



Edna Ryan Awards

2021

Hayley Foster

For Making a Feminist Difference in Leadership

Hayley Foster has improved the status of women through her commitment to making NSW and Australia a safer place for women through law reform, education and training.

Her advocacy was instrumental to victims and survivors of domestic violence being free to give evidence in court without being directly cross-examined by their abusers.

She also advocated for changes in the law to protect pets and animals under Apprehended Violence Orders, thus reducing the likelihood of victims staying in dangerous situations because they are worried about the safety of their pets. Hayley has been a volunteer member of NSW Women's Alliance, established by NSW service providers and organisations working with victims of sexual, domestic and family violence. She also volunteers as the NSW Representative for WESNET, Women's Services Network, the national peak body addressing policy and legislative responses affecting women and children who have been victims of family or domestic violence.