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Constable, Hon. Dr. Elizabeth

(1943 -)

Born	19431202, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Parliamentarian

Summary

Dr Elizabeth Constable was an independent candidate elected to the Thirty-Third Parliament of Western Australia for the Legislative Assembly seat of Floreat at a by-election on 20 July 1991 held to fill the vacancy consequent upon the resignation of Hon Andrew Mensaros. The electorate was abolished in the redistribution of 1994. She was then elected to the Thirty-Fifth Parliament for Churchlands (new seat) on 14 December 1996. She was re-elected in 2001, 2005 and 2008.

Details

Elizabeth Blanton was born in Sydney in 1943 to Phyllis and Leonard Blanton. She attended Presbyterian Ladies' College in Pymble, and then the University of Sydney, where she studied history and psychology. In 1964 she married Ian Constable, and while living in Boston in the early seventies with Ian and their two sons, completed a Masters in Education at the Harvard Graduate School. The Constable family arrived in Perth, Western Australia, in 1975, where Elizabeth held a tenured lectureship in education for eight years at the University of Western Australia. In 1985 she completed a doctorate in educational psychology. Constable entered the Parliament of Western Australia in 1991, the first woman ever to elected as an Independent, and is currently a member of the Legislative Assembly for Churchlands.

Events

2019 - 2019
Member of the Order of Australia (AM): For significant service to the people and Parliament of Western Australia, and to education.

Published resources

Resource
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http://www.premier.wa.gov.au/MINISTERS/ELIZABETH-CONSTABLE/Pages/Default.aspx

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Book Section
Making a Difference: Women in the West Australian Parliament 1921-1999, Black, David and Phillips, Harry, 2000

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