

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1919

## Merton, Rachel Victoria

(1975 - )

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**Born** 19750430

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Political staffer

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### Summary

A student activist who ran for election to the Legislative Assembly in 1999 as a Liberal Party candidate for the seat of Wentworthville, Rachel Merton was elected to the New South Wales Legislative Council at the March 2023 election, representing the Liberal Party. Rachel was active in student affairs while at Macquarie University where she obtained a B.A. (Psychology) and Graduate Certificate (Human Resources). She was a delegate to the National Union of Students 1995-6 and President of the Macquarie University Liberal Club. Rachel Merton was also a delegate to State Council 1995 and on the Convention Committee 1995-6.

### Published resources

#### **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>

#### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

The Hon. Rachel Victoria Merton, MLC, Parliament of New South Wales,  
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/Pages/member-details.aspx?pk=2304>

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