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Hon. Jillian Skinner

Former NSW Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research

“Research is not an optional extra when it comes to improving health care”

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Host: Prof John Mattick

Jillian Skinner has recently retired after six years as NSW Minister for Health and 23 years as a Member of Parliament. She has more experience in the health field than any other politician in Australia, having first been appointed Shadow Minister for Health in 1995. She has also held the Shadow portfolios of Education and Training and Youth Affairs and Arts.

She served as the Deputy NSW Liberal Leader for six years and was appointed Minister for Health on the election of the Coalition Government in 2011 as well as the first stand-alone Minister for Medical Research in NSW.

Jillian began her career as a journalist in Melbourne, becoming the first woman journalist on the Victorian Parliamentary Press Gallery. She later worked as a journalist in Adelaide, Sydney and South East Asia before operating her own editorial, strategic planning and marketing consultancy.

Prior to her election to the NSW Parliament, Jillian was the Director of the New South Wales Office of Youth Affairs and she has served on bodies such as the New South Wales Women’s Advisory Council and the New South Wales Youth Advisory Council