

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE24081125

## Cody, Bec

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**Occupation** Hairdresser, Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Bec Cody was elected to the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly in the seat of Murrumbidgee in 2016 and served until the 2020 election when she lost her seat to fellow Labor candidate Marisa Paterson. She was active in Assembly committees, chairing the Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT 2017–2019 and the Health, Aging and Community Services Standing Committee 2016–2020. Prior to entering the Assembly she was a hairdresser with her own salon. After leaving the Assembly she joined the ACT Mental Health Community Coalition as CEO before moving to a role of Director Business Partnerships with Queensland Labor. She raised two sons as a single mother.

### Details

Bec Cody was raised and educated in Canberra. Her mother was a public school teacher and union member. Leaving school early to take up a hairdressing apprenticeship, Bec Cody completed her qualification at Canberra Technical and Further Education college and became a small business owner managing her own hairdressing salon. She raised two sons as a single mother having dealt with domestic violence.

Bec Cody ran for the ACT Legislative Assembly in the seat of Brindabella in 2012 but was not successful. On 26 October 2016 she was elected in the seat of Murrumbidgee and represented this electorate until the 2020 election. She lost her seat to fellow Labor candidate Marisa Paterson. Cody was active in Assembly committees serving on the Standing Committees on Justice and Community Safety, Public Accounts, and Health, Aging and Community Services (2016–2020) and on the Select Committees on Estimates (2016–2018, 2019–2020), the ACT Election and the Electoral Act (2016–2017), the Independent Integrity Commission (2016–2018) and End of Life Choices in the ACT (2017–2019).

On 15 March 2021 Bec Cody joined the ACT Mental Health Community Coalition as its Chief Executive Officer. In September 2023 she relocated to Brisbane taking up the position of Director Business Partnerships with Queensland Labor.

While in Canberra she was involved with the Vikings Triathlon Club and Park Runs.

### Published resources

#### Website

Cody, Bec: Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory website,  
<https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/members/ninth-assembly-members/murrumbidgee/cody-bec>

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