

The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women

The Honourable Bronnie Taylor, MLC is the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women.

Appointed in March 2019 Bronnie brings a wealth of experience to this important and vital Ministry.

Before entering Parliament in 2015, Bronnie spent 20 years working in health as a registered nurse, specialising in cancer care and palliative care.

Her work in these fields saw her become one of the first McGrath Foundation breast care nurses and then became the Director of Cancer Services in the Southern NSW Local Health District.

It was through her work as a cancer nurse where Bronnie's political career began. Determined to get better services for patients in regional NSW, Bronnie successfully lobbied for a local oncology service for the Monaro. The establishment of the Cooma Oncology Clinic means that regional patients have access to the same quality health care as patients in the city, and they can stay in their communities while having treatment.

Inspired to make more change, Bronnie entered local government serving as the Deputy Mayor of the Cooma-Monaro Shire. It was here that the National Party could see the passion and drive in Bronnie and in 2015 she was elected to the NSW Legislative Council.

Only a year after being elected as MLC, Bronnie was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW and Regional Communications. In January 2017, she became Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Southern NSW.

Bronnie is passionately committed to our rural and regional communities, and in particular about health and education outcomes, local government and agriculture.

As Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women Bronnie is working towards ambitious targets of Towards Zero suicides, providing more work opportunities for young people in regional NSW and supporting women with a number of programs building leadership and support networks.

Bronnie is married to Duncan and they have 2 daughters Hannah and Holly. Home is at Nimmitabel on their sheep and cattle property.