

John Elferink MLA

John Elferink was born in the Netherlands and moved to Australia in 1969, his family settling in Darwin.

After graduating from Casuarina High School, John joined the Northern Territory Police Force as a cadet. He rose to the rank of Sergeant and served in both Darwin and Alice Springs.

While in the police force John also obtained a Bachelor of Arts by correspondence and now also holds a Bachelor of Laws.

In 1997 he was elected to the rural seat of MacDonnell and served there until 2005. In 2008 he was elected to the seat of Port Darwin.

John's vision for the Northern Territory is for it to be an area of growth, with a prosperous economy and where crime is a rarity rather than constant.

John is also driven to deliver better health outcomes for Territorians, regardless of whether they live in urban or remote areas of the Northern Territory. Since being appointed as the Minister for Health, John has travelled across the Territory meeting professionals and experts in the health sector, and has developed an interest in building the capacity of the mental health.

He lives with his wife and two daughters in Darwin.

