The WEL History Submission Database

Submission writing has long been at the core of the Women’s Electoral Lobby’s activities. The WEL history project has tracked down and entered on its database 892 WEL submissions. These span the period from WEL’s foundation in 1972 until the end of 2005. The submission database is searchable by date of preparation, by the State or Territory group involved and by policy field.

Submissions were identified from lists on WEL websites and located in WEL archives in libraries in Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney. Others were found by searching through newsletters and small histories prepared by WEL groups. In addition, individual WEL members forwarded submissions in response to requests by the project team.

This graph shows the numbers of submissions in the WEL history database for the years 1972—2005 as well as the numbers of submissions prepared by WEL—Australia in these years.