



TelmoLanguiller MP

State Member for Derrimut



## Telmo Ramon Languiller-Tornesi

### **Personal:**

Born 1957, Montevideo, Uruguay. 4 children.

### **Party:**

Australian Labor Party

### **State of Victoria Parliament House:**

Legislative Assembly

### **Position:**

Road Safety Committee - Deputy Chair  
Legislative Assembly Acting Speaker

**Electorate:** Derrimut

### **Length of Service:**

Elected to the Legislative Assembly in September 1999. First Member of Parliament in Australia and the Commonwealth to have been born in a Spanish speaking country.

### **History:**

Telmo was an active member of the student and union movement in Uruguay in the early 70's. Following the Military Coup in 1973 he was exiled in Argentina and during Whitlam government's settled in Australia. Telmo became an active member of the Australian Trade Union Movement until elected to Parliament in 1999. Telmo is a current member of the Australian Workers Union (AWU).

### **Education and Qualifications:**

Primary School Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, Montevideo, Uruguay  
High School Jose Pedro Varela, Montevideo, Uruguay  
Flemington High School.

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University High School.

Victoria University (Formerly Footscray Institute of Technology) -  
Graduated in Australian Cultural Studies, BA (sociology and politics  
majors); Physical Education.

**Previous Occupation:**

☐Labourer in tobacco, meat and metal industries 1974-78  
Orderly and Spanish interpreter/translator 1979-1980  
Trade Union Migrant Workers' Centre 1980-85  
Occupational rehabilitation policy officer, Health Services Union 1985-92  
Assistant to Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Brian Howe MHR, 1993-96

**Party Positions:**

Member of the ALP.  
ALP State and National Conference delegate

**Parliamentary Service:**

Elected MLA for Sunshine September 1999  
Electorate abolished in 2002 re-division.  
Elected MLA for Derrimut November 2002  
Re-elected MLA for Derrimut November 2010  
Acting Speaker of the Legislative Assembly 2002 - 2014

**Ministerial Appointments:**

Parliamentary Secretary, Community Services – 2002 - 2006  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier on Multicultural Affairs - 2006 -  
2007  
Special Advisor to the Premier of Victoria on Spain and Latin America  
Business Relations – 2006 - 2007  
Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Human Services – 2007 - 2010

**Chairmanships:**

Review of Victorian Disability Legislation Reference Group 2002 – 2006  
Disability Services Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Reference Group 2002  
– 2006  
Chair of the Community Sector Investment Fund Advisory Group 2002 –  
2006  
Chair of Future For Young Adults Reference Group 2002 – 2006  
Chair of Disability Industry Development Plan 2002 – 2006  
Chair of Victorian Multicultural Business Council 2006 – 2010  
Chair of Victorian Multicultural Advisory Council 2006 – 2010

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**Committee Service:**

Joint Parliamentary Law Reform Committee 1999 – 2002

Parliamentary Library Committee 1999 – 2002

Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee 2006 – 2010

Road Safety Committee - Deputy Chair - 2011 - 2014

**Memberships:**

International Federation on Ageing (IFA) and Delegate to the UN Open Ended Working Group on Ageing

Parliamentary Friendship Group Victoria-China, Parliamentary Friendship

Co-Chair of Victoria-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Group

Amnesty International

**Awards:**

King Juan Carlos of Spain Order- Oficial de la Orden de Isabel la Catolica  
2006

El Salvador Government Bicentenary Award - Special Friend of El  
Salvador 2011

**Interests:**

Australia - Latin America, Caribbean, Spain relations.

Human rights, community radio, languages (Spanish and Italian),  
music, open sea swimming, soccer, travel.

**Languages:**

English, Spanish and Italian.

**Website**

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