



Is the level of Liberal women in Parliament lower now than in 1996?

## The Claim

The Liberal Party has come under fire for the low number of women in its federal parliamentary team after Jane Prentice, the Assistant Minister for Disability Services, lost preselection for her safe Brisbane seat.

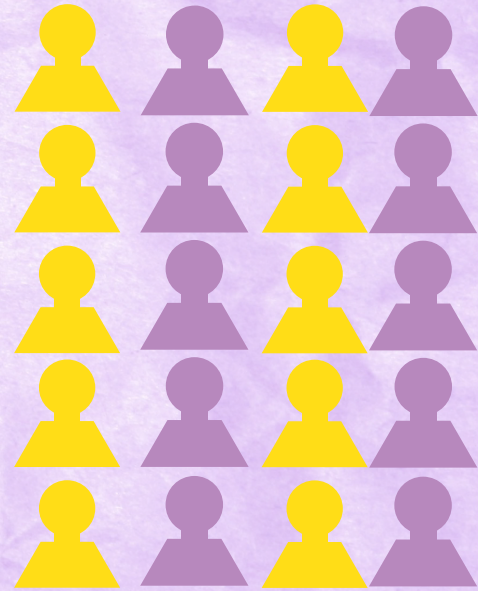


The Party's female's representation was "disgracefully lagging"

# Judith Troeth's ball park claim!

## The Verdict

There were three more Liberal women in Parliament during 1996 compared to May 2018. However, the Party held an extra 22 seats Ms Troeth would be correct in saying Liberal women were better represented in the Parliament under Mr Howard, just not in 1996



There are 20 in current Parliament, compared to 23 in 1996

## The facts

74  
35  
98  
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It is more useful to consider the numbers Female representation in the Liberal Party has actually increased over the 22 years it still remains below the level of women overall



In simple terms, there are fewer women in Parliament today compared to when John Howard first won the prime ministership.

