



Thomas Brown (1861-1934)

Member for Canobolas (New South Wales) 1901-1906

Member for Calare (New South Wales) 1906-1913

Thomas Brown was born in Walla Walla, New South Wales. A farmer, his introduction to politics came when he represented Forbes at the first Farmers and Settlers' Association Conference in 1893. In 1894 he won the seat of Condobolin in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, which he held until he resigned to contest the federal election in 1901.

Brown was elected to represent the federal seat of Canobolas in the House of Representatives at the first federal election in 1901. In 1906, owing to the redistribution of electoral boundaries, he became the member for the new seat of Calare, which he held until he was defeated in 1913. Brown was a Labor Party member who supported free trade.

Brown returned to state politics in 1913 and represented the seat of Lachlan in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly until 1917. In 1917 he became secretary to Prime Minister Hughes.

The electorate of Canobolas was named after a local geographic feature (Mt Canobolas). Canobolas is an Aboriginal word meaning two heads or two shoulders.