

Stephen Jones

Stephen Jones was first elected to the federal parliament in 2010 representing the NSW regional electorate of Throsby centred around Wollongong, where he was born and raised. He was re-elected in 2013.

In 2012, Mr Jones put forward the first Private Member's Bill to be debated in the Federal Parliament with the intention to legalise same-sex marriage. The Bill was defeated in the House of Representatives.



In 2013, Mr Jones was appointed by Opposition Leader Bill Shorten as the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Infrastructure, and in 2014 was appointed to the Shadow Ministry by Mr Shorten as the Shadow Assistant Minister for Health.

Mr Jones' shadow portfolio responsibilities include Regional Health and Indigenous Health policy matters as well as oversight over seven health regulatory agencies including: the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Food Standards Australia New Zealand and the National Blood Authority. Mr Jones currently serves on the Standing Committee on Health, Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Labor's Caucus Committee on Social Policy.

Mr Jones holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wollongong and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Macquarie University.

Mr Jones worked in the community sector for various front line disability services, health services and youth projects.

Prior to entering the Federal Parliament he worked as an industrial officer with the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) and as the Secretary of the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU).