



## SCF Forum on Financing Nature-based Solutions: Part I

### Information about the speakers for the high-level segment



**H.E. Sussan Ley**  
*Minister for the Environment  
Australia*

Born in Nigeria to British parents, Sussan spent her early childhood in the United Arab Emirates, before migrating to Australia at the age of 13 with her parents and older brother.

Schooled in the U.K., QLD and ACT, later tertiary study led to a Bachelor of Economics, Master of Taxation Law and a Master of Accounting. Developing an early fascination with the skies and flying, a young Sussan worked a variety of odd jobs and hours to finance this passion, obtaining a commercial pilot's license which she still holds.

Sussan took up a position with the Australian Taxation Office at Albury, graduating to the role of Director, Technical Training before seeking Liberal Party pre-selection for the Federal seat of Farrer in 2001.

Returned as the Member for Farrer at six subsequent elections, Sussan regards it as an honour to represent the people living in this substantial part of south west NSW, making time to routinely travel the electorate, hearing the views and concerns of her constituents.

Now in her 20th year of Federal Politics, Sussan has been appointed to a number of ministerial and parliamentary positions, most recently as Minister for the Environment in May 2019.