

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## George, Jennie

(1947 - )

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**Born** 20 August, 1947, Trani Italy

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Trade unionist

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### Summary

Jennie George, who is of Russian and Italian heritage and came to Australia when she was three years old, was the first woman to be appointed President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) in 1996. In November 2001, she became a Federal Member of Parliament when she successfully contested the seat of Throsby for the Australian Labor Party. She was re-elected in 2004 and 2007, but retired at the 2010 election, which was held on 21 August.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

#### Resource Section

Ms Jennie George MP, Member for Throsby (NSW), Australian Parliament House,  
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=JH5>

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