

# Affirmative action now!

## Equity for women artists

The Artworkers Union has since its inception been committed to affirmative action and equity for women artists.

However despite the Union's success in negotiating for fees and contracts the principle of equal representation is not being recognised by state-funded exhibitions.

In fact it would appear that there has been a substantial retreat from the gains achieved by the women's art movement, recognised by the representation of women in the 1979 *Biennale*.

Since '79 all major exhibitions of contemporary Australian art have appeared to accept a plateau of about a third representation of women.

This is completely unacceptable to the Union and we believe to many women artists working throughout Australia.

The Artworkers Union is holding a forum to discuss this situation and to examine ways in which affirmative action might be implemented.

Please come and bring your friends who might be interested as it is some time since these questions have been discussed.

Speakers to introduce the discussion will be:

Alison Ziller - Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment

Margaret Dodd - artist

Bernice Murphy - Curator of Contemporary Art AGNSW

## 7.00pm Thursday, June 16

## Australian Centre for Photography

Oxford St, Paddington