

**Guildford Branch Afghanistan Motion:** Sent to Labor Federal Council of Parramatta 20 May 2024. Motion carried and moved to Australia Foreign Minister.

### **Human rights violations in Afghanistan:**

This motion acknowledges with grave concern the appalling human rights situation in Afghanistan, following the Taliban's return to power three years ago. The Taliban's policies have severely restricted the rights and freedoms of women and ethnic minorities, which

Include:

- 1. Denying women/girls access to secondary and tertiary education. 2. Prohibiting women from working and traveling without a close male relative

Companion.

- 1. Denying women the right to drive.
- 2. The resumption of whipping women in public and stoning them to death as a form of Punishment under sharia.

Australia, as a nation committed to human rights and gender equality, and in recognition of its historical involvement in Afghanistan, has a moral obligation to respond vigorously to this Crisis. The Australian government must take necessary and appropriate actions to support People of Afghanistan and address these egregious violations of human rights.

- Australian Labor government should condemn the Taliban's draconian policies that strip women and girls of their basic human rights, including the right to education, Employment, and freedom of movement. It should denounce the resumption of brutal Practices such as public whipping and stoning women to death, which are in direct Violation of international human rights.
- The motion urges the Australian government to collaborate with other parties such as The US, the United Nations, and other human rights organisations to apply diplomatic Pressure on the Taliban regime to reverse these oppressive and regressive policies.
- The motion calls for increased humanitarian aid targeted specifically towards Supporting women and ethnic minorities, ensuring they receive the necessary Resources and protection.
- The motion urges Australian Labor governments to introduce educational Opportunities and scholarships for girls and women of Afghanistan both from Afghanistan and in the diaspora. – The motion reaffirms Australia's unwavering

Commitment to upholding human rights and gender equality, and advocates for these Principles globally.

- The motion urges Australian Labor government to advocate and support people of Afghanistan in international forums, ensuring the plight of Afghan women and Minorities remains a priority.

**\*\*Conclusion:\*\***

This motion stands in solidarity with the women and ethnic minorities of Afghanistan who are enduring severe repression under Taliban rule. We call upon the Australian government to lead international efforts to address this humanitarian crisis, Support those affected, and advocate for the restoration of fundamental human rights in Afghanistan Amendment by **Laurie Ferguson**: Ensuring the scholarships to be distributed among all Ethnicities and accepted by the mover.

Moved Eda, Seconded Keyhan – carried