



Stephen Mutch

Stephen Mutch is a retired Sydney lawyer, former member of the New South Wales Legislative Council (State Senate), and also the Australian Commonwealth House of Representatives. He served in parliament from 1988 to 1998.

A graduate from the University of NSW, he holds a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Master of Arts, a Graduate Diploma in Arts (by research), and a Doctor of Philosophy. To undertake his doctoral research he was the recipient of an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Following his parliamentary career, Dr Mutch taught at UNSW and then Macquarie University, where he was an Honorary Associate (later Honorary Fellow), and a sessional lecturer. His main courses included Australian Governments and Public Policy, and Australian Foreign Policy. He also convened a course in political violence (terrorism) and participated in other courses on international relations. In addition, he conducted two colloquiums for the Global Leadership Programme entitled 'Cults, Religion and Public Policy', and 'Religion, Secularism and the State'. He has also served on the editorial boards of two academic journals and reviewed numerous papers in an honorary capacity. For several years he has served as Honorary Academic Adviser to an organisation combating the influence of right wing extremist groups.

Although entering academia later in life, after pursuing careers in law and politics, Dr Mutch has presented at many academic conferences. A list of his published articles can be found under Google Scholar.