

Dr Mike Freelander

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACARTHUR

Mike has been the Member for Macarthur since 2016, however before this, he worked as a paediatrician in Campbelltown & Camden for nearly 40 years, and in both roles, he has dedicated himself to making sure our local community is supported, cared for and receives the best outcomes possible.

Mike has a long connection to Macarthur as he opened his very first clinics in Campbelltown and Camden in 1984, which occurred the same day that Medicare was established.

Since then, he and his wife Sharon have raised their six children in Macarthur and have seen the region grow. At this time Mike also commenced work at Campbelltown Hospital where he took on the role as Head of Paediatrics from 1986 to 2013.

His hard work and dedication to the region earnt him the respect of local families and residents. In his near 4 decades as a paediatrician in the Macarthur region, Mike has seen over 200,000 patients.

Having increasingly seen his patients and their families struggle with affordability and access to healthcare, housing, and education, as well as poor local infrastructure, Mike decided to run for the Federal seat of Macarthur in 2016, which he won, and was re-elected in 2019 and 2022.

As the Member for Macarthur, Mike has long advocated for better healthcare, economic, environmental and infrastructure outcomes for his electorate, which is important given that Macarthur is the largest electorate by number on enrolled individuals in the nation.

Since then, and with the successful election of the Albanese Government in 2022, Mike has been able to deliver local services, such as the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics and the Medicare bulk billing incentive increase that benefits both patients and GPs alike.

He has also delivered a multi-deck car park at Campbelltown Station, which provides an additional 500 spots for commuters, and has delivered greater funding and supports for our local wildlife, helping protect and bolster our local koala population.

Mike also advocates for matters outside the responsibility of the Federal Government, such as pushing the NSW Government for better investment in public transport and for Appin Road to be upgraded to protect motorists and wildlife alike.

Mike understands that there is much more to be done, such as the need for a rail line from Macarthur to Western Sydney Airport and other infrastructure that our region so desperately needs, and he will continue to advocate for these causes at all levels of government.

Mike currently serves as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport and has led the Committee's inquiry into Long COVID as well as its current Inquiry into Diabetes management, treatment, and prevention.

Despite his workload as a Member of Parliament, Mike still finds time to see patients at Campbelltown Hospital and to give back to his profession by teaching the next generation of doctors as an Associate Professor at Western Sydney University, Campbelltown Campus.