



Exploring Women Politicians' Experiences with Work Pressures:
A Feminist Institutionalism Perspective

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

Please read this information before deciding whether to participate in this research.

Ko wai ahau / Who am I?

My name is Lacy Jeffreys and I am a Doctoral student in the School of Management at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington. This research project is work towards my doctoral thesis.

He aha te whāinga mō tēnei rangahau / What is the aim of the project?

The study seeks to understand how women politicians experience and respond to the work pressures they experience. Participation will support this research by helping advance an understanding of governing under pressure. Few studies have sought to understand the impacts of work pressure on women politicians. By investigating these pressures and understanding how women politicians respond to them, solutions to challenges can be proposed.

This research has been approved by the Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee (2024/HE000071).

Ka pēhea tō āwhina mai / How can you help?

I am looking for women politicians with a variety of different experiences and opinions to speak with me. If you agree to take part, I will interview you in a neutral, mutually agreed upon location. This may be in your office, at the Pipitea campus of Victoria University (across the street from the Beehive), or online via Zoom. I will ask questions about your experience as a woman politician.

The interview will take one hour and be recorded with consent. Participants can choose to not answer any question or stop the interview at any time without giving a reason. Participants can withdraw from the study at any time before the final data analysis is completed on 1 July 2025, and the information provided will be destroyed or returned.

Ka ahatia ngā kōrero ka tukuna mai / What will happen to the information you give?

This research is confidential. This means that the researchers named below will be aware of your identity. Data will be completely de-identified when published, and no participant's identity is revealed in any reports, presentations, or public documentation. However, you

should be aware that in small projects your identity might be obvious to others in your community.

Only my supervisors and I will read the notes, summary, and transcript of the interview. The interview transcripts, summaries, and any recordings will be kept securely and destroyed before 1 October 2027.

He aha ngā hua o te rangahau / What will the project produce?

The information from the research will be used in my PhD dissertation, as well as in professional and/or academic publications and conferences.

Ki te whakaae mai koe, he aha ō mōtika hei kaitautoko i tēnei rangahau / If you accept this invitation, what are your rights as a research participant?

Participants have the right to choose not to answer any question; ask for the recorder to be turned off at any time during the interview; withdraw from the study before 1 July 2025; ask any questions about the study at any time; be able to read any reports of this research by emailing me to request a copy.

Mehemea ngā pātai, he raruraru rānei, me whakapā ki a wai / If you have any questions or problems, who can you contact?

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He kōrero whakamārama mō HEC / Human Ethics Committee information

For concerns ethical conduct of the research please contact the Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington HEC Convenor, Associate Professor Rhonda Shaw, at hec@vuw.ac.nz.