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Gray, Jane

Occupation Political candidate

Summary

Jane Gray only ran for election once, spurred by her belief in free, secular, state education. She ran as a candidate for the Council for the Defence of Government Schools in the New South Wales (State) Legislative Assembly for Northcott.

Details

Jane Gray is a great grand-daughter of Sir Henry Parkes and passionate about free state education. She was educated at the University of Sydney, graduating in science (BSc).

At the time of her campaign, her three children were high school pupils, and she was active in their Parents and Citizens Associations.
Her election leaflets were fiercely opposed to the extension of state aid to private schools and in favour of a first-rate State system of free education as the key to the quality of Australia's future.

Published resources

Resource
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