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Pulford, Jaala

(1974 -)

Born	19740214, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Parliamentarian

Summary

Jaala Pulford was elected Member for the Legislative Council for Western Victoria in November 2006, representing the Australian Labor Party. She was re-elected in 2010 and in 2014. She is currently serving as Minister for Agriculture, Regional Development and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council in the Labor Government, which returned to power in 2014 after its defeat in 2010.

Details

Jaala Pulford joined the Castlemaine Branch of the Labor Party at the age of 16 in 1990. She was an active Young Labor member, and was a Young Labor delegate to the ALP National Conference. Over the course of her political career, Jaala has served as State and National Conference Delegate; member of the Labor Women’s Network National Executive; president of the Women’s Policy Committee; and vice president of the Victorian Branch of the Labor Party.

In 1994 Jaala became the youngest participant in the inaugural ACTU traineeship for Union Organisers. She began working in this capacity with the National Union of Workers, Victorian Branch, in 1995. She has also worked as an Organiser for call centres, representing a predominantly female workforce, and has used her industrial relations experience to improve the working conditions of staff at her community child care centre. Pulford was elected MLC for the Western Victorian Region in 2006.

Published resources

Site Exhibition
Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,
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