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## 89.1 Environment and Economic Policy Formulation

- a) to urge continuing involvement of the Public in environmental and economic policy formation and the review process, according to the recommendations of the national Task Force on Environment and the Economy
- b) specifically, in environment/economy decision-making, Round Tables and conservation strategies, and by the proclamation of 1990 as the Canadian Year of the Environment.

## 89.2 Forest Resources and Management

- a) to make available the funds necessary as recommended in "Ontario's Forest Resources Inventory" and
- b) implement without further delay the recommendations made in reports and
- c) improve existing Forest Management Agreements.

## 89.3 Groundwater Quality - Contamination

- a) to take immediate and strong action to identify sites of groundwater contamination and institute remedial measures
- b) to conduct a systematic survey of the Province's groundwater resources
- c) to inaugurate a long-term groundwater monitoring program
- d) to legislate and enforce strict ground use controls

## 89.4 Hazards to the Environment

- a) to strictly enforce surveillance of carriers transporting possible environmental pollutants at points of loading, coupled with inspections enroute to determine if cargoes are secure and to keep the possibility of spills to a minimum.

## 89.5 NIMBY Syndrome

- a) the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario is seriously concerned that the development of new group homes and special needs housing is becoming increasingly difficult in an age of NIMBY Syndrome (Not in my Backyard) and that municipal councils have reacted with more restrictive zoning By-Laws and Official Plans
- b) urges that the members of all Local Council of Women in Ontario support the integration of group homes and special needs housing in residential areas of their communities and
- c) to engage in active education of the general public for the acceptance of group homes and special needs housing. 89.6 Ontario Pension Plan
- d) to initiate a pension plan for persons not adequately covered by the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), using the Saskatchewan Pension Plan as a model.

## 89.7 Pesticides/Herbicides

- a) to ban the use of all questionable pesticides, especially 2-4D, Chlordane and Aldrin

- b) to phase out existing supplies over a shorter period, and ensure that use of products is discontinued according to regulations.

### **89.8 Postponement of Sexual Involvement**

- a) to implement the use of the program "Postponing Sexual Involvement", as used in the Federally funded pilot project run in selected schools in Montreal in 1987-1988 as a complement to existing family life or sex education programs
- b) to provide translation into French and Native peoples' languages, as requested
- c) make appropriate slide material reflecting the appropriate educational institutions.

### **89.9 Self-Help Groups**

- a) to recognize the need for Self Help Groups for Ontario's physically mentally and psychiatrically "challenged" persons
- b) to recognize and accept the expertise these groups can offer to the Government in the drafting of legislation and policy that can affect such persons
- c) to provide increased funding to existing and future self-help/mutual help groups allowing such groups to develop networks and improve their advocacy role

### **89.10 Sheltered Workshops**

- a) to act immediately to resolve any remaining inequities still existent at Ontario's Sheltered Workshops and training agencies
- b) to restrict the entry into such programs to those who truly could not function in competitive employment
- c) each worker to be regularly assessed for their abilities
- d) to ease the transitional problems of "sheltered" workers by funding of "sheltered workshop" program that upgrade workers' skills so that many could go on to competitive employment
- e) to provide funding assistance to workers leaving these programs, so they have an easier transition to other jobs

### **89.11 Social Assistance Review Committee (SARC)**

- a) to act upon the recommendations of the Report of the Social Assistance Review Committee (SARC) "Transitions", as expeditiously as possible.

### **89.12 Rail Transportation**

- a) urge the Government of Ontario to lobby vigorously for the retention and expansion of rail transportation services for the citizens of Ontario and Canada
- b) urge all Local Councils of Women in Ontario to actively support the efforts of their municipal governments for the retention and expansion of rail transportation services for the citizens of Ontario.

### **89.13 Wife/Partner Batterers**

- a) to expand government support for the elimination of wife/partner battering
- b) to include permanent operational funding in a sufficient amount to provide ongoing financial security to organizations which exist to teach effective alternatives to abusive behaviour toward women.

- c) to encourage judges in Ontario to include the mandatory participation in a government endorsed counselling program for abusive batterers as of the sentence/probation order.

**89.14 Abortion**

- a) to uphold the January 28, 1988 Ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada
- b) to ensure that abortion is considered a medical rather than a legal procedure by having any Legislation concerning abortion remain outside the Criminal Code
- c) to show leadership and commitment through increased financial support to family planning organizations working to prevent unwanted pregnancies.