

16 March 2018

The Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk MP Premier of Queensland Minister for Trade

By emall: thepremier@premiers.qid.qov.au



Dear Premier

I write with reference to the casual vacancy in the Senate arising from the retlrement of Senator the Hon. George Brandis QC.

On 10 March 2018, members of the Liberal National Party voted to nominate Amanda Stoker to the casual vacancy.

Please find **attached** a brief biography of Amanda Stoker, together with a copy of her declaration and consent to act pursuant to Standing Order 289 and Schedule 4 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly. I confirm the original document will be delivered to the Clerk of the Parliament in accordance with convention.

Please note that Amanda Stoker, her husband Adam together with their children and other family members will be present in the public gallery for the motion on Wednesday 21 March at 2pm.

I look forward to supporting your motion to elect Amanda Stoker to the Senate.

Yours sincerely

DEB FRECKLINGTON MP Leader of the Opposition Shadow Minister for Trade

Member for Nanango

CC: The Clerk of the Parliament - BY DELIVERY

Amanda Stoker Biography

- Amanda was born in 1982 in Campbelltown, NSW.
- Her parents are Mark and Connie Fell.
- She has one younger sister, Susan.
- She grew up in Campbelltown and attended Hurlstone Agricultural High School.
- After leaving school, she studied Law and Arts at Sydney University.
- She graduated in 2005 with a Bachelors Laws/Arts (first class honours).
- She worked first at Minter Ellison, Sydney.
- She then became associate to Justice Ian Callinan (1 yr).
- During this time she and her husband Adam relocated to Brisbane from Sydney.
- Her next role was as associate to Justice Philip McMurdo (1yr).
- This was followed by a period at the Commonwealth DPP in Brisbane.
- Amanda went to the Bar in 2011 and has worked widely throughout Queensland.
- She and Adam have three young daughters, Mary, Jane and Emma.

NB: Amanda will be accompanied in the chamber by her parents, sister, husband and children.

Declaration of qualification and consent to be nominated and act if elected as Senator representing the State of Queensland in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia

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Amanda Jane Stoker

(Name in full)

Barrister

(Occupation)

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(Residence – suburb/town/city)

hereby declare that I am legally qualified to be a Member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, and I hereby consent to be nominated at this election and to act if elected.

Dated this the 15th day of March 2018

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(Signature)