

The Hon. Kate Ellis MP

Minister Employment Participation

Minister for Early Childhood and Childcare



Member for Adelaide

Kate was born in Melbourne and grew up in the Murray River town of Mannum, in rural South Australia. Kate moved to Adelaide to attend Daws Road High School and Flinders University, where she was General Secretary of the Students Association and an editor of *Empire Times*.

Kate was elected as Member for Adelaide in 2004. She became the Minister for Sport and Minister for Youth in December 2007, making her the youngest Australian to become a Federal Minister, a record previously held by former Prime Minister Paul Keating. In June 2009 Kate became Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth.

Among her many portfolio responsibilities, Kate has coordinated the Commonwealth Government's contribution to the Football Federation of Australia's bid to host the World Cup in 2018.

Following the 2010 federal election, Kate became the Minister for Employment Participation and Early Childhood and Childcare and the Minister for the Status of Women. Following a Ministerial reshuffle by Prime Minister Julia Gillard on the 1 March 2012, Kate remained the Minister for Employment Participation and Early Childhood and Childcare.

On 1 July 2013, following the election and re-appointment of Kevin Rudd as Prime Minister, Kate continued as Minister for Employment Participation and was appointed Minister for Early Childhood, Childcare and Youth.

Prior to entering politics Kate worked as a Research Officer to state and federal parliamentarians, and has been a Ministerial Adviser (trade) to SA Minister the Hon. Rory McEwan, and Ministerial Adviser to Deputy Premier Kevin Foley.