

# Removal of Women's Disabilities.

THE following is the text of the Petitions to be presented to the House of Representatives and Legislative Council  
re Removal of Women's Disabilities.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives (Legislative Council)  
in Parliament assembled.

THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED WOMEN OF NEW ZEALAND HUMBLY  
SHEWETH:

- THAT in a free community the laws should be in the direction of giving each of its members equality of opportunity.  
THAT in the best interests of the State, every human being should be free to enter upon such duties and honourable occupations as may be suited to his or her natural or acquired capacity.  
THAT only by such freedom can the State obtain the fullest economic and social value of its citizens.  
THAT the legal restraints now placed upon the freedom of women exclusively, imply a sense of inferiority, and are dishonouring to the womanhood of the community.  
THAT there is no evidence that women need greater legal restraint than do men.  
THAT the removal of the Civil and Political Disabilities of women is a logical sequence to the extension of the franchise to them.  
WE therefore pray your Honourable House that it will take such steps as are necessary for the removal of the Civil and Political Disabilities of Women.  
AND your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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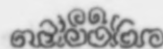
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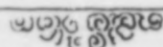
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