

The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP

Minister for Health

Member for Sydney

Tanya was first elected to the Australian Parliament as the Federal Member for Sydney at the 1998 federal election.



Prior to entering Parliament, Tanya worked in the Domestic Violence Unit in the NSW Ministry for the Status of Women and as an Electorate Officer for Senator Bruce Childs. Tanya has a BA Communications with Honours from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Master of Politics and Public Policy from Macquarie University. Tanya was Women's Officer during her time at UTS.

In her first speech to House of Representatives, Tanya spoke of her strong interest in social justice and her conviction that ordinary people working together can achieve positive change.

Tanya became a Shadow Minister after the 2004 Federal election and for the next three years was responsible for a range of portfolios including childcare, work and family, women, youth, human services and housing.

Following the election of the Rudd Government in 2007, Tanya was appointed Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women.

As Minister for Housing, Tanya delivered a wide ranging reform agenda, including significant new investments in affordable rental housing. Tanya was also responsible for the Homelessness White Paper that set out a comprehensive national strategy to tackle homelessness in Australia.

As Minister for the Status of Women, Tanya was responsible for development of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children.

Following the 2010 federal election Tanya was appointed Minister for Human Services and Minister for Social Inclusion. During this time, Tanya was responsible for the Foundations for a Stronger Fairer Australia Report on Social Inclusion. Tanya was appointed to Cabinet as Minister for Health in December 2011.

Tanya lives in Sydney with her husband Michael and children Anna, Joseph and Louis.