

Forestry Ministers of Western Australia

The first Minister for Forests was in the Lefroy Government of 1917. There have been 21 Ministers responsible for the Forestry portfolio in 17 Governments.

| Ministry | Name | Ministry Title | Assumption of Office Date | Retirement of Office Date |
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| 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 |
| Hawke (ALP) | Hon Herbert Ernst Graham, | Minister for Housing and Forests | 23 Feb 1953 | 20 Apr 1956 |

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| 1953 - 1959 | MLA | 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 - 2013 | 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 |
| Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017 | 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 - 2021 | Hon David Joseph Kelly, MLA | Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry ; Innovation and ICT; Science | 17 Mar 2017 | 13 Mar 2021 |
| McGowan (ALP) 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 | |

Abbreviations

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| 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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