

The Hon. Nicola Roxon MP

Attorney General

Minister for Emergency Management



Member for Gellibrand

Nicola Roxon was first elected to the House of Representatives in October 1998 as the Federal Labor Member for Gellibrand.

Prior to entering parliament, Nicola worked as a Senior Associate at law firm Maurice Blackburn, a Judge's Associate with High Court Justice Mary Gaudron, and an Industrial Officer with the National Union of Workers. Nicola has a Bachelor of Arts and Law with first class Honours from the University of Melbourne. She won the Supreme Court Prize for top law graduate in 1990.

Nicola was Convener of the National Labor Women's Network from 1999 to 2004. Her committee experience includes the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Resources from 1998 to 2001; the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee from 1998 to 2001 and from 2004 to 2007; and the Joint Select Committee on Republic Referendum in 1999.

Nicola was Health Minister from December 2007 to December 2011. During this time she carried out an ambitious agenda with an emphasis on major reforms to Australia's public hospital, primary care and preventative health systems.

In 2011 Nicola was awarded the World Health Organization Director-General's Special Recognition Certificate for her achievements in tobacco control.

In December 2011 it was announced that Nicola would return to her love of the law, when she was appointed Australia's 34th Attorney General where she will defend the Government's world leading plain packaging legislation from legal challenges launched by the tobacco companies. As Attorney General, Nicola will also have responsibility for Privacy and Freedom of Information laws.

In the March 2012 reshuffle, Nicola took on the role as Minister for Emergency Management, in addition to her role as Attorney General.

Nicola is married with one child.