

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Sampson, Megan Anne

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**Occupation** Political candidate

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### Summary

Megan Sampson only ran once for election to the New South Wales parliament but was a multiple candidate for the Federal parliament. In all but her 2002 campaign, when she ran as an Independent, Megan was an Australian Democrats candidate. She ran in the following elections:

House of Representatives for Cunningham in 1980, 1990, 1993 and 2002 by-election.

New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Wollongong in 1981.

New South Wales Senate in 1983.

House of Representatives for Macarthur in 1984.

### Details

Megan Sampson holds the honour of being the Democrat candidate who came closest to winning a seat in the House of Representatives. In 1990, she took the sitting member (and Minister) Stewart West to preferences and the final figures were West 52.4% and Sampson 47.6%.

By 2002, when she ran in the by-election following Stephen Martin's resignation, she ran as an independent, having left the Australian Democrats.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### 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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