

## Environment Ministers of Western Australia

The first Minister for Environment was Graham Charles MacKinnon in the Brand Liberal Government in 1970.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minister for Health, Fisheries and Fauna, & <b>Environmental Protection</b>	10 Dec 1970	3 Mar 1971
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA	Premier, Treasurer & Minister for Education & <b>Environmental Protection</b>	3 March 1971	12 Oct 1971
	Hon Ronald Davies, MLA	Minister for Prices Control, Consumer Protection, Health Fisheries and Fauna <b>Environmental Protection</b> & Town Planning	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Minister for <b>Environmental Protection</b> & Health, & Town Planning	6 July 1972	8 April 1974
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Hon Matthew Ernest Stephens, MLA	Chief Secretary & Minister for Conservation & <b>Environment</b> , & Fisheries & Fauna	8 April 1974	20 Dec 1974
		Chief Secretary & Minister for Conservation & <b>Environment</b> , & Fisheries & Wildlife	20 Dec 1974	20 May 1975
	Hon Peter Vernon Jones, MLA	Minister for Housing, Conservation & <b>the Environment</b> , & Fisheries & wildlife	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minister for Fisheries & Wildlife, Tourism, Conservation & <b>the Environment</b>	10 Mar 1977	25 Aug 1978
	Hon Raymond James O'Connor	Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Fisheries & Wildlife & Conservation & <b>Environment</b> , Deputy Premier	25 Aug 1978	5 Mar 1980
	Hon Gordon Edgar Masters, MLC	Minister for Fisheries & Wildlife & Conservation & <b>Environment</b>	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1983 - 1984</b>	Hon Ian James Laurance, MLA	Minister for Lands, Forests, & Conservation & <b>Environment</b>	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1984 - 1988</b>	Hon Ronald Davies, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , Forests Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs, & The Arts	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs, The Arts, Forests	20 Dec 1984	21 Mar 1985
		Minister for Conservation & Land Management, & <b>Environment</b> , Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs, & The Arts	22 Mar 1985	26 Feb 1986

	Hon Barry James Hodge, MLA	Minister for Conservation & Land Management, & <b>Environment</b>	26 Feb 1986	4 Aug 1987
		Minister for Conservation & Land Management, & <b>Environment</b> & Waterways	4 Aug 1987	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1989 - 1990</b>	Hon Barry James Hodge, MLA	Minister for Conservation & Land Management, & <b>Environment</b> & Waterways	25 Feb 1988	14 Feb 1989
	Hon David Lawrence Smith, MLA	Minister for Conservation & Land Management, & <b>Environment</b> & Waterways	14 Feb 1989	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Robert John Pearce, MLA	Minister for Transport, <b>Environment</b> , Parliamentary & Electoral Reform & Leader of House Legislative Assembly	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Hon Robert John Pearce, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment</b> , Conservation & Land Management, Waterways & Leader of the Legislative Assembly	19 Feb 1990	14 Mar 1990
		<b>Minister for Environment</b> & Leader of the Legislative Assembly	14 Mar 1990	21 Oct 1992
	Hon James (Jim) Andrew McGinty, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment</b> , Housing, Construction, Services & Heritage	26 Oct 1992	16 Feb 1993
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Kevin John Minson, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , Aboriginal Affairs, Disability Services & Minister Assisting Minister for Fisheries	16 Feb 1993	25 Jan 1994
		<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , Disability Services & Minister Assisting Minister for Fisheries	25 Jan 1994	10 Feb 1995
	Hon Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , Water Resources, the Arts & Fair Trading	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice, <b>The Environment</b> & the Arts	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwardes, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , & Employment & Training	9 Jan 1997	28 July 1998
		<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , & Labour Relations	28 July 1998	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon Judith Mary Edwards, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , & Heritage & Water Resources	16 Feb 2001	1 July 2001
		<b>Minister for the Environment</b> , & Heritage (until 27 June 2003); Science (from 10 March 2005)	1 July 2001	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Hon Judith Mary Edwards, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment</b> ; Science	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon Mark McGowan, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment</b> ; Racing and Gaming	3 Feb 2006	9 Nov 2006
		<b>Minister for the Environment</b> ; Racing and Gaming; Peel & South West	9 Nov 2006	13 Dec 2006

	Hon Anthony (Tony) David McRae, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment;</b> Climate Change; Disability Services	13 Dec 2006	26 Feb 2007
	Hon Mark McGowan, MLA	Minister for Education & Training; South West; the <b>Environment</b> ; Climate Change; Disability Services	26 Feb 2007	2 Mar 2007
	Hon David Alan Templeman, MLA	<b>Minister for the Environment;</b> Climate Change; Peel	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017</b>	Hon Donna Evelyn Mary Faragher, MLC	<b>Minister for the Environment;</b> Youth	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		<b>Minister for the Environment;</b> Youth	28 Apr 2010	22 Nov 2010
	Hon John Dudley Day, MLA	Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; <b>Environment</b> ; Youth	22 Nov 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon William (Bill) Richard Marmion, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment;</b> Water	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Albert Paul Jacob, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment;</b> Heritage	21 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023</b>	Hon Stephen Noel Dawson, MLC	<b>Minister for Environment;</b> Disability Services	17 Mar 2017	20 Dec 2019
	Hon Stephen Noel Dawson, MLC	<b>Minister for Environment;</b> Disability Services; Electoral Affairs	20 Dec 2019	13 Mar 2021
	Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment; Climate Action;</b> Commerce	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon Reece Whitby, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment; Climate Action</b>	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Reece Whitby, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment; Climate Action;</b> Racing and Gaming	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
<b>Cook (ALP) 2023</b>	Hon Reece Whitby, MLA	<b>Minister for Environment; Climate Action;</b> Racing and Gaming	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

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