

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** PR00487

## Boyle, Desley

(1948 - )

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**Born** 29 March, 1948, Newcastle New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Politician, Psychologist

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### Summary

Desley Boyle was an Australian Labor Party politician who represented the electoral district of Cairns in the Queensland Legislative Assembly. She was first elected in the 1998 State Election and is currently (2009) the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships. Desley was formerly Minister for Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, Minister for Child Safety, as well as Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women.

### Details

Desley's Boyles professional background is as a senior psychologist in her own practice, Desley Boyle and Associates. She holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration and Psychology. Desley has a long history of involvement in the Cairns community: from 1988 to 1994 she was on the Cairns City Council, serving for two years as Deputy Mayor.

Desley has been actively involved with the following organisations:

- President, FNQ Employment;
- Chairperson, FNQ Family Resource Service;
- Spokesperson, FNQ Friends of the ABC;
- Board Member, Lifeline FNQ;
- Chairperson, Peninsula and Torres Strait Regional Health Authority;
- Chairperson, Northern Australia Development Council;
- Board Member, Cairns Port Authority.
- Northern Australia Development Council and Lifeline FNQ;
- Australian Institute of Management;
- Cairns Chamber of Commerce;

### Published resources

#### Resource

Boyle, Hon Desley Carole, Queensland Parliament, 2009,  
<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/legislativeAssembly/documents/memberBio/BoyleDesley.htm>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Resource Section

Desley Boyle - State Member for Cairns, 2009,  
<http://www.qld.alp.org.au/01 cms/details.asp?ID=363>

### Author Details

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