

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Ponting, Meg

(1927 - 2010)

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 3 January, 1927, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 21 August, 2010

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**Occupation** Public servant

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### Summary

Meg Ponting ran for parliament motivated by her determination to protect her community. As an Independent she contested the 1988 New South Wales Legislative Assembly election for McKell. Following her move to live in the Rocks area of Sydney, she and others were outraged by the Department of Housing issuing eviction notices to long term residents of the area and Meg Ponting agreed to run, one of 5 independents, as a nuisance candidate in order to highlight the situation.

Meg Ponting was born in Sydney and educated to Intermediate Certificate level in public schools. She worked as a Public Servant in the Maritime Services Board. She married B. G. Ponting and they had three children. She lived in The Rocks till her death in 2010.

### 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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