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Women's Political Educational League of N.S.W.

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE.

- I.—No one, either man or woman, has any right to enjoy the gift of freedom in a free country and refuse to understand or take part in the government of the State.
- II.—Even those of us who did not ask for the vote are bound by loyalty to our fellow-women to make a good use of the power bestowed on us by the will of the majority.
- III.—The woman who refuses to take an intelligent interest in the affairs of her country and to give an intelligent vote, is no better a patriot than the man who refuses to defend his country against an invading enemy.
- IV.—For there are many questions affecting the working conditions of women and girls especially, which only women can understand and deal with rightly.
- V.—The woman who through selfishness, indifference or indolence will not use the little power this vote gives her to help her less fortunate sisters, is responsible to God and her own conscience for the evil that is being done.
- VI.—One vote is a small thing, but every vote not recorded on the side of good gives the value of two votes to the side of evil.
- VII.—It lies with the women to raise the standard of public life, to resolve that they shall be represented only by men of honourable and upright character.
- VIII.—Let the women at least make it clear that it is an honour for a man to represent his fellow-citizens in Parliament, an honour worth seeking by the best and most distinguished in the land.
- IX.—Australia has a great future before her, if only her citizens, men and women alike, will put their love of country into practical shape, and each take up his or her fair share of the burden of good and economical government.