

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4371

## Lawrie, Aline Dawn

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Occupation** Human Rights Advocate, Journalist, Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Dawn Lawrie, an Independent, was the second woman elected to the Northern Territory Assembly in 1971 as Member for Nightcliff. She represented her electorate for twelve years, until she was defeated in 1983.

### Details

Dawn Lawrie grew up in Melbourne, but travelled to Alice Springs in the 1950s and eventually settled in Darwin in December 1960, where she gained employment as a public servant. After her parliamentary career, she established a community newspaper with her husband, *Palmerston and Northern Suburbs Herald*, which lasted for two years from 1983-85. She became the first Regional Director for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, establishing the Darwin office, from 1986-88. She served as Administrator of the Cocos Keeling Islands from 1988-90. She became the first Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commissioner.

### Published resources

#### Resource

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### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Dawn Lawrie, politician, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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