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WHV congratulates Marilyn Beaumont – awarded an OAM in this year's Australia Day honours

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Women's Health Victoria is delighted that Marilyn Beaumont has been recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours list with a Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division.

As previous Executive Director of Women's Health Victoria, Ms Beaumont was tireless in her work to progress women's health services in Victoria and across Australia.

One of her major achievements was the central role she played which led to the successful decriminalization of abortion provision in the State of Victoria.

Ms Butera, Executive Director said "Marilyn has been committed and passionate to ensuring that all women have choice, access and rights to important health services across Australia.

We congratulate her on this well-deserved award".

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