

help:

> for emergency call 000
for police, ambulance or fire

> women's information centre
and referral exchange (WIRE)
you can talk about anything,
no names asked.
Tel: 1300 134 130
Email: inforequests@wire.org.au
www.wire.org.au/support-referral/

> victorian immigrant and
refugee women coalition
www.virwc.org.au

> multicultural centre
against family violence, melb
Tel: 8413 6800

> multicultural centre
for women's health, melb
Tel: 9418 0999

> centrelink crisis payment
Tel: 132 850 or 1800 810 586

"We want to create a great
crescendo of voices,
an international chorus of
voices that says clearly and
unequivocally that women and
girls deserve the same rights
and opportunities as their
fathers and brothers
and sons."

— Hilary Clinton,
2012

"Not just the right to vote,
but the right to equal work
and equal pay, the right to
proper services, the right
to physical safety.
Perhaps the right of greatest
ultimate importance, the
right to education."

— Julia Gillard,
PM Australia,
2011



multiculturalism in australia:

The country laws are above
any customary, religious
or cultural ones wherever
they are in conflict.

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women

in multicultural Victoria and
Australia **have rights**, responsibilities
and are deserving of **respect**.
All females of all ages **are free**
and have equal rights in
our **multicultural** society.

girls & women
have the right >



> to be safe at home
and on the streets;

> to choose;

> to **say no** to sexual advances
from anyone;

> to equal pay for equal work;

> to education at all levels;

> to civil marriage and divorce;

> to equality in areas of finance,
home ownership;

> to health care;

> to sexual and
reproductive health;

> to follow their religion
or not;

violence is a crime in australia and victoria

violent punishment of anyone,
including children **is a crime**;

**any violence in the home
is a crime**;

it **is a crime** to have sex with
children under the age of consent,
i.e. 16 years;

**committing rape
is a violent crime:
no means no!**

it **is a crime** to force anyone
to consent to a marriage
on the basis of cultural customs;

discrimination

on the basis of gender or race
or marital status **is a crime**

**female genital mutilation
is a crime**