

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Hay, Noreen

(1951 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1951, London United Kingdom

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Unionist

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### Summary

Noreen Hay was an active ALP member even before her election to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly seat of Wollongong in 2003. She was re-elected in 2007, 2011 and 2015. In 2016 she served as Opposition Whip.

### Details

Noreen Hay was born in London, to Irish migrant parents Tadg and Nora Herlihy. She married Christopher Martin Hay, and with their two daughters and two sons, they emigrated to Australia c.1982. She worked for Home Care Service, joined the Miscellaneous Workers' Union, and became a delegate, official, and sub-branch secretary of Wollongong MWU. In 2002, she defeated the sitting member Colin Markham for ALP preselection. She is the first woman elected for the seat of Wollongong

### 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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