

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Allan, Pamela (Pam) Diane

(1953 - )

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**Born** 4 February, 1953

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**Occupation** Local government councillor, Parliamentarian, Political candidate, Political staffer, Public servant

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### Summary

Pam Allan was Alderman for the Parramatta City Council (1983-1987) and a union activist, before she was elected to State Parliament as the Australian Labor Party member for Wentworthville in 1988. As a result of a redistribution in 1991 she was elected to the new seat of Blacktown. She returned to the recreated seat of Wentworthville at the 1999 election. She served as Minister for the Environment from April 1995 to April 1999. She retired from State Parliament in 2007.

### Details

Pam Allan was educated at Greystanes High School and the University of Sydney, from which she graduated with a BA, Dip Ed with honours in Government.

She joined the ALP in 1971 and held office at branch, and state electoral levels. She was Vice-President of the Labor Women's Conference and has been on the State Labor Disputes Committee since 1982. She was Women's Coordinator, NSW Teachers' Federation 1977-1981 and taught in high schools in 1976 and 1981-1984.

She was elected to the Parramatta City Council in 1983, serving a full four-year term.

In 1984-88 she became a public servant, working in the Department of Youth and Community Services, and Public Service Board. In 1988 Pam was elected to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Wentworthville and then for Blacktown in 1991 and 1995. In 1999 and 2003 she was once again elected the Assembly's member for Wentworthville. Pam Allan became Shadow Minister Planning & Environment 1991-1995, Minister for Environment 1995-1999, Chair, Select Committee on Salinity, 2000-2002 and Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Management, from May 2003. She retired from the Parliament in 2007..

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2003, De Micheli, Catherine and Herd, Margaret, 2003

#### Book Section

HERstory: Australian Labor Women in Federal, State and Territory Parliaments 1925-1994, 1994

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html>

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