

## John Alexander AO

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### ***Former Politician and Former Professional Tennis Player***

John or JA as he is commonly known is a former international tennis professional and Davis Cup representative.

Three times a World Championship Tennis finalist, three time a semi finalist at the Australian Open a winner of the doubles twice, reaching a world ranking of 8 and three times was the top ranked Australian. JA was a member of Australia's Davis Cup team from 1968 till 1982 winning the cup in 1977 in one of the greatest matches of the competition over the Italian idol Adriano Panatta.

After retiring from competitive tennis John commenced a career in commentary for the BBC coverage of Wimbledon and with the Seven Network covering the Australian Open for over 20 years.

John co-founded Next Generation Clubs Australia which redeveloped some of Australia's historic tennis venues Royal Kings Park in Perth and Memorial Drive in Adelaide.

When Chair of Tennis Australia's Player development Board John created the Lipton Ice Million Dollar Challenge to incentivate young Australian players to achieve greatness.

In 2010 John became a Member of Parliament winning the federal seat of Bennelong, which he held until 2022 when he retired.

Concentrating his efforts to address the challenges of housing and congestion in his electorate and our major cities John initiated and chaired several Parliamentary Inquiries.

Not one of these inquiries contained a dissenting report.

To develop better relations across the isle John formed the Calwell Menzies club celebrating Arthur Calwell and Robert Menzies record of rising above politics and working together led Australia through a golden period of common prosperity.

A strong believer that progress has been absent in recent times with politics descending to non productive point scoring and the denigration of each other.

This lamentable situation was highlighted by the failure of the recent referendum.



John continues work on the need for HSR in Australia to effect a plan of strategic settlement, decongesting our major cities and creating an abundant supply of affordable housing for generations to come.

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