

Forestry Ministers of Western Australia

The first Minister for Forests was in the Lefroy Government of 1917. There have been 22 Ministers responsible for the Forestry portfolio in 18 Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919	Hon Robert Thomson Robinson, MLA, KC	Attorney General, and Minister for Industries, and Woods and Forests	28 June 1917	17 Apr 1919
Colebatch (Lib) 1919	Hon Robert Thomson Robinson, MLA, KC	Attorney General, and Minister for Mines, Industries and Forests	17 Apr 1919	17 May 1919
Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924	Hon Robert Thomson Robinson, MLA, KC	Minister for Mines Industries and Forests	17 May 1919	21 June 1919
No Minister for Forests in the Collier Government (ALP) 1924 – 1930				
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Hon John Scaddan, MLA, CMG	Minister for Railways, Mines, Police, Forests and Industry	24 Apr 1930	24 Apr 1933
No Minister for Forests in the Collier Government (ALP) 1933 – 1936				
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Hon John Collings Willcock, MLA	Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Forests	20 Aug 1936	9 Dec 1943
No Minister for Forests in the Wise Government(ALP) 1945 – 1947				
McLarty (Lib) 1947 -1953	Hon Duncan Ross McLarty, MLA, KBE, MM	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Housing, Forests and North-West	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
	Hon Robert Ross McDonald, KC, MLA	Minister for Housing, Forests and Native Affairs	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
	Hon Duncan Ross McLarty, MLA	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Forests and North-West	7 Oct 1949	24 Oct 1950
	Hon Gerald Percy Wild, MLA, MBE	Minister for Housing, Mines and Forests	24 Oct 1950	23 Feb 1953

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Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Herbert Ernst Graham, MLA	Minister for Housing and Forests	23 Feb 1953	20 Apr 1956
		Minister for Transport, Housing and Forests	20 Apr 1956	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon William Stewart Bovell, MLA	Minister for Lands, Forests and Immigration	2 Apr 1959	16 Nov 1961
		Minister for Lands, Forests , Labour and Immigration	16 Nov 1961	11 Apr 1962
		Minister for Lands, Forests and Immigration	12 Apr 1962	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Thomas Daniel Evans, MLA	Treasurer and Minister for Forests and Tourism	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
	Hon Hywel David Evans, MLA	Minister for Lands, Agriculture, Immigration and Forests	12 Oct 1971	7 Feb 1973
		Minister for Lands, Agriculture, and Forests	7 Feb 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Keith Alan Ridge, MLA	Minister for Lands, Forests and North West	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Lands, Forests and Tourism	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Margaret June Craig, MLA	Minister for Lands and Forests	10 Mar 1977	25 Aug 1978
	Hon David John Wordsworth, MLC	Minister for Lands and Forests	25 Aug 1978	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Ian James Laurance, MLA	Minister for Lands, Forests and Conservation and the Environment	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Brian Thomas Burke, MLA	Premier and Cabinet, Treasurer, Minister Coordinating Economic and Social Development and Minister for Forests , Tourism and Women's Interests	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
	Hon Hywel David Evans, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries and Wildlife and Minister assisting the Minister for Forests	23 Mar 1983	20 Dec 1984

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		Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries and Minister assisting the Minister for Forests	20 Dec 1984	21 Mar 1985
No Minister for Forests in the Dowding (ALP 1988 - 1990) and Lawrence (ALP 1990 - 1993) Governments				
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Montague Grant House, MLA	Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (No separate Forests Ministry)	16 Feb 1993	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Kimberley Maurice Chance, MLC	Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Mid-West, Wheatbelt and Great Southern and Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Heritage; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne; and Goldfields and Esperance and Leader of the House in the Legislative Council	16 Feb 2001	21 Sept 2004
		Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Mid-West, Wheatbelt and Great Southern and Leader of the House in the Legislative Council	21 Sept 2004	10 Mar 2005
		Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and the Mid-West, and Wheatbelt and Leader of the House in the Legislative Council	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Kimberley Maurice Chance, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food, Minister for Forestry and Leader of the House in the Legislative Council	3 Feb 2006	2 Mar 2007
		Minister for Agriculture and Food, Minister for Forestry and Minister for Great Southern and Leader of the House in the Legislative Council	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Donald Terrence (Terry) Redman, MLA (Nationals)	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry ; Corrective Services	14 Dec 2010	29 June 2012

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		Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry ; Housing	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Donald Terrence Redman, MLA	Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Forestry	21 Mar 2013	11 Dec 2013
	Hon Mia Jane Davies, MLA	Minister for Water; Forestry	11 Dec 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Mia Jane Davies, MLA	Minister for Water; Sports and Recreation; Forestry ; Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia (WA)	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon David Joseph Kelly, MLA	Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry ; Innovation and ICT; Science	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon David Joseph Kelly, MLA	Minister for Water; Forestry ; Youth	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Jackie Ann Jarvis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry ; Small Business	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	Hon Jackie Ann Jarvis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry ; Small Business	8 June 2023	

Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Govt	Government
LA	Legislative Assembly
LC	Legislative Council
Lib	Liberal
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
Nat	Nationalist
Opp	Opposition

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