The Hon. Mark Butler MP

Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water

Member for Port Adelaide

Mark Butler was born in Canberra in 1970. Mark attended Adelaide University where he graduated with a First Class Honours Law degree and an Arts degree, before completing a Masters degree in International Relations at Deakin University in Melbourne.

Mark was elected to Federal Parliament in 2007 representing the electorate of Port Adelaide. In 2009 he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Health.

Following the 2010 federal election, Mark was appointed Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, and in the 2011 reshuffle gained additional portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Social Inclusion and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Mental Health Reform.

In the March 2013 reshuffle Mark took on the Housing and Homelessness portfolio.

Following the election and re-appointment of Kevin Rudd as Prime Minister, Mark was appointed Minister for Climate Change and Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

Following the 2013 Federal election, Mark was elected to the Shadow Ministry and appointed Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water.

Before entering Parliament, Mark worked for 15 years in the Liquor Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union (LHMU) including 11 years as State Secretary (SA). During that time, Mark served as a member of several government and private sector boards.

In 1997/1998, Mark served as the youngest ever President of the ALP in South Australia, and has been a Member of the ALP National Executive and National Executive Committee since 2000.

Mark was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for services to the trade union movement.

Mark lives in Woodville Park with his wife and two children, and is a keen supporter of AFL team, Port Adelaide Power.