

The Australian Women's Register

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National Council for the Single Mother and her Child (Australia)

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Occupation Social action organisation

Summary

The National Council for the Single Mother and her Child (NCSMC), established in 1973, evolved from the Victorian based Council for the Single Mother and her Child, which was formed in 1970 to advocate on behalf of single mothers and their children. Embracing the concept of self-help, it campaigned successfully for the introduction of a Supporting Mothers' Benefit, and supported single mothers who kept their children. The national body campaigned to abolish the legal construct of illegitimacy and to establish family courts to deal with affiliation proceedings and maintenance and custody rights. It continues to fight for the essential rights of all sole parent families.

Published resources

Book
Single mothers who keep their children: disposal, punishment and survival in Australia, Swain, S. and Howe, R., 1995

Thesis
Single mothers who keep their children, Charlesworth, S., 1976

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of Victoria
[Records, \[ca. 1970-ca. 1984\] \[manuscript\]](#)

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