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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1763

## Sperling, Karla Michelle

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**Occupation** Academic, Lawyer

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### Summary

Karla Sperling is a committed Green activist whose academic study makes her an expert on environmental law and sustainability. She stood for the Greens in the following elections: New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Kiama in 1995; Senate for NSW in 1996; House of Representatives for Throsby in 1993 and 1998.

### Details

Karla Sperling tutored and lectured at the University of Wollongong. She was for some time Deputy Chairperson of the Illawarra Catchment management Committee. Karla Sperling gained the world's first Ph.D. in Sustainable Futures when she graduated from the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney in May 2002, writing her thesis on "Overcoming legal impediments to urban planning for sustainability in the Sydney greater metropolitan region."

She was the convenor of the Friends of the Regent Theatre, Wollongong which campaigned to retain, protect and conserve the theatre and ensure its continuing public.

### Published resources

#### Resource

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#### Site Exhibition

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,  
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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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