

FOR A FEMINIST CONTRIBUTION
TO THE BETTER EDUCATION OF SOCIETY

AN EDUCATION AWARD

Throughout her professional and voluntary career Jozefa Sobski has vigorously and effectively pioneered the elimination of sex discrimination in the national education system, and led feminist campaigns in education and social policy.

Brought up in a migrant hostel, Jozefa has been a teacher, non-sexist education adviser to NSW Ministers, TAFE Director, and Deputy Director-General of NSW Education. She used these positions, and her membership of many voluntary organisations, to promote programs to achieve equal education outcomes for girls and women, and create opportunities for marginalised communities through education and training.

Since retirement Jozefa has campaigned against TAFE privatisation and the reduction of women's courses. Under Jozefa's leadership the Jessie Street National Women's Library became a significant research centre. As convenor of the Women's Electoral Lobby, NSW, Jozefa was instrumental in the campaign to save women's refuges.

By her far-sighted advocacy of reform in both education and the wider society, Jozefa has made a feminist difference.



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