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Sampson, Megan Anne

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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
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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,
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