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**Mr Joe Hockey**  
**Minister for Financial Services and Regulation**

Mr Joe Hockey was elected a member of the House of Representatives for the seat of North Sydney in 1996 and re-elected in 1998.

During his first term he served as Chairman of the Sydney Airport Community Forum and on the Government Members Task Force on Taxation.

Mr Hockey was also a member of Standing Committees on Financial Institutions and Public Administration and Environment, Recreation and the Arts. In addition, he served on the Finance and Public Administration and Communications and the Arts Coalition Backbench Committees.

After the re-election of the Coalition Government in 1998 he was appointed the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation.

Joe Hockey was educated at the University of Sydney where he received degrees in Arts and Law.

In 1990 he commenced practice as a banking and finance solicitor with Corrs Chambers Westgarth Solicitors until 1992 when he was seconded to the NSW Premier's Department as a Senior Adviser on Government Trading Enterprise reform. Mr Hockey was also a Senior Policy Adviser to the NSW Treasurer and the Senior Adviser on the privatisations of GIO Australia and the State Bank of NSW.

From 1994 Mr Hockey was the Director of Policy to the NSW Premier and Minister for Economic Development. From 1995 he returned to Corrs Chambers Westgarth to advise clients on privatisation and infrastructure development.