



## **2009 Australian Parliamentary Fellow**

### **Dr Scott Brenton**

Scott Brenton recently completed his PhD in Political Science at the Australian National University, on the topic of political scandals. He has also studied at the University of Copenhagen and the University of Queensland. While at the ANU he taught in postgraduate courses on social policy, public sector management, political institutions and policy processes, and governance and institutions, and undergraduate courses on introductory political science and political parties. He has worked on the *Parliamentary Accountability Project*, the *Democratic Audit of Australia* and with *Oxfam Australia* and the *Parliamentary Studies Centre*, and has published papers on ethical consumerism, perceptions of politicians, confidence in Australian democracy, Senate reform, bicameralism and ACT politics.

Scott's fellowship project is about contemporary bicameralism in Australia, focusing on the differences between Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, particularly in terms of representation of their constituents. He will investigate the roles and responsibilities of Senators and Members, in terms of how Senators and Members perceive their own roles and responsibilities and how they perceive each other's roles and responsibilities and what they think the differences are. Of particular interest is whether Senators and Members know what the other House actually does and why a politician chooses to become a Senator rather than a Member (and vice versa).

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