

Electoral Newsfile

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SEAT STATUS

Including notional seat status for Vic, Qld and SA

This edition of Electoral Newsfile includes the seat status for all electoral divisions as a result of the 2001 Federal Election. In addition, the Newsfile includes post redistribution seat status for divisions in States which have undergone redistributions since the 2001 Federal Election.

Redistributions of electoral boundaries

Since the 2001 Federal Election, there have been changes, or redistributions, of electoral boundaries in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

The redistribution of electoral boundaries in Victoria was triggered in 2002 under the 'seven-year-rule' and was covered in *Electoral Newsfile No. 106*.

The redistributions in Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory were triggered by a change in entitlement to representation. Following this determination made on 19 February 2003, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) met on 12 March 2003, to direct the commencement of redistributions in Queensland and South Australia. The Northern Territory did not undergo a redistribution as it reverted to being a single electoral division as a result of the determination made on 19 February 2003. This determination has since been set aside by Parliament, meaning that the Northern Territory will again field two divisions at the next federal election. More details on these redistributions are available in *Electoral Newsfile* numbers 110, 111 and 112. Divisional and State maps of the new boundaries are available for purchase from the AEC.

Notional seat status

Following the conclusion of the redistribution process, the AEC has calculated the seat status of the

new electoral divisions, ie which party would have won the seats on the new boundaries had the 2001 voting patterns been repeated. These calculations will be used within the AEC's computer network at the next election, and in particular on election night, in order to determine swings. For example, votes received by candidates contesting the next federal election in Queensland will be compared against the 'notional' 2001 votes following the redistribution and not against the actual 2001 votes.

How is status defined?

Seat status is based on the two-party preferred vote (TPP). The two-party preferred vote refers to the number of votes received by the leading Labor and Liberal/National Party candidates after a full distribution of preferences. In the Independently held seats of Calare, New England and Kennedy a separate count of ballot papers was held to determine a TPP result.

By convention, when a party receives less than 56% of the vote the seat is classified as 'marginal' (M); between 56-59% it is classified as 'fairly safe' (FS) and more than 60% is considered 'safe' (S).

How is the TPP calculated after a redistribution?

The estimated voting pattern of a redistributed electoral division is calculated by adjusting the percentage of votes cast at each polling place to take account of the position of the new boundaries.

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NSW	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Banks	52.89	47.11	M/ALP
Barton	56.02	43.98	FS/ALP
Bennelong	42.29	57.71	FS/LP
Berowra	34.35	65.65	S/LP
Blaxland	65.21	34.79	S/ALP
Bradfield	28.84	71.16	S/LP
Calare*	48.27	51.73	M/LP/NP
Charlton	56.66	43.34	FS/ALP
Chifley	65.29	34.71	S/ALP
Cook	36.00	64.00	S/LP
Cowper	45.27	54.73	M/NP
Cunningham	60.65	39.35	S/ALP
Dobell	49.62	50.38	M/ALP
Eden-Monaro	48.31	51.69	M/LP
Farrer	33.63	66.37	M/LP
Fowler	71.49	28.51	S/ALP
Gilmore	35.37	64.63	S/LP
Grayndler	71.29	28.71	S/LP
Greenway	53.11	46.89	M/ALP
Gwydir	35.12	64.88	S/NP
Hughes	39.59	60.41	S/LP
Hume	40.21	59.79	FS/LP
Hunter	60.86	39.14	S/ALP
Kingsford Smith	58.90	41.10	FS/ALP
Lindsay	44.53	55.47	M/LP

NSW Cont	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Lowe	53.81	46.19	M/ALP
Lyne	38.76	61.24	S/NP
Macarthur	43.04	56.96	FS/LP
Mackellar	33.13	66.87	S/LP
Macquarie	41.33	58.67	FS/LP
Mitchell	28.68	71.32	S/LP
Newcastle	56.91	43.09	FS/ALP
New England*	36.15	63.85	FS/NP
North Sydney	36.78	63.22	S/LP
Page	47.23	52.77	M/NP
Parkes	41.26	58.74	FS/NP
Parramatta	48.85	51.15	M/LP
Paterson	48.58	51.42	M/LP
Prospect	62.81	37.19	S/ALP
Reid	66.87	33.13	S/ALP
Richmond	48.32	51.68	M/NP
Riverina	30.13	69.87	S/NP
Robertson	43.02	56.98	FS/LP
Shortland	58.78	41.22	FS/LP
Sydney	65.04	34.96	S/ALP
Throsby	65.10	34.90	S/ALP
Warringah	37.34	62.66	S/LP
Watson	67.31	32.69	S/ALP
Wentworth	42.14	57.86	FS/LP
Werriwa	58.49	41.51	FS/ALP
NSW Total	48.34	51.66	

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VIC	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Aston	43.83	56.17	FS/LP
Ballarat	52.73	47.27	M/ALP
Batman	75.08	24.92	S/ALP
Bendigo	53.57	46.43	M/ALP
Bruce	55.55	44.45	M/ALP

2002-03 Post Redistribution

VIC	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Aston	43.98	56.02	FS/LP
Ballarat	53.24	46.76	M/ALP
Batman	75.07	24.93	S/ALP
Bendigo	53.55	46.45	M/ALP
Bruce	56.48	43.52	FS/ALP

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VIC Continued	2001 Election			2002-03 Post Redistribution		
	ALP	LP/NP	Status	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Burke	55.51	44.49	M/ALP	-	-	-
Calwell	67.73	32.27	S/ALP	65.23	34.77	S/ALP
Casey	42.84	57.16	FS/LP	42.80	57.20	FS/LP
Chisholm	52.77	47.23	M/ALP	52.68	47.32	M/ALP
Corangamite	44.33	55.67	M/LP	44.63	55.37	M/LP
Corio	58.70	41.30	FS/ALP	58.51	41.49	FS/ALP
Deakin	48.26	51.74	M/LP	48.40	51.60	M/LP
Dunkley	44.58	55.42	M/LP	44.78	55.22	M/LP
Flinders	42.38	57.62	FS/LP	42.56	57.44	FS/LP
Gellibrand	71.78	28.22	S/ALP	70.41	29.59	S/ALP
Gippsland	41.95	58.05	FS/NP	47.42	52.58	M/LP
Goldstein	40.52	59.48	FS/LP	40.50	59.50	FS/LP
Gorton	-	-	-	69.97	30.03	S/ALP
Higgins	41.61	58.39	FS/LP	41.61	58.39	FS/LP
Holt	63.32	36.68	S/ALP	57.91	42.09	FS/ALP
Hotham	61.02	38.98	S/ALP	60.99	39.01	S/ALP
Indi	38.85	61.15	S/LP	39.30	60.70	S/LP
Isaacs	52.81	47.19	M/ALP	56.60	43.38	FS/ALP
Jagajaga	55.64	44.36	M/ALP	55.28	44.72	M/ALP
Kooyong	39.06	60.94	S/LP	39.06	60.94	S/LP
Lalor	65.63	34.37	S/ALP	62.06	37.94	S/ALP
La Trobe	46.33	53.67	M/LP	46.33	53.67	M/LP
McEwen	48.80	51.20	M/LP	47.68	52.32	M/LP
McMillan	52.46	47.54	M/ALP	47.16	52.84	M/LP
Mallee	30.07	69.93	S/NP	29.14	70.86	S/LP
Maribyrnong	67.38	32.62	S/ALP	65.43	34.57	S/ALP
Melbourne	70.09	29.91	S/ALP	69.88	30.12	S/ALP
Melbourne Ports	55.69	44.31	M/ALP	55.69	44.31	M/ALP
Menzies	41.06	58.94	FS/LP	41.09	58.91	FS/LP
Murray	26.07	73.93	S/LP	28.06	71.94	S/LP
Scullin	69.19	30.81	S/ALP	70.24	29.76	S/ALP
Wannon	40.39	59.61	FS/LP	40.77	59.23	FS/LP
Wills	69.42	30.58	S/ALP	70.57	29.43	S/ALP
Vic Total	52.14	47.86		52.14	47.86	

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2003 Post Redistribution

QLD	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Blair	41.50	58.50	FS/LP
Bonner	-	-	-
Bowman	51.42	48.58	M/ALP
Brisbane	53.13	46.87	M/ALP
Capricornia	56.86	43.14	FS/ALP
Dawson	42.01	57.99	FS/NP
Dickson	44.03	55.97	M/LP
Fadden	37.71	62.29	S/LP
Fairfax	40.79	59.21	FS/LP
Fisher	37.94	62.06	S/LP
Forde	42.62	57.38	FS/LP
Griffith	55.66	44.34	M/ALP
Groom	34.91	65.09	S/LP
Herbert	48.38	51.62	M/LP
Hinkler	49.96	50.04	M/NP
Kennedy*	41.05	58.95	FS/NP
Leichhardt	43.61	56.39	FS/LP
Lilley	54.83	45.17	M/ALP
Longman	47.28	52.72	M/LP
McPherson	37.45	62.55	S/LP
Maranoa	33.99	66.01	S/NP
Moncrieff	34.58	65.42	S/LP
Moreton	45.79	54.21	M/LP
Oxley	58.14	41.86	FS/ALP
Petrie	46.58	53.42	M/LP
Rankin	56.68	43.32	FS/ALP
Ryan	41.38	58.62	FS/LP
Wide Bay	39.27	60.73	S/NP
Qld Total	45.14	54.86	

ALP	LP/NP	Status
43.38	56.62	FS/LP
51.88	48.12	M/ALP
46.94	53.06	M/LP
51.03	48.97	M/ALP
55.51	44.49	M/ALP
42.01	57.99	FS/NP
43.98	56.02	FS/LP
36.88	63.12	S/LP
40.82	59.18	FS/LP
38.23	61.77	S/LP
43.02	56.98	FS/LP
56.15	43.85	FS/ALP
34.91	65.09	S/LP
48.47	51.53	M/LP
47.85	52.15	M/NP
41.55	58.45	S/LP/NP
43.61	56.39	FS/LP
54.57	45.43	M/ALP
47.48	52.52	M/LP
37.83	62.17	S/LP
34.62	65.38	S/NP
33.66	66.34	S/LP
47.44	52.56	M/LP
57.96	42.04	FS/ALP
46.52	53.48	M/LP
52.42	47.58	M/ALP
40.44	59.56	FS/LP
40.09	59.91	FS/NP
45.14	54.86	

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WA	ALP	LP/NP	Status				
Brand	60.05	39.95	S/ALP	Moore	43.96	56.04	FS/LP
Canning	49.62	50.38	M/LP	O'Connor	30.91	69.09	S/LP
Cowan	55.51	44.49	M/ALP	Pearce	43.12	56.88	FS/LP
Curtin	36.09	63.91	S/LP	Perth	61.21	38.79	S/ALP
Forrest	42.39	57.61	FS/LP	Stirling	51.58	48.42	M/ALP
Fremantle	60.67	39.33	S/ALP	Swan	52.04	47.96	M/ALP
Hasluck	51.78	48.22	M/ALP	Tangney	42.03	57.97	FS/LP
Kalgoorlie	45.66	54.34	M/LP	WA Total	48.38	51.62	

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SA	ALP	LP/NP	Status	SA	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Adelaide	49.78	50.22	M/LP		49.38	50.62	M/LP
Barker	34.31	65.69	S/LP		33.37	66.63	S/LP
Bonython	60.42	39.58	S/ALP		-	-	-
Boothby	42.65	57.35	FS/LP		42.62	57.38	FS/LP
Grey	39.44	60.56	S/LP		39.35	60.65	S/LP
Hindmarsh	48.14	51.86	M/LP		49.04	50.96	M/LP
Kingston	52.42	47.58	M/ALP		51.35	48.65	M/ALP
Makin	46.24	53.76	M/LP		46.34	53.66	M/LP
Mayo	37.13	62.87	S/LP		35.69	64.31	S/LP
Port Adelaide	64.65	35.35	S/ALP		66.00	34.00	S/ALP
Sturt	41.82	58.18	FS/LP		41.51	58.49	FS/LP
Wakefield	35.44	64.56	S/LP		51.26	48.74	M/ALP
SA Total	45.92	54.08			45.92	54.08	

* Explanation Note

In Calare, New England and Kennedy the TPP result was used to calculate the result. The Two Candidate Preferred (TCP) result is as follows:

Calare (NSW)	Ind: 75.04	LP: 24.96	Safe Independent	(2001 Election)
New England (NSW)	Ind: 58.30	NP: 41.70	Fairly Safe Independent	(2001 Election)
Kennedy (QLD)	Ind: 69.18	ALP: 30.82	Safe Independent	(2003 Redistribution)

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TAS	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Bass	52.06	47.94	M/ALP
Braddon	55.96	44.04	M/ALP
Denison	64.26	35.74	S/ALP
Franklin	58.04	41.96	FS/ALP
Lyons	58.17	41.83	FS/ALP
Tas Total	57.73	42.27	

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NT	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Lingiari	55.29	44.71	M/ALP
Solomon	49.91	50.09	M/CLP
NT Total	52.49	47.51	

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ACT	ALP	LP/NP	Status
Canberra	59.44	40.56	FS/ALP
Fraser	62.69	37.31	S/ALP
ACT Total	61.08	38.92	

2002/2003 REDISTRIBUTIONS

Since the 2001 election there have been redistributions in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia. The Division of Burke in VIC was abolished to create a new outer metropolitan division to the west of Melbourne named the Division of Gorton. Queensland gained a division which is known as Bonner and the Division of Bonython was abolished in SA.

The Northern Territory did not undergo a redistribution as it reverted to being a single electoral division as a result of the determination made on 19 February 2003. This determination has since been set aside by Parliament, meaning that the Northern Territory will again field two divisions at the next federal election.

A range of AEC publications are available including:

- . *Candidates' Handbook*: information to assist candidates in the election
- . *Scrutineers' Handbook*: information to assist scrutineers in the election
- . *2001 Federal Electoral Results Map*
- . *2001 Division Profile Book*
- . *2001 Electoral Pocketbook*
- . *2001 Election Statistics including the Behind the Scenes Election Report* (limited printed copies available while stocks last). Also available in CD ROM format.

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Notional Seat Status by State by Party

2001 Election

**2002-03
Post Redistribution**

Victoria

ALP	20
LP/NP	17
IND	-

19
18
-

Queensland

ALP	7
LP/NP	19
IND	1

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South Australia

ALP	3
LP/NP	9
IND	-

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