

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Goward, Pru

(1952 - )

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**Born** 2 November, 1952, Adelaide South Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Bureaucrat, Journalist, Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Pru Goward served as Executive Director of the Office of the Status of Women from 1997. In July 2001 she became the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, appointed for a term of five years. In 2004 she was also appointed Commissioner Responsible for Age Discrimination.

In 2004 she was nominated by *The Australian* as one of the forty most influential Australians and by the *Australian Financial Review* as one of the country's top cultural and industrial relations influencers. Her speeches have been reproduced in published collections and in 2001 she was awarded a Centenary Medal for her services to journalism and women's rights.

In 2007 she stood successfully as a candidate for the Liberal Party of Australia in the seat of Goulburn in the Legislative Assembly at the New South Wales state election, which was held on 24 March. She was re-elected in 2011 and again in 2015 and is a minister in the Liberal state government.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Edited Book

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

#### Book

A Business of Your Own: how women succeed in business, Goward, Pru, 2001

John Howard: Prime Minister, Barnett, David with Pru Goward, 1997

#### Report

Striking the Balance: women, men, work and family, Goward, Pru, 2005,  
[http://www.hreoc.gov.au/sex\\_discrimination/strikingbalance/docs/STB\\_Final.pdf](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/sex_discrimination/strikingbalance/docs/STB_Final.pdf)

#### 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>

From Lady Denman to Katy Gallagher: A Century of Women's Contributions to Canberra, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2013,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/ldkg>

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## Digital resources



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