

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Troeth, Judith

(1940 - )

<b>Born</b>	3 August, 1940, Brighton Victoria Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Farmer, Parliamentarian, Teacher

### Summary

A member of the Liberal Party of Australia, Judith Troeth was elected as a Senator for Victoria in the Parliament of Australia in 1993. She was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy from October 1997 until October 1998, when she moved to become Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. She held that position until October 2004. She retired at the 2010 federal election, but remained in the Senate until her term expired on 30 June 2011.

### Details

The daughter of Keith Malcolm and Eileen Mary Ralston, Judith Troeth was educated at Methodist Ladies College, Kew. She completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Education at Melbourne University.

Before entering Parliament she worked as a teacher as well as being an active partner in the family farm. She was Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Minister for Employment, Training and Family Services from 26 May 1994 to 11 March 1996; Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy from 9 October 1997 to 21 October 1998 as well as being a member of various parliamentary committees.

Senator Judith Troeth has five children and enjoys films, theatre, reading and bushwalking.

## Events

### **1994 - 1997**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Employment, Education and Training: Legislation Committee

### **1994 - 1997**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Employment, Education and Training: References Committee

### **1994 - 1996**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport: References Committee

### **1996 - 1997**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade: References Committee

### **1994 - 1995**

Member of the Senate Select: Land Fund Bill Committee

### **1995 - 1995**

Member of the Senate Select: Certain Land Fund Matters

### **1996 - 1997**

Member of the Senate Select: Community Standards Relevant to the Supply of Services Utilising Electronic Technologies

### **1996 - 1996**

Member of the Senate Select: Victorian Casino Inquiry

### **1993 - 1994**

Member of the Senate Estimates: A Committee

### **1994 - 1994**

Member of the Senate Estimates: E Committee

### **2012 - 2012**

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### **1997 - 1997**

Member of the Joint Standing: Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

### **1995 - 1995**

Member of the Parliamentary Delegation to the United States of America and Canada

### **1999 - 1999**

Official visit to Singapore, Taiwan, Japan and Korea

### **1982 - 1991**

Liberal Party Branch President

### **1985 - 1992**

Member of the Liberal Party Policy Assembly and State Rural Committees

### **1988 - 1992**

Member of the Liberal Party Administrative Committee (Vic.)

### **1989 - 1992**

Country Vice-President of the Liberal Party (Vic.)

### **1991 - 1992**

Chair of the State Strategy Committee (Vic)

### **1996 - 2002**

Chair of the Federal Liberal Regional and Rural Committee

### **1993 - 1996**

Member of the Joint Statutory: National Crime Authority



**1996 - 1997**

Member of the Joint Standing: Migration Committee

**1994 - 1996**

Participating member, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade: Legislation Committee

**1996 - 1996**

Participating member, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade: References Committee

**1996 - 1996**

Participating member, Economics: References Committee

**1997 - 1998**

Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

**1994 - 1996**

Federal Parliamentary Secretary to Shadow Minister for Employment, Training and Family Services

**1996 - 1997**

Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation committee

**1998 - 1998**

Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

**1993 - 1996**

Member of the Senate Standing Committee for Scrutiny of Bills

**1994 - 1996**

Chair of the Senate Standing Committee for Scrutiny of Bills

**1993 - 1994**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Community Affairs

**1994 - 1996**

Participating member, Community Affairs: Legislation Committee

**1994 - 1994**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Community Affairs: References Committee

**1993 - 1993**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Rural and Regional Affairs

## Published resources

**Edited Book**

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

**Resource Section**

The Hon. Judith Troeth, Senator for Victoria, Australian Parliament House,  
<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/senators/homepages>

Senator Hon Judith Troeth: Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Victorian Liberal Party,  
<http://www.vic.liberal.org.au/>

**Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

**Book**

So Many Firsts: Liberal Women from Enid Lyons to the Turnbull Era, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2009

**Site Exhibition**

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

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## Digital resources



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