

VICTORIAN WOMEN LAWYERS

POLICY ON SPONSORSHIP AND REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT

Introduction

From time to time, VWL receives requests for monetary donations, sponsorship and requests for support (usually in the form of a written support) from a variety of community groups or bodies. The objective of this document is to set out the policy of the VWL Executive regarding requests to VWL for sponsorship, donations or general support for a particular purpose. Although each request should and will be considered on its own merits, the following general principles should be utilised by the members of the Executive where appropriate, in deciding whether or not to grant the request.

General Principles

1. What is the request for?
2. Is it an ongoing or once off request?
3. Does the request allow VWL to be identified as a sponsor? If so in what capacity?
4. Are other sponsors being sought, and if so who and in what capacity?
5. Does the request relate to or affect in any way the following issues:
 - Entry and advancement of women in the legal profession.
 - Continuing education and development of women lawyers in matters of legal interest.
 - Reform of the law concerning issues of justice and/or equality of women.
 - Women's legal and human rights
 - Work practices affecting women in the law and women generally.
 - Services provided to women and families where the concern relates to legal issues or likely to influence work practices affecting women?
 - General practices and policies affecting women and families where the concern relates to legal issues or likely to influence work practices affecting women.
6. Does the request or the organisation making the request, in any way compromise the organisational values or mission of VWL?