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### **Women's Abortion Action Campaign (WAAC)**

WAAC was set up in 1972 to take action around the issues of a women's right to choose to have an abortion on demand, freely available and safe contraception and the repeal of anti-abortion laws. This was extended to include the right of women to have control over their own bodies and to teach sex education in schools.

WAAC was one of the most active of the WLM collectives. WAAC organised innumerable demonstrations, dozens of public meetings with speakers for the dissemination of information and educative purposes, several conferences (June 1975 in Sydney), fundraisers and tours and published a newspaper, Right To Choose, to advertise their activities.

One of WAAC's most well-publicised demos was held on 30 June 1973 in the City Square with a march to the Russell Street Police Station afterwards where several women presented sworn affidavits to say they'd had an abortion and demanded to be arrested.

After years of actions, demos and public awareness campaigns WAAC folded at a final meeting on 25 May 1981.