



THE HON JANELLE SAFFIN MP

Minister for Small Business, Minister for
Recovery, and Minister for the North
Coast, NSW Parliament and Member for
Lismore

Janelle Saffin has been the State Member for Lismore since March 2019 and was appointed NSW Minister for Recovery, Small Business and the North Coast in March 2025. She previously served as NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Disaster Recovery, as Federal Member for Page for two terms, and as a member of the NSW Upper House. Janelle is widely respected as a strong advocate for her community and for Australian values of fairness, integrity and inclusion. A lawyer and teacher, Janelle has extensive experience across education, law, community programs, international development and governance. Her work in social justice and human rights spans local, national and international contexts, including senior advisory roles with the United Nations Development Program and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Janelle has longstanding ties to Timor-Leste and Myanmar. She has served as senior political adviser to Dr José Ramos-Horta and continues as his Special Adviser. Her engagement with Myanmar spans three decades, including establishing the Australian Myanmar Parliament Friendship Group.

She is a Fellow of Southern Cross University and an Adjunct Professor in Law and Justice at SCU, where she is also a graduate and former Council member.