

National Council of Single Mothers & their Children Election Platform

SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING



The government to respond to the *request for sustainable funding submission* which would result in a minor increase of \$60,000 per year.

NCSMC calls for

Sustainable and Viable Funding:

The Federal Government should respect the value, legitimacy and history of our organization. Single mothers and their children should have a national voice and be funded on an equitable and consistent level with other organizations within the National Secretariat Program.

Furthermore it should, without hesitation, address the current gender imbalance of funding for sole parent families.

Our Proud History:

The National Council of Single Mothers and their Children, Inc (NCSMC) have played a critical role in the advancement of women and their children for over four decades. NCSMC was instrumental in securing income support and advanced legal rights in the 1970s. We has advocated for equality of opportunity, financial security, safety and access to legal and human rights for all single parent households. The importance of such an organization is as valid in 2010 as it was when it first commenced impacting policy and legislation.

Gender Equality:

The current fathers lobby is more resourced and financially supported. This includes such organizations known as *Dads in Distress*, *Lone Fathers Association* and the *Shared Parenting Council* . This situation has occurred despite the knowledge that 93% of all single parent households are headed up by a mother.

What do we need:

- ⇒ Viable and sustainable funding
- ⇒ Funding that is equitable and consistent with other organizations that form the National Secretariat Program.
- ⇒ Funding levels that addresses the current imbalance of gender funding for sole parent families.
- ⇒ Understanding that advocating for low income and disadvantaged single mother families does not enable the rich resource membership base which is available to the fathers lobby.
- ⇒ Acknowledgment that the *current* situation dilutes and further marginalizes the voice of single mother households.