



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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**Member for Castle Hill**  
**Minister for Multiculturalism and**  
**Minister for Disability Services**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE FORMER MAYOR OF FROMELLES, FRANCE VISITS PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

Member for Castle Hill and Minister for Multiculturalism, Ray Williams, welcomed Valentine Huchette, to Parliament House during her visit to Australia.

Mademoiselle Huchette is the granddaughter of, Hubert Huchette A.M, the former Mayor of Fromelles, who played an important role in resolving the mystery of the missing Australian Diggers in the Battle of Fromelles and the siting of the new Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery.

In July 2010, Monsieur Huchette was awarded the Order of Australia by Governor-General, The Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO.

Mr Williams said it was a pleasure to host the granddaughter of Monsieur Huchette who has done so much for Australians.

“Given my family member Reg Allen served in Fromelles, I was delighted to meet Mademoiselle Huchette to discuss multiculturalism in NSW and show her around the oldest Parliament in Australia.

“Her grandfather is a great man whose valuable efforts to support Australia has been acknowledged globally.”

Locals Warren and Helen Baker are hosting Mademoiselle Huchette and joined her during the tour of Parliament House.

Mr Baker said he, Valentine and his wife enjoyed visiting Mr Williams at Parliament.

“The genuine warmth and interest he showed Valentine and her grandfather made it one of her most memorable days in Australia.

“His extensive knowledge of the Hills history demonstrated the character and integrity that has made him a great representative of our area,” said Mr Baker.

Mr Baker is a First World War historian whose great uncle, Private Vinton Baker, was one of those identified in the Fromelles Cemetery.

**\*Photo from left to right: Locals Warren Baker, Helen Baker, Mademoiselle Huchette and Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams.**

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