

National Rural Women's Coalition

"Working for rural women"

Historic National Rural Round Table

MEDIA RELEASE

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Representatives from 25 rural and women's organisations will meet in Canberra on 1 - 2 June for the National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) inaugural Round Table.

More than 50 women from across Australia representing agriculture and fisheries, transport, social issues, education and ethnic and Indigenous communities will take part in the historic two-day workshop.

Speakers will challenge the women to think at a national level on the issues of lifelong learning, family violence, social impacts of change and the drought.

Their discussions will result in structured policy outcomes for the Federal Government on these key issues affecting Australia's rural and regional women.

The Round Table is one of the most important events on the calendar of the NRWC.

Information and feedback from the women at the Round Table will guide the work priorities of the NRWC and National Rural Women's Secretariat for 2003 and 2004.

The Secretariat has been established by the NRWC under funding from the Commonwealth Office of the Status of Women (OSW) to support input from rural women into Federal Government policy.

A key objective of the NRWC is to ensure better social and economic outcomes for women living in rural townships and on farms.

The media is invited to obtain footage and interviews of the NRWC Round Table
at

Olims Canberra Hotel
Corner Ainslie and Limestone Avenues
Braddon, Canberra
Between 9.45am and 10.30am
2 June 2002.

Please contact Claire Braund on arrival.

Alternative arrangements can be made on request.

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