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## Watson, Judyth

(1940 - 2023)

<b>Born</b>	19400308, Burton-on-Trent England
<b>Died</b>	20230709, Perth Western Australia Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Parliamentarian

### Summary

Judyth Watson was an Australian Labor Party member of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia. Elected on 8 February 1986, she served as member for Canning until 4 February 1989, when she was elected member for Kenwick. Watson held this seat until 14 December 1996.

### Details

Judyth Watson was born in 1940 at Burton-on-Trent in England to Cecil Watson, a railway worker, and his wife Hylde. The family moved to Western Australia 1949, and Judyth attended Perth Modern School on a scholarship, trained as a nurse, then completed a Bachelor of Science with first class Honours in 1977. She won the faculty prize and a Commonwealth postgraduate award, and completed a doctoral thesis on worker's compensation in 1982. Watson joined the Australian Labor Party in 1976, and her experience and research expertise ensured that she could make a valuable contribution to national occupational health and safety policy. Watson was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia in 1986, and served as member for Canning until 1989. She was then elected member for Kenwick, which she held until December 1996.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Biographical Register of Members of the Parliament of Western Australia, Vol. 2, 1930-1990, Black, David and Bolton, Geoffrey, 1990

#### Book

We Hold Up Half the Sky: The Voices of Western Australian ALP Women in Parliament, Watson, Judyth [ed.], 1994

#### Book Section

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

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of Western Australia

Judyth Watson papers, 1980-1996 [manuscript]

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