

## **The Hon Andrew Hastie MP**

Assistant Minister for Defence

Federal Member for Canning

### Biography

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

Hastie completed 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.

In 2009, Hastie deployed to Afghanistan as a Cavalry Troop Leader. In 2010, he was selected for service with the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) as a Troop Commander, 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 from the ADF in 2015 to successfully contest the Canning by-election for the Liberal Party of Australia. He was re-elected in the general elections of 2016 and 2019.

From January 2017 to December 2020 Hastie has served as Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security. His work in this capacity focused on national security, including counter-terrorism, espionage and foreign interference.

Hastie was sworn in as the Morrison Government's Assistant Minister for Defence on 22 December 2020.