



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

**Community Recognition Statement**

23 September 2020

**SHARE THE DIGNITY**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

The Share the Dignity campaign provides sanitary products to homeless women and women in refuges, who cannot afford to purchase the products.

During August my office was a collection point for sanitary products that were then distributed to women in need. This is the fifth year we have participated in the Share the Dignity drive.

In Australia the figures regarding women and homelessness are disturbing, with 25 per cent of the homelessness of women being due to family and domestic violence, including physical or sexual violence.

The Share the Dignity campaign provides some relief to women at risk. I was touched by the number of local residents and community groups who generously donated to this fantastic cause.

I strongly encourage all Members of Parliament to make their electorate offices collection points for this amazing cause, and I look forward to the day when that is the case.

Thank you to the community of the Wallsend Electorate who donated items, thank you to Donna for collecting the donations from our office, and thank you to all the volunteers who make the Share the Dignity campaign happen every year.