

Andrew Hastie Biography

Andrew Hastie MP is a member of the Australian Parliament, representing the electorate of Canning in the House of Representatives.

Hastie was educated at The Scots College, Sydney (2000) before completing a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History and Philosophy through the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy. In 2006, he graduated officer training at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

As a junior officer, Hastie took a commission with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. In 2009, he deployed to Afghanistan as a Troop Commander. In 2010, Hastie was selected for service with the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR), taking commands in maritime and special reconnaissance capabilities. He deployed to Afghanistan again in 2013 as a Troop Commander with the Australian Special Operations Task Group. During his service with the SASR, he deployed to various theatres in the Middle East and Indo-Pacific.

Hastie resigned his commission in 2015 to successfully contest a by-election in the seat of Canning for the Liberal Party of Australia. He was re-elected in the general elections of 2016 and 2019. The seat of Canning takes in south outer-metropolitan Perth and regional Western Australia.

Since 2017 Hastie has served as Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security. His work has focused on espionage and foreign influence. Noteworthy legislation passed during his Chairmanship has included the Espionage and Foreign Interference Act (2018) Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act (2018) and Security of Critical Infrastructure Act (2018). He is also Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee in the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.