# The Australian Women's Register

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## Van de Weg, Margaret

Nationality Australian

Occupation Veterinarian

### Summary

Margaret Van de Weg is an active local and political figure in the north west district of Sydney. She has been a member of the Baulkham Hills Shire Council from 1999-2004 and contested the New South Wales Legislative Assembly election for Baulkham Hills in 2003 and the House of Representatives election for Berowra in 2004 on behalf of the Australian Democrats. She has been an adviser to an independent State Member of Parliament.

#### **Details**

Margaret Van de Weg has practised as a veterinary surgeon in the Baulkham Hills area and, after completing her Ph.D. worked as the Chief Investigator for a medical research program into inherited diseases in children. She was, for 9 years, a member of the Western Sydney Area Health Service Animal Ethics Committee.

As a Councillor on the Baulkham Hills Shire Council she represented it on the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils and was elected to its executive. Her attachment to civil liberties was shown by the fact that she was one of only two councillors who voted in favour of allowing a Muslim prayer centre in Annangrove.

In 2001 she gained a Certificate of Advanced Mediation. Margaret Van de Weg is married and has adult children.

#### 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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