

## Rob Oakeshott

Rob Oakeshott has been in public life since 1996 when he became the youngest member of the NSW Parliament at age 25. He was NSW Shadow Minister for Sport, Racing, Gaming, Ports, and Fisheries and a member of the highest statutory committee, the NSW Public Accounts Committee. He continues to push for accountability standards in the public sector and how good oversight bodies, like the Auditor-General, can operate more effectively in the public sector.

Since joining Federal Parliament in September 2008, Rob has invested in committee work—the often overlooked ‘engine room’ for effective government—including chairmanship of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network and the Public Accounts and Audit Committee. Rob is also serving on the Selection Committee, the Infrastructure and Communications Committee, the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Immigration Detention Network and the Joint Select Committee on the Parliamentary Budget Office as well as being a member of the Panel working on the Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Peoples and a member of the Working Group on Water, Soil, Food.

Rob helped re-establish the Parliamentarians Amnesty International Group, and is a co-convenor.

A White Ribbon Ambassador, Rob is Australia’s Parliamentary representative on the all-male Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Group of the United Nations Development Program that is working to minimise violence against women and girls within the region where DV rates are some of the highest throughout the world.

Rob has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Government and Law and views non-metropolitan disengagement in education as one of the key economic failures for Australia. He continues to work on turning this around.

Rob is 43 years old, married to Sara-Jane and has four children—Sophie (8), Olivia (6), Angus (4) and Benjamin (2).