

Marielle Smith has served as a Senator for South Australia since 2019 and is passionate about delivering a better and fairer future for South Australians. Marielle is focused on closing the regional health divide, especially for women, and improving services and support to families in the first 1000 days of a child's life. Prior to entering Parliament Marielle was a professional public policy adviser, including to former Prime Minister Julia Gillard, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Minister for Early Education and Care. She has also served on public and private boards and volunteered for a children-focused NGO in West Africa. Marielle holds a Master of Science with Distinction in Public Policy and Administration from the London School of Economics and a first class honours degree from the Australian National University. In Parliament, she has served on a number of committees and is currently the Chair of the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, as well as being a member of the Senate Community Affairs References Committee, the Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations, Staffing and Security, the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, and the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security.