



**The Honourable Mark Speakman SC MP
Attorney General of NSW
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence**

Mark Speakman was first appointed Attorney General for NSW in January 2017, then reappointed on 2 April 2019, adding the portfolio of Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

The Attorney General is the head of the Stronger Communities Cluster, the area of government responsible for:

- administration and enforcement of the law;
- punishment and rehabilitation of offenders;
- emergency services;
- protection of NSW from the threat of terrorism;
- the care of at risk children and families and the disabled;
- multiculturalism, seniors and veterans; and
- sport.

As First Law Officer of the state, Mark oversees the administration of well in excess of 200 Acts of Parliament, the most of any minister in the NSW Government.

Mark was the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage and Assistant Minister for Planning from April 2015 to January 2017.

He was previously Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury, Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills and Chair of the Joint Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Mark was elected as the Member for Cronulla in 2011 after a career at the commercial Bar.

Mark was appointed Senior Counsel in 2004, having been called to the Bar in 1991. Mark began his legal career in 1983 as a solicitor, then partner, at law firm Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst).

He holds a Masters in Laws from Cambridge University and degrees in law and economics at Sydney University.

Mark attended Caringbah High School in the heart of the electorate he now represents and where he spent his childhood and most of his adult life.