



**NELSON MANDELA DAY COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE AUSTRALIA INC. A0091585K**

## **STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD) 2019**

The 2019 International Women's Day (IWD) theme "**Balance drives a better working world**", the 2019 UN Women IWD theme "**Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change**" and Australia's 2019 IWD theme "**More Powerful Together**" capture Nelson Mandela's commitment to women's emancipation. The following selected quotations of Nelson Mandela's speak about his core belief in the strength and equality of women:

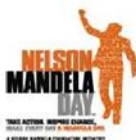
1. ***"Freedom cannot be achieved unless the women have been emancipated from all forms of oppression."***
3. ***"I've never regarded women as, in any way, less competent than men."***
2. ***"The cause of women's emancipation is part of our national struggle against outdated practices and prejudices. It is a struggle that demands equal effort from both men and women alike."***
4. ***"As a tribute to the legions of women who navigated the path of fighting for justice before us, we ought to imprint in the supreme law of the land, firm principles upholding the rights of women."***
5. ***"Peace is not just the absence of conflict; peace is the creation of an environment where all can flourish regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, class, caste, or any other social markers of difference."***

To honour Nelson Mandela's memory we should be inspired to emulate him:

***"Men and Women who fight the suppression of the human voice, who fight disease, illiteracy, ignorance, poverty, and hunger. Some are known, others are not. These are the people who inspired me"- Nelson Mandela.***

As the NMDCC Inc. we believe that Women's Rights are Human Rights!

How do YOU make every day a Mandela Day?  
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