

The Australian Women's Register

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Women's Action Against Global Violence (WAAGV)

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Summary

Women's Action Against Global Violence (WAAGV) was formed in Sydney in the early 1980s, as an organisation that aimed to support "women and children of all races and cultures in their struggle against violence and oppression". WAAGV was distinctly anti-nuclear, citing the nuclear arms race and its direct link to uranium mining, as well as the desecration of Australian Aboriginal land, the endangerment of workers' health and environmental instability as the basis for the group's opposition to uranium mining.

WAAGV organised and supported numerous protests and events, including the Pine Gap Peace Camp, 1983, an all women's peace camp at Lucas Heights, women's only dances and a 'Die-In', a peaceful action that was intended as a symbolic representation of nuclear attack. The group felt that it was necessary to retain a women only composition as it provided an environment where women could speak out, enabling a correction of a gender imbalance that was identified within the decision making process in other groups.

They had strong links to other women's peace groups including Feminist Anti-Nuclear Group (FANG) and Women Against Nuclear Energy (WANE) in Adelaide.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

[Feminist Anti-Nuclear Group \(FANG\) records](#)

[Women Against Nuclear Energy](#)

State Library of New South Wales

[Irina Dunn papers, ca. 1980-1984, with papers collected relating to early feminists, 1873-1983](#)

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