

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Kathleen Taperell interviewed by Sara Dowse [sound recording]

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### Details

1 sound file (ca. 64 min.)??Kathleen Taperell talks about the 1993 re-election of Labor, strengthened Office of the Status of Women remained in Prime Minister & Cabinet; native title, reconciliation, Aboriginal policy branch; being head of the policy branch; women's status in public service; needing to justify function; government changes (1983) strong women's policy; taking leave without pay; the impact of illness in the family; her retirement; missing a sense of purpose, identification with job; her community service, continuing international work; report of Australian implementation of UN convention; helping to build local heritage support; chairing publications committee; her public sector achievement; specific achievements for women; public misconceptions of public sector work; valuing the public sector; changes in gender relations; promoting social harmony; opposing negative views about state power addressed; her personal style; her gratitude for stimulating work.

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