

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Tough, Caitlin

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Public servant

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### Summary

Caitlin Tough was elected to the eleventh Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory at the election held on 19 October 2024. She was one of the five MLAs elected for the seat of Brindabella and represents the Australian Labor Party.

### Details

Caitlin Tough grew up on the central coast of New South Wales, around Toukley, and joined the ALP while still at school, inspired by Julia Gillard becoming Australia's first female prime minister in 2010. She moved to Canberra to study at the Australian National University where she studied for a Bachelor of Policy Studies, graduating in 2013, and decided to remain in Canberra after graduating, settling in the Lanyon Valley district of Tuggerangong. In 2019 she graduated with a Master of Politics and Public Policy from Macquarie University.

Before her election she worked in a Canberra law firm and from 2017 was employed at the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, and various other departments in the Australian Public Service.

Tough is an Endometriosis Australia ambassador, educating people on the disease and spreading awareness. She is a passionate advocate for improving services and infrastructure for Tuggeranong, supportive of medium density infill in the district and committed to increasing the number of women in parliament.

### Published resources

Caitlin Tough MLA,  
<https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/members/current/tough>

Caitlin Tough (ACT Labor),  
<https://www.elections.act.gov.au/archives-2024/for-voters-2024/candidates-2024/2024-candidates-and-statements/candidate-statements-brindabella%23Caitlin-TOUGH-ACT-Labor-#Caitlin-TOUGH-ACT-Labor->

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