
Notice of Motion – Brent Catchpole, Chairperson – United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

In accordance with Standing Orders 2.5.1 and 2.5.2, I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Papakura Local Board meeting being held on Wednesday, 26 September 2018.

Recommendation

That the Papakura Local Board:

- a) support Auckland becoming a “City for the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)”.
- b) request the Community Development and Safety Committee consider Auckland Council adopting the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Background

1. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on December 19, 1979. It came into force as a treaty on 3 December 1981. It is one of the most broadly endorsed human rights treaties and has been ratified or acceded to by 187 countries to date, or about 90 per cent of the UN membership.
2. New Zealand ratified CEDAW on 10 Jan 1985.
3. CEDAW defines discrimination against women as “... any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment of exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women of human rights ...
4. CEDAW provides a universal standard for women's human rights. It addresses discrimination in areas such as education, employment, marriage and family relations, health care, politics, finance and law.
5. On 5 July 2018 the Community Development and Safety Committee received an initial report on CEDAW and resolved as follows:

Resolution number COM/2018/18

MOVED by Cr J Bartley, seconded by Cr A Filipaina:

That the Community Development and Safety Committee:

- a) *note that the New Zealand Government ratified CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women) in 1985 and will report to the United Nations on progress with the CEDAW goals on 12 July 2018, along with several non-government organisations;*
- b) *note that council has strategic commitments guiding work programmes which align with some of the CEDAW articles and goals;*
- c) *agree to receive progress updates to this committee every two years on work programmes which align with CEDAW goals.*
- d) *request officers prepare report concerning Auckland Council joining the Cities for CEDAW programme.*

CARRIED

6. Auckland committing to become a City for CEDAW ensures a gender lens for reviewing plans, policies and all actions. It is a way for local implementation of an international convention that has been ratified nationally by New Zealand.

Signed:



Brent Catchpole
Local Board Chairperson
Papakura Local Board



George Hawkins
Papakura Local Board Member

Date: 12 SEPTEMBER 2018