

Federal Election Special 2019: Speaker Bios

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Dr Kerryn Phelps AM MP is one of Australia's best known doctors, health and civil rights advocates and former president of the Australian Medical Association. She was a city councillor and Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, has published five books, and was recently elected as an independent candidate for Wentworth, Malcolm Turnbull's former seat.

Peter Hartcher is a multi-awarded Australian journalist and author, who has been writing about power and politics, war and peace, booms and busts for more than 30 years, and has broken some of the biggest stories in Australian public life and foreign policy. He is the political and international editor for The Sydney Morning Herald, a visiting fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, and a political commentator for Sky News Television. His latest book is *The Adolescent Country*.

Tom Switzer is Executive Director of the Centre for Independent Studies, a public policy research think tank, host of Between the Lines on ABC's Radio National, and a highly regarded columnist at Fairfax Media. He was a political adviser and speechwriter, a senior fellow at the University of Sydney's US Studies Centre, and has edited or written for many high profile publications including Spectator Australia, The Australian, AFR, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post and Financial Times.

Trent Zimmerman MP is the Liberal member for North Sydney, and chair of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport. He also serves on the standing committees for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and Infrastructure, Cities and Transport. Trent was previously Deputy CEO and Director, Transport Policy, Tourism and Transport Forum, and a former political advisor and North Sydney Councillor.

Dr John Hewson AM is a highly respected economist, business leader and political commentator. He is Chair of Sustainable Business Australia, Professor and Chair, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, ANU, has various other professorial appointments and serves as chair or director on a number of boards and committees. John is a former politician and was previously Leader of the Liberal Party and Leader of the Opposition.