

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Allison, Lynette (Lyn) Fay

(1946 - )

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**Born** 21 October, 1946, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Lyn Allison was elected to the Senate for Victoria in 1996 and 2001, becoming Leader of the Australian Democrats in 2004. She was an outspoken campaigner on health, education, environment, nuclear and women's issues. She was defeated at the November 2007 election and left the Senate on 30 June 2008.

### Details

Before entering politics, Allison completed a Bachelor of Education (Melb.) and worked as an administrator (1964-86) and a secondary school teacher (1987-91). She became a Councillor for the City of Port Melbourne in 1992, before being elected to the Victorian Senate in 1996.

Between 1998 and 2006, Lyn Allison served on the Legislation and References Committees for Environment, Recreation (later Information Technology), Communications and the Arts; and for Community Affairs. She served as Senate Select for Superannuation (1996-98); the Victorian Casino Inquiry (1996); the Lucas Heights Reactor (2000); Medicare (2003-04); and Mental Health (2005). In 2002 she was a member of the Parliamentary Delegation to New Zealand.

From 2002 to 2004, Allison was Australian Democrats Whip and Deputy Leader. She became Leader of the party in December 2004.

### Events

#### 2012 - 2012

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

#### 2008 - 2008

Australian Humanist of the Year

#### 2006 - 2006

Senate Select Committee on Mental Health

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

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