

Speaker Biography & Background



Andrew Bartlett was a Senator in the Australian Parliament for the state of Queensland from 1997-2008 for the now defunct Australian Democrats party.

In 2004 he was the first Australian politician to begin a genuine blog aimed at detailing some of the events in Parliament and seeking feedback from readers. He has maintained a strong interest in all forms of social media, and the ways online technology can strengthen public input into public and political debates and campaigns. He has written articles for a range of online publications, including Asian Correspondent, Crikey, ABC's The Drum, Online Opinion and New Matilda.

Since leaving Parliament, he has worked with a range of not-for-profit organisations, mostly in the fields of immigration, refugee and Indigenous issues.

He has remained active in politics, and is currently the state Convenor of the GreenParty in Queensland.

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