



Albert John Gould (1847-1936)

Senator for New South Wales 1901-1917

Albert Gould was born in Sydney, New South Wales. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1870 and practised in both Sydney and Singleton. He was a member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly 1882-98, serving as a minister on two occasions. A supporter of Sir Henry Parkes and the concept of federation, Gould opposed the Constitution Bill in 1898 believing that New South Wales was not receiving adequate recognition.

At the first federal election in 1901 Gould was elected to represent New South Wales as a Freetrader in the Senate. In 1907 following Sir Richard Baker's retirement, he was elected President of the Senate, a position which he held until 1910.

Although Gould was a supporter of the Hughes Government, he was not endorsed by the Nationalist Party for the election of 1917, and did not stand for the Senate. In retirement, he focused on his business and community interests. Gould was knighted in 1908.

The state of Western Australia was also represented in the first Senate by:

James Thomas Walker

Edward Davis Millen

Richard Edward O'Connor

John Cash Neild

Edward Pulsford