "No debate" is over!

<https://womensrightsparty.nz/a-big-year-for-women-in-new-zealand-politics/>

[fbclid=IwAR2zdbhHVVsGz6DVaVksQL7G0BYUsOt8wIkTwI9i8woUVI8-48siIBUoCB4](https://womensrightsparty.nz/a-big-year-for-women-in-new-zealand-politics/?fbclid=IwAR2zdbhHVVsGz6DVaVksQL7G0BYUsOt8wIkTwI9i8woUVI8-48siIBUoCB4)

Chimene Del la Varis, the co-leader in the second half of 2023, produced a podcast “The White Camelia” about events in New Zealand. Here’s an example: <https://womensrightsparty.nz/white-camellia-episode-three-the-cost-of-kindness/>

26 August

Tihei Harawira did a rap for the Women’s Rights Party at the Otago market, Auckland
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GRT64rDgIk>

Spark Boycott

8 July: Spark, a major telecommunications company, backed Shaneel Lal, whose inflammatory comments had helped contribute to the anti-woman fervour at Albert Park. This led to calls for a boycott.

https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/nzs-biggest-telecommunications-company?fbclid=IwAR3v6g5sZpIIQya1ZyEUL_qqEWly8Zx2ZTrTHEm-o3UIK23LG6wyVS9kGtM

11 July: “Spark NZ shares plunge \$262m as calls to boycott intensify. Outrage grows over the New Zealand internet provider's support for censoring women's rights activists on Meta's Threads platform.”

https://www.rebelnews.com/spark_nz_shares_plunge_262m_as_calls_to_boycott_intensify?fbclid=IwAR3rOTMJtz3Hq6Bc3kgN8S9QaLqRUXR5Pv9GP11BNQed5p9geK6NSG9vBJ0

Other Events

Legislation and policy prior to the general election.

The Law Commission is investigating how to include gender in future hate speech law and/or policy.

20 April : The Education and Training Amendment Bill proposed that School Boards coopt transgender members where possible

Many feminist groups and individuals submitted against this.

Resist Gender Education: A gender fluid person in every school board?

<https://resistgendereducation.substack.com/p/april-2023>

The Act was passed in August 2023.

23 August : The Integrity Sport and Recreation Act (introduced in April) was passed

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2023/0048/latest/LMS787103.html>

Save Women’s Sport Australasia outlined how it clashes with provisions in the Human Rights Act which protect single sex sports.

<https://www.savewomenssport.com/post/swsa-submission-to-the-integrity-sport-and-recreation-bill>

1 June: Proposal to set up a new Regulator of Social Media

<https://www.dia.govt.nz/media-and-online-content-regulation>

A New Zealand draft law, which proposes to give an **unelected regulator sweeping powers to determine what can be published on the internet**, with draconian penalties, was released.

Opposition to the proposal

Free Speech Union

<https://www.freespeechsubmission.com/?fbclid=IwAR3v08s2jIOpVKhWfdjU5eIOkuSPhuwA2V3s6ATEEQrsIvHL26CRFcKbshc>

Speak Up for Women (SUFW): Hate Speech by Another Name

SUFW response to proposed legislation which would create an unaccountable regulator of social media to determine what is “harmful” and “unsafe” which is not actually illegal, with enforcement and punitive powers.

<https://www.speakupforwomen.nz/post/sosmp-submission>

August : The Human Rights (Prohibition of Discrimination on Grounds of Gender Identity or Expression, and Variations of Sex Characteristics) Amendment Bill . Introduced by Dr Elizabeth Kerekere.

The bill proposed to include gender identity and expression in the Human Rights Act.

Currently, sex is included, not gender.

It's possible that this bill will not progress with the new Government, and since Dr Kerekere has resigned.

Green Party MP's Resign

23 April

Elizabeth Kerekere, who strongly promoted genderist legislation over the past two to three years, and treated gender critical submitters with contempt, was criticised within the Green Party for bullying.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/488574/more-green-members-criticise-kerekere-say-bullying-targeted-maori-pasifika?fbclid=IwAR0amKdz7tJGcte4uvSqyzGbugsRswPCWKM5ZO>

Kerekere resigned from the Green Party in May, and did not stand for re-election in October.

On 16 January 2024, Golriz Gharaman, who had encouraged the aggressive protests against the Let Women Speak event at Albert Park, resigne from parliament amidst allegations of shop lifting.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/506825/golriz-gharaman-resigns-from-parliament-after-shoplifting-allegations>

15 June

Sex Self- ID in the Births Deaths Marriages and Relationships Registration Act (BDMRRA) came into force.

The law allows people to change the sex on the birth certificate, multiple times based on a statutory declaration. Many service providers, including councils, believe this means they can no longer provide single sex spaces, for example in changing rooms in swimming pools , but this is incorrect.

Section 79 (2) of the BDMRR Act makes it clear that looking at the birth certificate is only one possible way to consider someone's sex , and that other means can be used.

The Human Rights Act guarantees the right to single sex spaces where safety, dignity and privacy is involved.

This law change was opposed by 70% of submitters and yet passed unanimously by parliament in December 2021.

The Dept of Internal Affairs makes it clear in '[Questions about the implications of self-identification for service providers](https://www.dia.govt.nz/bdmreview---Frequently-asked-questions)' that it's still legally allowable to provide a sex-segregated service after sex self-ID becomes law <https://www.dia.govt.nz/bdmreview---Frequently-asked-questions>

6 July: New Corrections Regulations to accommodate Sex Self- ID Came into Force

They include the following provision now that Sex Self-ID in law means that the birth certificate cannot be relied upon to determine sex:

"Remove a rigid reliance on birth certificates for transgender/gender diverse prisoners and instead ensure a range of factors can be considered when determining prison accommodation for gender diverse prisoners"

The NZ WDI country contact wrote to Corrections seeking clarification of how important they consider women's safety, when making these decisions.

Corrections replied saying that all the considerations were considered equally. The risk a man posed to women prisoners was only considered as one factor on an equal footing to the man's safety and well-being. Women's safety was therefore not critical, as international obligations require.

Health and Puberty Blockers.

The Ministry of Health used the term "anyone with a cervix" on its website to refer to women.

24 April

Questions mount around the use of puberty blockers for children, by Jan Rivers was published in the New Zealand Herald .

Republished by Speak Up for Women (SUFW)

https://www.speakupforwomen.nz/post/jan-rivers-puberty-blockers-for-children?fbclid=IwAR0UkGx3fMDmuTt4UaFRCOzMZGpqE7sOOPI_xhiEzsr2z8GHvbLN-rPaFJU

15 December

Puberty Blocker Use Surges in New Zealand, by Dr Charlotte Paul, in North and South Charlotte Paul: "We have (more than) 11 times the rate of use as England: 110 per 100,000 versus 9 per 100,000. We also have no minimum age for prescribing. If Puberty starts at 10 or 11, these children are eligible for blockers." Commentary by Katrina Biggs:

https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/new-zealands-shamefully-high-use?utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR1Oajuk5jVtUh_vZ0A3ugEo7eSoJOn3EkQf0x6iz-HhgmDu29Ae7UKiNfI

28 June

Puberty blockers under review by Ministry of Health

28.6.23

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2023/06/puberty-blocker-drugs-under-review-by-ministry-of-health.html?fbclid=IwAR18bwnK0z-uCmDMba8fTu55ZeDge9bOns4x8WrUM0LVv0f-PDVu2bxvhk8>

An excellent assessment of the PATHA Guideline by Jan Rivers

This investigation has shown that the PATHA (Professional Association for Transgender Health Aotearoa) Guideline contains no evidence of having been developed to meet any clinical guideline standard. Despite the claim that it is based on the WPATH (World Professional Association of Transgender Health) Guideline.

<https://www.publicgood.org.nz/2023/08/23/an-assessment-of-the-patha-guideline/?fbclid=IwAR13v2Xp24CnsoZZ4vzdiAMxDuymDwvGAOiXXXH6qLRPOrpqiWWk2VU759I>

Surgical Mesh

February

Select Committee hears submissions about a Petition to Pause Mesh Surgeries.

Petition of Sally Walker: Suspend the implantation of mesh sling for stress urinary incontinence

<https://www.facebook.com/hescnz/videos/858770008559823>

28 August

Despite not being recommended by the Select committee, the Mesh Surgeries were paused by Te Whatu Ora, The Ministry of Health.

<https://www.msn.com/en-nz/news/other/mesh-surgeries-to-be-halted-in-new-zealand-because-of-safety-concerns/ar-AA1fCRoZ?fbclid=IwAR2ZOof5Zan2eR4AgPbMIMa34nF0NMDVsrZmQ-wEDF3ZpQKPDcoFTEv9rS0>

10 November

Genspect Conference NZ

After threats to some participants, and no-platforming by a ticket agency; Genspect held a highly successful online conference on the medicalisation of gender questioning children. There were a range of excellent international and New Zealand speakers.

The Disinformation Project

March-April 2023

The Disinformation Project released a report about transgender issues.

<https://thedisinfoproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Transgressive-Transitions.pdf>

The Disinformation Project claimed that Trans people were being targeted after events at Albert Park.

May 2023

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/131936575/most-violent-targeting-of-any-community-the-aftermath-of-posie-parkers-visit>

A B'old Woman Critiques Disinformation Project

https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/disinformation-aplenty-from-the-aptly?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=1177996&post_id=119369484&isFreemail=true&utm_medium=email

Critique by Bryce Edwards

The so called expert is just another opportunist drumming up funding, who doesn't criticise state disinformation at all.

https://democracyproject.nz/2023/04/12/bryce-edwards-the-need-to-take-disinformation-seriously/?fbclid=IwAR2tCKdY2L_3kPRy0c0bnpsS5ao_DXhHTsbah-pGgqNZW2AG_flxMUFO-3E

Critique from the Free Speech Union

<https://www.facebook.com/FreeSpeechUnion/posts/>

[pfbid029KJpYGFepdgXQQSHsFjyAcXzDHtA1RneF68xxuc8Lx2vSedKyPgaAfnrxYu9EvgQl](https://www.facebook.com/FreeSpeechUnion/posts/?fbid=029KJpYGFepdgXQQSHsFjyAcXzDHtA1RneF68xxuc8Lx2vSedKyPgaAfnrxYu9EvgQl)

Critique from Speak Up for Women (SUFW)

<https://www.speakupforwomen.nz/post/speak-up-for-women-respond-to-report-by-the-disinformation-project?fbclid=IwAR1z1pDQaWyeQZpPjioxJWGpGtJPp2v1j4dztIRABTQRU-Jb11s0CDPmU6Y>

Council Policies

Swimming Pools

The Invercargill and Christchurch Councils faced community opposition for allowing men into women's changing rooms in swimming pools.

Both Councils have argued that the law requires them to do this, but this is not correct.

Invercargill 12 May:

<https://www.facebook.com/WDIANZ/posts/>

[pfbid0VmE8vVhHqiWUMyGQBQunsspjgCz94mMLocVkbm8VXKGGT87wo56abE8WEvQChgl](https://www.facebook.com/WDIANZ/posts/?fbid=0VmE8vVhHqiWUMyGQBQunsspjgCz94mMLocVkbm8VXKGGT87wo56abE8WEvQChgl)

Christchurch

16 May: Christchurch advocate concerned about a self-identity policy at Linwood Pool

https://www.chrislynchmedia.com/news-items/trans-policy-debate-sparks-controversy-over-womens-sessions-at-linwood-pool?fbclid=IwAR1ZydmVFWpoIU1Mm2H-wDgafIHY0mfCxWYAE3_-15GUqNyVaFqiuS0CAk0

Equity and Inclusion

29 November: Katrina Biggs and Di Landy presented to **Christchurch City Council** about their **Draft Equity and Inclusion Policy**.

<https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/we-want-sex-in-our-policies-to-protect?fbclid=IwAR2NhDneyL4Q-ybMsWRRSokxmr4bdkS4a5p3utMFLHi2CcSx9bLMMWCFQ5Q>

30 June Early July :Tauranga Council banned screenings of “What is a Woman”

on the grounds that Security would cost \$4,000.

Jonathan Ayling, from the Free Speech Union ,pointed out that the ban is bowing to a thug's veto.

The thug's veto is what shut down the Let Women Speak event at Albert Park in March.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/bay-of-plenty/300917960/tauranga-city-council-thrown-into-free-speech-debate-over-what-is-a-woman-eve>

6 June

Lesbian Resistance NZ joined with other radical lesbian feminist groups, including in **WDI USA** to form the **Lesbian Bill of Rights International**. It also announced a **WDI Lesbian Caucus** for Australia and New Zealand .

https://www.lesbianresistancenz.com/wdi-aus/nz-lesbian-caucus?fbclid=IwAR2QfL5f5IHMYxc0f-fluVeJvFjD32EKjp7_6Er77DqC8Nom_uj6K7mi6Q

Polls Reveal New Zealanders do not support Genderist Policies

8 June

The majority of New Zealanders do not support Sex Self- ID.

Curia market research poll

https://www.speakupforwomen.nz/post/majority-of-new-zealanders-do-not-support-sex-self-id?fbclid=IwAR3yDUUWWoGHQliuIc2cw_ff357dU7_1JIaES263BHkMYJqV7-dJGKZvTuY/

3 November

Males in women’s sports top concern for NZ Voters

Talbot Mills Poll

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/race-relations-among-most-divisive-issues-in-election-poll>

Comment by Ro Edge, of Save Women’s Sports Australasia:

<https://realitycheck.radio/ro-edge-on-the-recent-poll-highlighting-this-elections-social-issue-allowing-men-to-identify-as-women-and-compete-in-womens-sports/>

19 June

Teacher loses registration for refusing to use trans pronouns

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/christian-teacher-stripped-of-registration-after-refusing-to-use-trans-students-pronouns/WFGT2FVSSNGGDGY4ZQE05U2E74I/?fbclid=IwAR3t-hZqf1_vUsBN8FsBaX3j9MqGfwkO-hmEQqzPptU0Wcs5iLGNOWtYSE0

13 October 2023

WDI Book, Women’s Rights Gender Wrongs is released.

It has a chapter from New Zealand by Jan Rivers and Janet, the WDI Country Contact, and has some New Zealand writers.

The New Zealand Election.

July/August Election Campaigns

Neither of the two major parties, National or Labour supported women’s sex- based rights.

To meet this need, the Women’s Rights Party was formed in April. It recruited 500 +members , achieved registration, toured the country and put up 12 candidates for election. (It currently has around 750 members.)

Another new unregistered party, Workers Now, promoted pro -women policies .

One mainstream party that did talk about women's sex-based rights and biological reality was New Zealand First. Late in the campaign, the neo-liberal party Act started to mention free speech rights and to question Sex Self- ID (which it had voted for.)

July: Winston Peters, of New Zealand First, pledges against gender instruction in schools and indoctrination
<https://twitter.com/TheZeitgeistNZ/status/1682979082076844036?s=20&fbclid=IwAR0soFGvchUZLMpwbOEo18b3DAzRZEI7N5eNFkWIqAaLcypIZG1DKzZ-6o4>

17 August: Winston Peters spoke up for women- only bathrooms, changing rooms, and sports.

https://www.1news.co.nz/2023/08/17/luxon-says-nz-first-transgender-bathrooms-policy-on-another-planet/?fbclid=IwAR1ZISBDxYJdYks5Cm5q9ZNyxk4H5eriW5u-_vqP7O6pi2yYY_Iop8djl28

David Seymour of Act : “Where does this debate come from around transgender rights? ... We have a tyranny of the minority, where the majority tremor in fear that if they even ask basic questions they will be ostracised, pilloried, cancelled and doxxed...it is completely wrong.”

https://twitter.com/TheZeitgeistNZ/status/1692391984324092293?s=20&fbclid=IwAR2D4CiRh4yBC2BotZsUx4JB0UKVu-z0j-jOZbYLqi2eKQBGHoW_7Rsx1ZQ

Winston Peters spoke for biological reality and women in sport.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/HsWB8zzjE-M>

19 August : Women's Rights Party Responds : vote for the Women's Rights Party!

https://womensrightsparty.nz/womens-rights-party-pleased-to-see-womens-rights-as-an-election-issue/?fbclid=IwAR1JfRYK9R4UVXIYrCg_fZus-vZKFup4LwSmS1yheet71agtxg9qppS4xfY

14 October: General Election

The Labour government, which had introduced Sex Self ID and Conversion Practices Prohibition, and attempted to restrict freedom of speech, was soundly defeated.

The National Party won the most votes and went on to form a coalition government with New Zealand First and the Act Party. The new Women's Rights Party, won over 1,800 votes.

24 November: Coalition Government Policy Changes : Improvements for Women's Rights, Education and Free Speech.

The newly elected New Zealand Coalition Government announced some significant improvements in women's sex-based rights, children's rights to be free from gender indoctrination, fairness for women in sport, and free speech ; in the Agreements between National and New Zealand First and between National and the Act Party.

The Agreement with New Zealand First includes:

- Refocus the curriculum on academic achievement and not ideology, including the removal and replacement of the gender, sexuality, and relationship-based education guidelines.
- Ensure publicly funded sporting bodies support fair competition that is not compromised by rules relating to gender.
- Protect freedom of speech by ruling out the introduction of hate speech legislation and stop the Law Commission's work on hate speech legislation

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/nationalparty/pages/18466/attachments/original/1700778597/NZFirst_Agreement_2.pdf?1700778597

The Agreement with the ACT Party includes:

- Amend the Education and Training Act 2020 such that tertiary education providers receiving taxpayer funding must commit to a free speech policy.

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/nationalparty/pages/18466/attachments/original/1700778592/National_ACT_Agreement.pdf?1700778592

Some Responses from Women's Rights Campaigners:

Save Women's Sport Australasia congratulated the coalition government for safeguarding fairness for females in sport.

https://www.savewomenssport.com/post/new-coalition-government-moves-to-protect-fairness-for-females-in-sport?fbclid=IwAR3-JeLNF7pMemNcShfIHP6a_XmPHbKU2HYOpIlrAgsr4CRwTc-gNyAMs0U

Speak Up for Women NZ

<https://www.speakupforwomen.nz/post/speak-up-for-women-welcome-coalition-agreement-policy-changes?fbclid=IwAR297329-aRzx-edFpggP1H5HgujZyFpB2MOIFjwhClXSmIgo2f6oqbhigl>

Resist Gender Education

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO2311/S00167/press-release-in-response-to-new-government-coalition-agreement.htm>

Complaints about the changed education and sports policies .

28 November

Alarm about the changed Education Policy

https://www.1news.co.nz/2023/11/28/govts-plan-to-axe-sex-gender-guidelines-in-schools-concerning/?fbclid=IwAR0r-VJ-0cFgb7CUya9tdr0tThmdU3-K7uuMen-7RV_kvYysTYr8Fy4N_0

Resist Gender Education explained why there's nothing to be alarmed about .

https://resistgendereducation.substack.com/p/november-2023?r=d1ctf&utm_medium=ios&utm_campaign=post&fbclid=IwAR25THahF_1zSWBQybpON0roZngkc-3wA8Pmi4pq4Eb

10 January 2024

Complaints from the Teachers Unions (NZEI and PPTA) and previous Minister for Women , Jan Tinetti, about the replacement of the Education Guidelines to remove the emphasis on gender.

https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/506348/government-accused-of-conspiracy-thinking-in-changes-to-sex-ed?fbclid=IwAR0jTvFej6dT9ZacKg3rmYjGCbqBWQLH--IL_q7C9p9Muhrg

February 2024

In response, Resist Gender Education, explained about the harms of the current Guidelines in promoting gender ideology and puberty blockers.

<https://resistgendereducation.substack.com/.../listen-up...>

January 2024: Complaints about the changed Sports policy.

News reports on national TV featured transwomen complaining that they could no longer compete against women in sport- without including of the views of sportswomen.

18 February 2024

ACT and National Party leaders are photographed at the Big Gay Out event in Coyle Park, Auckland.

The BGO supports the LBTQIA+ .

NZEI, the primary teachers' union , circulated a petition at the BGO against the removal of the R&S Guidelines.

January 2024:

Woman evicted from Otaki Supermarket for wearing gender critical T Shirt.

Men are not Women, Even if you Squint.

https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/men-are-not-women-even-if-you-squint?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=1177996&post_id=140529251&utm_campaign=email-po

https://plainsight.nz/jaccuse-new-world-otaki-vs-phillippa-landy-from-a-friend/?fbclid=IwAR1zdf5MUBw-pgovJcwIenwJV76oVbjONMGZBRgqNdragKxsmGbm_hakQU

2024

Gender promoting officials' terms come to an end

The term of the Chief Science Advisor, who advised that sex is not binary, is coming to an end.

https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/new-zealands-chief-science-advisor?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=1177996&post_id=141218318&utm_campaign=em

The Term of the Human Rights Commissioner, Paul Hunt who helped draft the Yogyakarta Principles, is also coming to an end.

Midwives

8 July

Midwives win pay equity settlement

Women's Rights Party points out that pay equity and equal pay are based on sex not gender.

https://womensrightsparty.nz/sex-not-gender-identity-determines-pay-discrimination/?fbclid=IwAR1PoYKdsaPajVXRdJxdlo9G8kJzMDA06d8vPrJbRi_nLi0jKvawRLX18oc

Erasure of words for Women and Mothers by Midwifery Council

November 2023

The Midwifery Council announced its revised Scope of Practice, which would erase the words woman, mother and baby and replace them with whanau, meaning extended family.

There was overwhelming opposition to this during consultations with midwives and with the public.

It is planned to come into force in July 2024.

This potentially conflicts with the Health and Disability Act's provisions (about informed consent) where medical services have to be delivered to individuals and have to be able to be private.

Objections to Midwifery Council's erasure of "woman" "mother".

Mana Wāhine Kōrero, November 2022.

https://manawahinekorero.substack.com/p/from-mana-wahine-korero-to-the-midwifery?utm_source=substack&utm_campaign=post_embed&utm_medium=email

Sarah Handerson- Mandated Cultural Humility

<https://sarahhenderson.substack.com/p/mandated-cultural-humility-for-new>

https://aboldwoman.substack.com/p/health-new-zealand-seems-allergic?fbclid=IwAR0kkuuC8zAu6_j08lHTs7S11Y_zy-tVs9aAyei7BrMtid3giizAXiF2NuU

Women's Rights Party

https://womensrightsparty.nz/midwifery-council-erasing-the-words-women-and-mothers/?fbclid=IwAR1_echlqHturMKvp8MjX67RLD6AA7qw2rJmPhQgmSBqO8cxqCVnt2H72A

Petition against the erasure of the words “woman” and “baby”.

In December, the midwife Deb Hayes started a petition to parliament against it. It already has over 6,000 signatures and runs until March.

Petition of Deb Hayes: Investigate Midwifery Council's removal of 'woman & baby' from Scope of Practice

<https://petitions.parliament.nz/6e261231-b54c-4a00-a98c-08dc109c0ada/sign>

<https://womensrightsparty.nz/parliamentary-petition.../>

13 Feb

Debbie Hayes on Reality Check

<https://realitycheck.radio/deb-hayes-midwife-on-the-midwifery-councils-decision-to-remove-the-words-women-and-baby-from-their-revised-scope-of-practice-and-her-petition>

New Zealand Women's Engagement with United Nations

Support for Reem Alsalem.

June: Women's Declaration International- New Zealand signed a letter of support for Reem Alsalem, the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls. Ms Alsalem was under fire for expressing concern for women who have experienced violence when trying to speak about their rights.

A part of her statement appeared to reference the Albert Park events.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoxR-f5DydBL6Uc_9Liruq0m7Y5h7y7VS-dNmy-Uc42_4NoQ/closedform

Submissions

The Women's Rights Party(WRP) made a submission to the [New Zealand Universal Periodic Review](#) in October 2023.

<https://womensrightsparty.nz/our-submission-to-the-united-nations-aotearoa-new-zealand-universal-periodic-review-2024/>

The Women's Declaration International-New Zealand (WDI-NZ) and several other groups and individuals made submissions to WHO in January-February 2024; about WHO's proposed gender inclusion policy and the proposed members of the Guidance Board.

WDI- NZ and the WRP jointly sent a submission to the UN's special rapporteur, Reem Alsalem, for her report about Violence Against Women and Girls and **Prostitution**, on 31 January 2024.

https://womensrightsparty.nz/the-new-zealand-model-for-prostitution-liberalisation-doesnt-work/?fbclid=IwAR0E-zzQR-4NnQ-MUaMBYeuXm7A_qtGVS5sNMI3UTKC8hA0w19e

<https://womensdeclaration.com/documents/388/>

[WRP_WDI_NZ_Submission_to_UN_Special_Rapporteur_on_VAW_040224.pdf](#)

WDI Australia and New Zealand Webinars

WDI AU NZ Webinars featuring NZ speakers

26 June -Lesbian Resistance, Sabine Schneider

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhMFohKkWPo>

30 September- Tania Sturt (Let Women Speak)- on the LWS event in Auckland; Chimene Del La Varis (Women's Rights Party)- on the party, her White Camelia podcasts, and the upcoming general election.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWzG8YWHPpI&list=PLWdSdWv0R1DtjIko-iWfh4iKJGaT5aEFZ>

28 October -Jan Rivers- on gender medicine policy; Di Landy (Mana Wāhine Kōrero)- on Children's Rights and the Voices for Children event.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSWwVCm8jqA&list=PLWdSdWv0R1DvTqPB-wohnbFoao_fdwPBb

25 November Suzanne Levy (SUFW)- on the new Government's policies on sport, free speech and education; Katrina Biggs - on Christchurch City Council and women's sessions at Linwood Pool.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BljiAp4QmOs>

Upcoming on 24 February 2024

Sarah Henderson and Deb Hayes- on the Midwifery Scope of Practice and the Petition

Ally-Marie Diamond on the harms of prostitution.
