

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1714

## Perry, Barbara Mazzel Anne

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Occupation** Lawyer, Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Barbara Perry was a successful candidate, who was elected the first time she ran for Parliament as an ALP candidate in the 2001 by-election for the New South Wales Legislative Assembly seat of Auburn. Barbara was re-elected in 2003, 2007 and 2011. She left Parliament in March 2015 after serving as a minister in previous Labor Governments. Prior to entering state politics she was a Councillor with the Auburn Council (1995-2003).

### Details

Barbara Perry is the daughter of Ralph and Susan Abood, migrants from Lebanon. She is married to Michael Perry, and they have two sons. She was educated by the Sisters of Charity and the Marist Brothers. She graduated in law from the University of Sydney and worked at the Legal Aid Commission from 1990 – mostly in Family Law.

Barbara Perry was the first woman of Lebanese origin to be elected to Legislative Assembly.

### Published resources

#### Resource

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#### 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>

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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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