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Robey, Ilse Bertha Sophie

(1914 - 2001)

Nationality	Australian
Born	1 January, 1914, Vienna Austria
Died	28 May, 2001, Hunters Hill New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Medical secretary

Summary

Ilse Robey was a widely travelled, well educated candidate for the Australian Democrats who contested the following elections:

New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Gordon, 1978, 1981
House of Representatives, Bradfield, 1980.

Details

Ilse Robey came to Australia before World War II, after being educated at Vienna University and gaining a doctorate and an interpreter's diploma.

She held a variety of jobs in Australia, including work for an American film distribution agency and an organisation which dealt with social services, immigrant education and public relations. She returned to Europe in the trade commissioners office of an Australian embassy, and while there became foreign editor of a leading central European daily newspaper.

On her return to Sydney she worked for an accountant, before becoming a medical secretary. She became a foundation member of the Bradfield branch of the Australian Democrats in 1977.

At the time of her first campaign she was a widow and had three adult children. She stressed reform of the State's education and transport systems.

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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