

I was first elected to the Tasmanian Legislative Council in the Parliament of Tasmania in 2005 to the seat of Murchison and I am first woman to hold this seat. I have since been re-elected in 2011 (unopposed) and in 2017. In 2017 I was elected to the position of Deputy President and Chair of Committees and have sat on and chaired a number of Parliamentary Committees over these years. I have also completed a Master of Midwifery Degree (2010), Tasmanian Leaders Program (2011), Australian Institute of Company Directors Course (2012), Graduate Certificate in Business (2013), the Australian Futures Project Parliamentary Leaders Program (2017) and the McKinnon Institute for Political Leadership, 2022 Political Leadership Program. In 2019, I was named as one of AFR's 100 Women of Influence.

I support a number of community organisations including being Patron of Huntington's Tasmania, I serve on the Board of Unconformity, an arts organization supporting Tasmania's West Coast and Engender Equality an NGO providing services including counselling services to victims of family and domestic abuse and violence.

I am currently Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality, the Government Administration Committee A, Estimates Committee A and Government Business Scrutiny Committee A. I have also been a Member of and Chair of many other Select Committees, details of which are on the Parliament of Tasmania website: <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Maincommittees.html>.

I remain a vocal advocate for North West Tasmania and regularly visits all parts of my large electorate. As a former nurse and midwife, I maintain a strong interest in health and access to health care. I am also a strong advocate for women and supporting other women into and in leadership positions.

I was born in Burnie, the second of four children of Margaret and Keith Emmerton. I was raised on a dairy, beef and potato growing farm at Riana and have lived on the North West Coast all my life. I attended Riana Area School, Ulverstone High School and Hellyer College. I have four wonderful children and four very gorgeous grandchildren.

I worked as a nurse and midwife since commencing my General Nurse training in 1979 in Burnie until elected to the Legislative Council in 2005. I live in Wynyard and spend a lot of time traveling with my supportive husband and partner Rob Woolley within the electorate, including the municipalities of Circular Head, the West Coast, Waratah/Wynyard, and King Island.

I have decided to re-nominate for this very privileged position as a Member of the Tasmanian Parliament, in the Legislative Council as an Independent to continue the work I have done over past years holding the government of the day to account. In 2010, I successfully moved to establish two Government Administration Committees to enable timely and comprehensive scrutiny of government policy and decision making. These committees continue to be very active in the Legislative Council.

As Chair of the powerful Public Accounts Committee I have overseen a significant increase in the level of Parliamentary scrutiny of government spending and policy decisions, including a current inquiry into the proposed stadium at Macquarie Point, the funding of election commitments and the government's response to COVID-19, and many other areas. This information is available on the Committee website: <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/joint/PAC/PAC.html>.

I believe I have much to continue to contribute and commit to working with and for the community as I have done over many years, including my work to support the NW community during the COVID-19 pandemic and the damage to the Cam River Bridge (as just two examples). I committed when I was first elected, to regularly visit all areas of my electorate, including monthly visits to the West Coast

and Circular Head as well as regular visits to King Island. I have met this commitment, with the exception of the period where COVID related restrictions prevented by travel to these areas. I intend to maintain this commitment.

If re-elected, I will continue to advocate strongly on behalf of the Murchison electorate and represent their views and priorities in the Parliament. I will continue to make myself available to my constituents in person, by phone or email – direct or via my website or office email. I will continue my regular visits to all parts of the electorate and attend public meetings and events to ensure I hear as many voices as possible.

I commit to be open to all views, respectfully agreeing to disagree at times when this is necessary and will ensure I provide feedback to those who may disagree with any decision I make on behalf of the people of Murchison. I commit to being well informed and willing to change my mind when information and evidence require this. I will actively seek the opinions of others and continue to actively engage in Parliamentary Committee work and other scrutiny of government decisions to promote transparency and to hold the government of the day to account.