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### Four Australians recognised in the Gender Equality Top 100 list of the most influential people in global policy

Workplace Gender Equality Agency Director Libby Lyons has once again been included in Apolitical's internationally-renowned list of the top gender equality policy influencers from around the world.

Apolitical, a global peer-to-peer learning platform and network for governments and public sectors, has announced its second annual list of the **100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy for 2019**.

The list was chosen from over 9,000 nominations from governments, international organisations and academia, including UN Women, Women Deliver, Women in Global Health, the World Bank, the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council and the Gates Foundation.

The four Australians included in the 2019 list are:

- **Libby Lyons**, Director, Workplace Gender Equality Agency.
- **Julia Gillard**, former Prime Minister and chair of the Global Institute for Women's Leadership.
- **Professor Marian Baird**, Director of the Women and Work Research Group, University of Sydney Business School.
- **Jeni Klugman**, Fellow, Kennedy School of Government's Women in Public Policy Program.

"It is a great honour for me to be included for a second year in Apolitical's Top 100 list along with three other truly inspiring Australian advocates for gender equality," said Ms Lyons.

"In reality, this award acknowledges the important work of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency and the value of our world-leading dataset. To our knowledge, no other country in the world is collecting the breadth and depth of data that we collect in Australia.

"Over the last two years, there has been an unprecedented level of international interest in the Agency's comprehensive dataset and Australia's distinctive approach to workplace gender equality reporting.

"I have been privileged to highlight our work at the UN's 62<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Committees on the Status of Women in New York and represent the Agency at other international fora including in Chile, Argentina, Singapore, Vietnam, Japan and South Korea. Everywhere I visit, people are eager to find out more about Australia's reporting system.

"The Chilean government recently announced plans to introduce a gender reporting scheme based on the Australian model. It is a privilege for us to provide ongoing assistance to them as they develop their scheme.

"I am really proud of the leading role Australia is playing at home and abroad in driving change towards gender equality. Our holistic approach to measuring and monitoring organisational progress through data-driven information, education and research does make a difference."

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**About the Agency:** The Workplace Gender Equality Agency is an Australian Government statutory agency charged with promoting and improving gender equality in Australian workplaces. [www.wgea.gov.au](http://www.wgea.gov.au).