

Bob Carr



The Hon. Robert (Bob) Carr was born in Matraville, New South Wales, Australia 28 September 1947.

Bob was elected to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly at a by-election in October 1983 as the member for Maroubra. In December 1984 he was appointed Minister for Planning and the Environment in the Neville Wran government. In February 1986 he also took on the Consumer Affairs portfolio, which he held until he became Minister for Heritage in July 1986. He was Leader of the opposition from 1988-1995, Premier of NSW from 1995 – 2005. He is the longest continuously servicing as premier of NSW.

Under Premier Carr, the NSW Government set new records for spending on infrastructure, became the first government in the State's history to retire debt, introduced the world's first carbon trading scheme, hosted the 2000 Olympics and achieved the nation's best school literacy levels. *Forbes* magazine called Bob Carr a "dragon slayer" for his landmark tort law reforms.

Prior to entering politics, Bob worked as a Journalist and Education Office.

On 2 March 2012, it was announced that Bob would be appointed as was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs following his swearing into the Senate. He was appointed as Senator for NSW Senator Mark Arbib.