

**Hon Jason Wood MP**

**Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs**

**Federal Member for La Trobe, Melbourne Australia.**

Jason, aged 43, has lived in the La Trobe for over 40 years and shares a strong affinity with the local community. Jason grew up with his family in Ferny Creek, where he attended the local primary school, Ferntree Gully Technical School. In year 12, he attended Boronia Secondary College, where he completed an Environmental Outdoor Leadership Course. Jason then went on to working as a school camp coordinator.

In 1998, Jason graduated from the Victorian Police Academy and soon after commenced work as a Constable at the Boronia Police Station. He progressed to become a Detective Senior Constable at the Organised Crime Squad. Jason then transferred to the Boronia Criminal Investigation Unit. In his position he completed a Masters in Innovation Service Management and a thesis on Counter Terrorism, he was promoted to Senior Sergeant at the Counter Terrorism Unit.

From 2004-2010, Jason served as the federal member for La Trobe, where he actively used his knowledge of counter terrorism to contribute to national debate, which assisted the Howard Government in implementing tougher terrorism laws. In 2008, Jason was appointed by the then-Opposition leader Malcolm Turnbull as Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Justice and Public Security.

Throughout his life, Jason has been involved in several local community groups; whether it be playing football or cricket, working with local environmental groups, cleaning up after bushfires, or fighting for palliative care hospice in Emerald.