Entry type: Person
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Beamer, Diane

(1960 -)

Born	19600715
Occupation	Parliamentarian, Political candidate, Political staffer

Summary

Diane Beamer has represented Western Sydney at local and state government level and become a Minister of the Crown in New South Wales. As an ALP candidate she initially missed election to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Badgery's Creek in 1991, but was successful in 1995. She was re-elected in 1999, 2003 and 2007, but as Member for Mulgoa on the abolition of the Badgery Creek electorate. She left the Ministry following the 2007 election and retired at the 2011 election. Diane was also a Councillor in the Penrith City Council (1989-95), Penrith's Deputy Mayor (1992-93) and Mayor (1993-94).

Details

Diane Beamer was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1995, having been a Penrith City Councillor for six years. From 1995 to 1999 she was a member of the Standing Committee on Public Works, and the Regulation review Committee. She was Temporary Chairman of Committees from 1999 to 2003. In 2003 she became a Minister, and has held the portfolios of Minister assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, Juvenile Justice. Prior to her election to Parliament, she was Electoral Officer for the Hon., John Brown, M.H.R. (then Minister for Sport and Tourism) from 1985-89. In 2005 she was the Minister for Fair Trading, Western Sydney and Minister assisting the Minister for Commerce in the Labor government led by Morris Iemma, MLA.

Diane Beamer completed a BA at the University of Sydney and was married to Stephen Hutchins, then David Humphries. She has four daughters and two sons.

Published resources

Edited Book
Who's Who in Australia 2003, De Micheli, Catherine and Herd, Margaret, 2003

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

Resource
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