

## *Dr Mehreen Faruqi*

Dr Mehreen Faruqi joined the NSW Legislative Council in June 2013. Her portfolios include the Environment, Transport, Roads and Ports, Status of Women, Multiculturalism, Animal Welfare, Young People, Western Sydney and the Lower Mid-North Coast.

Since migrating from Pakistan to Australia in 1992, with her young family, Mehreen's work has focussed on developing real solutions to social and environmental challenges.

Mehreen has a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore, and a Master and PhD in Environmental Engineering from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). She has worked in leadership positions in local government, consulting firms and higher education institutions in Australia and internationally. This includes her role as Manager of Environment and Services for Mosman Council, Manager of Natural Resources and Catchments for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, and as the Director of the Institute of Environmental Studies (UNSW) and an Associate Professor in Business and Sustainability (AGSM UNSW). Her publications include a co-authored book entitled '[Environmental Decision-making – Exploring complexity and context.](#)'

She is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia and a member of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. In 2015, Mehreen was named as one of Engineers Australia's Top 100 Most Influential Engineers. Mehreen is a passionate activist on a range of issues, and has worked as a volunteer, campaigner, Convenor of NSW Greens' Women's Group and candidate for The Greens NSW, including achieving a record 30% of the vote in the 2012 Heffron by-election.

In 2013, Mehreen received the UNSW Faculty of Engineering Award for leadership and was voted No.5 in Fairfax Media [Daily Life](#)'s list of top 20 women for 2013 who made a difference and inspired Australians.