

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Meagher, Reba Paige

(1967 - )

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**Born** 11 September, 1967, Caringbah New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Reba Meagher has been a Minister in the Carr and Iemma Labor governments of New South Wales. She was elected to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly seat of Cabramatta in the 1994 by election. She gained re-election in 1995, 1999, 2003 and 2007. During this time Reba was appointed Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister assisting the Minister for Commerce (2003-2005) and Minister for Youth and Minister for Community Services in 2005. She retired from the New South Wales Parliament on 17 September 2008.

### Details

Reba Meagher was educated at Endeavour High School, and the University of Sydney, graduating BA in 1989 and M Labour Law and Relations, 1992.

From 1990 to 1992 she worked as electorate officer to Paul Elliot MHR, and then as an Industrial officer for the Transport Workers Union from 1993 to 1994. She was President of NSW Young Labor 1992-1994, delegate to NSW Labor Council for Transport Workers Union 1993-1995 and delegate to ACTU Congress 1994.

Reba was elected to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in 1994 for the seat of Cabramatta, at the by election following the murder of the sitting member, John Newman. She has held the seat at each election since then. Before being elected to the Ministry she was Parliamentary Secretary assisting Minister for Transport from 1999 to 2002.

### Published resources

#### 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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