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# Reynolds, Margaret

(1941 - )

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| **Born** | 19410719, Launceston Tasmania Australia |
| **Occupation** | Academic, Parliamentarian |

## Summary

Margaret Reynolds was a Senator for Queensland from 1983 until 1999. First elected to the Senate in 1983, she was re-elected in 1984, 1987 and 1993. Reynolds worked as primary and remedial teacher then a tutor before entering parliament. She also served on the Townsville City Council from 1979 to 1983. Reynolds' responsibilities have included: Federal Government representative on the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation 1992-1995; Minister assisting PM on Status of Women 1988-1990; Chair of the Parliamentary Adviser to the United Nations; and Minister for Local Government 1987-1990. A complete record of her parliamentary service, including a link to her first speech, can be found in the Parliamentary Handbook of the Commonwealth of Australia (see below). Reynolds has been a member of the Australian Labor Party since 1971, and has held many positions in the ALP.

Reynolds retired from parliamentary politics in 1999. She is now the National President of the United Nations Association of Australia and an Adjunct Professor and Sessional Lecturer in the School of Political science and international studies, University of Queensland.

Margaret Reynolds was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2023 for eminent service to the people and Parliament of Australia, to social justice, gender equality and indigenous rights, to local government, and to the community.

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