



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

CEW PRESIDENT SAM MOSTYN AO CALLS FOR CARE AT THE CENTRE OF OUR POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMY

24 November 2021: Chief Executive Women (CEW) President Sam Mostyn AO has today addressed the National Press Club in Canberra to share a vision for post-pandemic Australia.

The address outlined how Australia can capitalise on the important lessons from the pandemic and create long-lasting change to ensure that the country makes the most of all its available talent and resources – especially women – to create a vibrant, smart economy.

CEW President Sam Mostyn said the member organisation, which represents senior women leaders across Australia, has a unique view on the reality of the issues that are impacting women and the barriers that stand in the way of creating a thriving Australian economy for all.

“CEW is calling on significant investment in foundational social infrastructure, and to put care at the centre of the economy.

“Australia is running out of luck. The pandemic has left women exhausted and deepened their inequality, particularly in the workplace. For too long, the un-celebrated driving force behind our luck has been underpaid, or unpaid, women.

“COVID-19 has shown that we can do big things fast when we need to. Australia needs intentional investment in care, including accessible early childhood education and care, expanded paid parental leave for men and women, superannuation reform, investment in well-paid, secure jobs in care industries and respect at work for all.

“CEW calls for immediate action to counter Australia’s serious problem with domestic and family violence and sexual assault to ensure women’s safety in their homes, their workplaces and their communities.

“We are calling for immediate changes to help unlock economic participation for women to secure Australia’s luck into the future.

“What’s good for women is good for business, good for the economy and good for our wider community,” Ms Mostyn said.

A full transcript of Sam Mostyn’s address is available [here](#).

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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 800 of

Australia's most senior women leaders. Its mission is "women leaders enabling women leaders". Through advocacy, targeted programs and scholarships, CEW works to remove the barriers to women's progression and ensure equal opportunity for prosperity. CEW offers innovative and substantive programs aimed at enabling women's participation and future leadership. These include the CEW Scholarship Program, CEW Leaders Program, and CEW Connect and the Leadership Shadow. CEW's programs are informed by research, led by CEW members, and generously supported by CEW partners.