



**Hon Paul Fletcher MP
Federal Member for Bradfield**

Manager of Opposition Business in the House, Shadow Minister for Government Services and the Digital Economy, and Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts

Paul Fletcher MP is the Manager of Opposition Business in the House, Shadow Minister for Government Services and the Digital Economy, and Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts in the 47th Parliament.

Paul Fletcher entered Parliament in December 2009 as the Member for Bradfield; was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications in September 2013; Minister for Major Projects, Territories, and Local Government in September 2015; Minister for Urban Infrastructure in July 2016; Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities in December 2017; Minister for Families and Social Services in August 2018; Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts in 2019 and for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts in December 2020, serving in that role until May 2022.

Before entering Parliament, Paul was Director, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs, at Optus for eight years, and established a consulting firm serving the communications sector. His 2009 book about broadband, *Wired Brown Land*, was published by UNSW Press; in 2021 his book *Governing in the Internet Age* was published by Monash University Press

Earlier in his career Paul was Chief of Staff to the Minister for Communications in the Howard Government, Senator Richard Alston.

He has dual first class honours degrees in law and economics from The University of Sydney and an MBA from Columbia University in New York where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

Paul has been a member of the Liberal Party since he was 16 and was active in student politics at Sydney University. He was a champion university debater, twice reaching the finals of the World Universities Debating Championship.