



# STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR AFGHANISTAN

Global Greens Women's Network  
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## **The Global Greens Women's Networks stands in solidarity with Afghan women**

We write as members of the international community to express our acute concern for the people of Afghanistan and in particular express our distress for the rights of women in Afghanistan.

After twenty years of brutal war, the Taliban have seized control of the country once again. As Afghan women wake to a new reality, they are fearful of what the future holds. There have already been grim previews of what may be to come: in May of this year, more than 90 people were killed in an attack targeting teenage girls on their way out of school.

We fear a return to the injustices faced by Afghan women under the previous Taliban administration: forbidden from attending schools and universities, prevented from working outside of the home and unable to participate in public life without the supervision of a male relative. Women and men who were judged to have broken these rules were subjected to stoning and execution.

Many Afghan women, particularly feminists, and those who worked alongside foreign forces over the past twenty years, are now unprotected and fearful of potential reprisals from the return of the extremist Taliban regime.

Greens leaders from across the world have spoken up, calling on national leaders to act in solidarity with the women and girls of Afghanistan.

**Australian Greens Foreign Affairs** spokesperson Senator Janet Rice has stated:

*"Australia must act as a good global citizen and do what we can to support people on the ground, especially women and girls who face a huge curtailing of their rights, living through this dire situation".*

The Global Greens Women's network supports these calls for national leaders to provide urgent support for the people of Afghanistan, including:

- Increased humanitarian refugee intake with urgent assistance for people at risk of persecution from the Taliban;

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- Apply the strongest possible pressure upon the new Afghan government to uphold human rights; and
- Implementation of a feminist foreign policy perspective which prioritises equality for women from all nations.

With respect for human rights, non-violence, and freedom, we direct our full attention and solidarity to the women of Afghanistan, and call upon the Global Greens community to demand their national leaders stand up for Afghan women and girls.