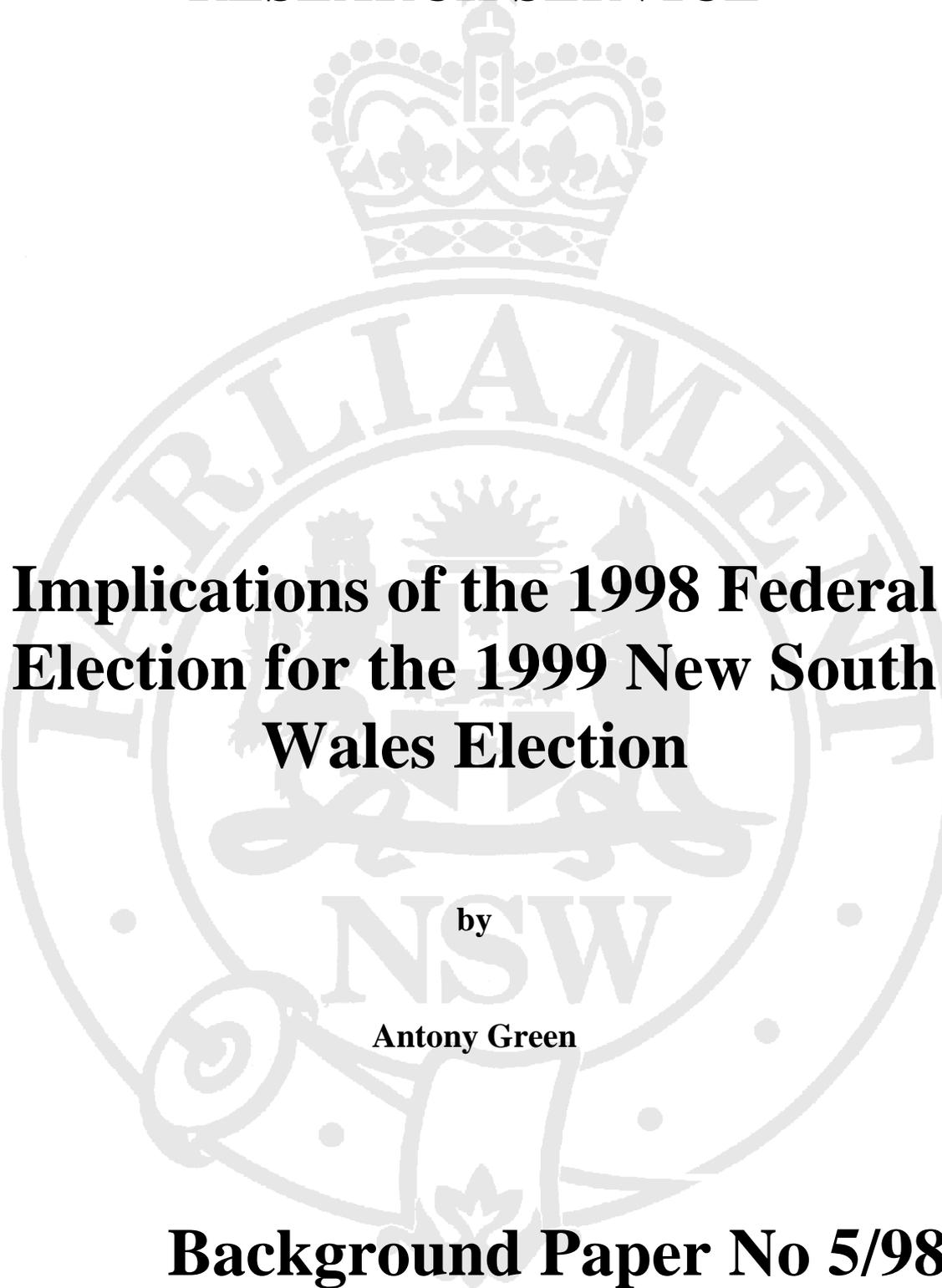


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## Party Abbreviations

ABF	A Better Future for Our Children
ALP	Labor Party
CTA	Christian Democratic Party (Formerly Call to Australia)
DEM	Australian Democrats
GRN	The Green
IND	Independents
LIB	Liberal Party
ONP	One Nation Party
OTH	Others
NAT	National Party
SHO	Shooters Party

## Other Abbreviations

n.a.	Not available	(The election for the Federal electorate of Newcastle has been delayed by the death of one of the candidates)
2PP	Two-party preferred	

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## A Note on Calculations

Calculations for the two Federal elections are based upon votes cast in booths on the day of the election. All declaration votes (Pre-poll, Postal, Absent etc) have been excluded. Because of the delay in the 1998 election for the Federal electorate of Newcastle, caused by the death of a candidate, it has not been possible to provide estimates for the state electorates of Port Stephens and Newcastle. Estimates for Charlestown and Wallsend have also been affected. Declaration votes have been included for re-calculated NSW elections, and figures have been taken from "*1997/98 NSW Redistribution: Analysis of Final Boundaries*" by Antony Green, NSW Parliamentary Library Background Paper No 4/98.

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## Comparing Overall State and Federal Election Results.

While the popularity, and more particularly the unpopularity, of Federal governments and Prime Minister can influence New South Wales state elections, the evidence of the past three decades is that New South Wales elections are primarily decided by the popularity (or unpopularity) of the state government. While Federal issues may play a part, New South Wales governments have generally risen and fallen according to their own life cycles.

For instance, in December 1975, Malcolm Fraser led the Coalition to a smashing victory following the dismissal of the Whitlam Labor government. Yet six months later in May 1976, Neville Wran led his state Labor Party to office with a narrow seats but comfortable vote majority over the Coalition. (It can be argued that Labor would have won a more comfortable victory without the memory of the Whitlam government.) The Fraser government's second victory in December 1977 was just as emphatic, yet in October 1978, New South Wales saw the first 'Wranslide' election, the Labor Party polling 57.8% of the vote in New South Wales compared to 42.4% for the Federal Labor Party ten months earlier.

It is more than twenty years to the last unambiguous examples of state governments profiting from the unpopularity of Federal governments. In 1973 the Askin government achieved a swing to it after campaigning strongly against the Whitlam government. The Wran government in 1978 also profited from the unpopularity of the Fraser government.

At the 1981 and 1984 state elections, Labor's vote declined and the Coalition's improved, at the same time as Labor's support surged at the Federal level, the Hawke government succeeding the Fraser government in 1983. The 1987 Federal and 1988 State elections saw marked swings away from Labor in its industrial 'heartland'. But the election of the Greiner government in 1988 was against the trend of politics throughout the rest of the country, punctuating a decade when Labor governments became the norm across the country. At the 1991 and 1995 elections, the swing was against the state Coalition government while a Federal Labor government was in office. However, the election of the Carr Labor government in 1995 took place with a substantially lower vote than Labor recorded at the 1993 Federal election. The 16.2% swing in the Federal Canberra by-election, conducted on the same day as the 1995 state election, suggests that the unpopularity of the Keating government may have dampened the state swing to Labor.

Since 1972, the same side of politics has been in government in Canberra and Macquarie Street for only six of the 26 years. This is substantially less than the record in all other states, Tasmania 9 years, Queensland 16, Victoria and South Australia 18 years, and Western Australia 22. But this does not seem to provide evidence that the voters of New South Wales are deliberately voting to maintain different parties in office. Only in 1973, 1976 and 1978 is it unambiguous that Federal politics was an issue in the state campaign.

Swings at New South Wales elections are better explained by accepting that once a government is elected to office, the normal trend is for it to begin to lose support. The swing at New South Wales elections has been against the state government at every election since 1971, with the exception of 1973 and 1978. This seems to provide a much better explanation of swing at state elections than any attempt to use Federal results. A similar trend has existed at most interstate elections for the past two decades, and at Federal elections, since 1966, the only Federal government to achieve a swing to it was the Keating government in 1993.

However, state governments do appear to have influenced Federal elections in New South Wales. Federal elections in 1987, 1990, 1993 and 1996 exhibited swings against unpopular state governments. October's Federal election is the first since 1983 in which the swing in New South Wales was towards the party in government in Macquarie Street.

However, examining trends in other states suggests this pattern of non-influence may be a matter of chance. If New South Wales had held an election in the unemployment peaks of 1982/83, the unpopularity of the Fraser government would have been an issue. The same applies to the 1992/93 recession and the Keating government. Both recessions coincided with changes of government in Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia, though in each case, the state government involved may have already been in terminal decline.

Apart from the period of the Whitlam government, when Labor suffered reverses in elections in every state, the clearest example of a Federal issue dominating a state election campaign was the December 1989 South Australian election, when the Bannon government came close to defeat because of high interest rates.

With the Federal election campaign now over, and the Howard government's tax package on hold until its debate in the Senate, the issues that dominated the Federal election are unlikely to become prominent in the State election campaign next year. The prospects for the Carr government's re-election probably depend more on its own performance in office than any actions of the Howard government.

**Table 1: The Interaction of State and Federal Elections in NSW since 1972**

<b>Election</b>	<b>State Gov't</b>	<b>Swing To</b>	<b>Election</b>	<b>Fed Gov't</b>	<b>Swing to</b>
1972 Federal	Coalition	Labor	1973 State	Labor	Coalition
1974 Federal	Coalition	Coalition			
1975 Federal	Coalition	Coalition	1976 State	Coalition	Labor
1977 Federal	Labor	Labor	1978 State	Coalition	Labor
1980 Federal	Labor	Labor	1981 State	Coalition	Coalition
1983 Federal	Labor	Labor	1984 State	Labor	Coalition
1984 Federal	Labor	Coalition			
1987 Federal	Labor	Coalition	1988 State	Labor	Coalition
1990 Federal	Coalition	Labor	1991 State	Labor	Labor
1993 Federal	Coalition	Labor	1995 State	Labor	Labor
1996 Federal	Labor	Coalition			
1998 Federal	Labor	Labor			

**Table 2 : Percentage Vote by Party at Recent Lower House Elections**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Federal Elections</b>		<b>State Elections</b>	
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1995</b>
Labor	39.6	40.0	39.1	41.3
Liberal	33.5	31.0	34.2	32.8
National	12.1	8.0	10.5	11.1
Democrat	6.5	4.1	5.4	2.8
Greens	2.5	2.5	0.5	2.6
Call to Australia	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4
One Nation	..	8.8	..	..
Independents/Others	4.9	4.6	9.1	8.0
<b>Two-Party Preferred</b>				
Labor	46.4	51.6	47.5	48.8
Coalition	53.6	48.4	52.5	51.2
Informal Vote	3.2	4.0	9.3	5.2

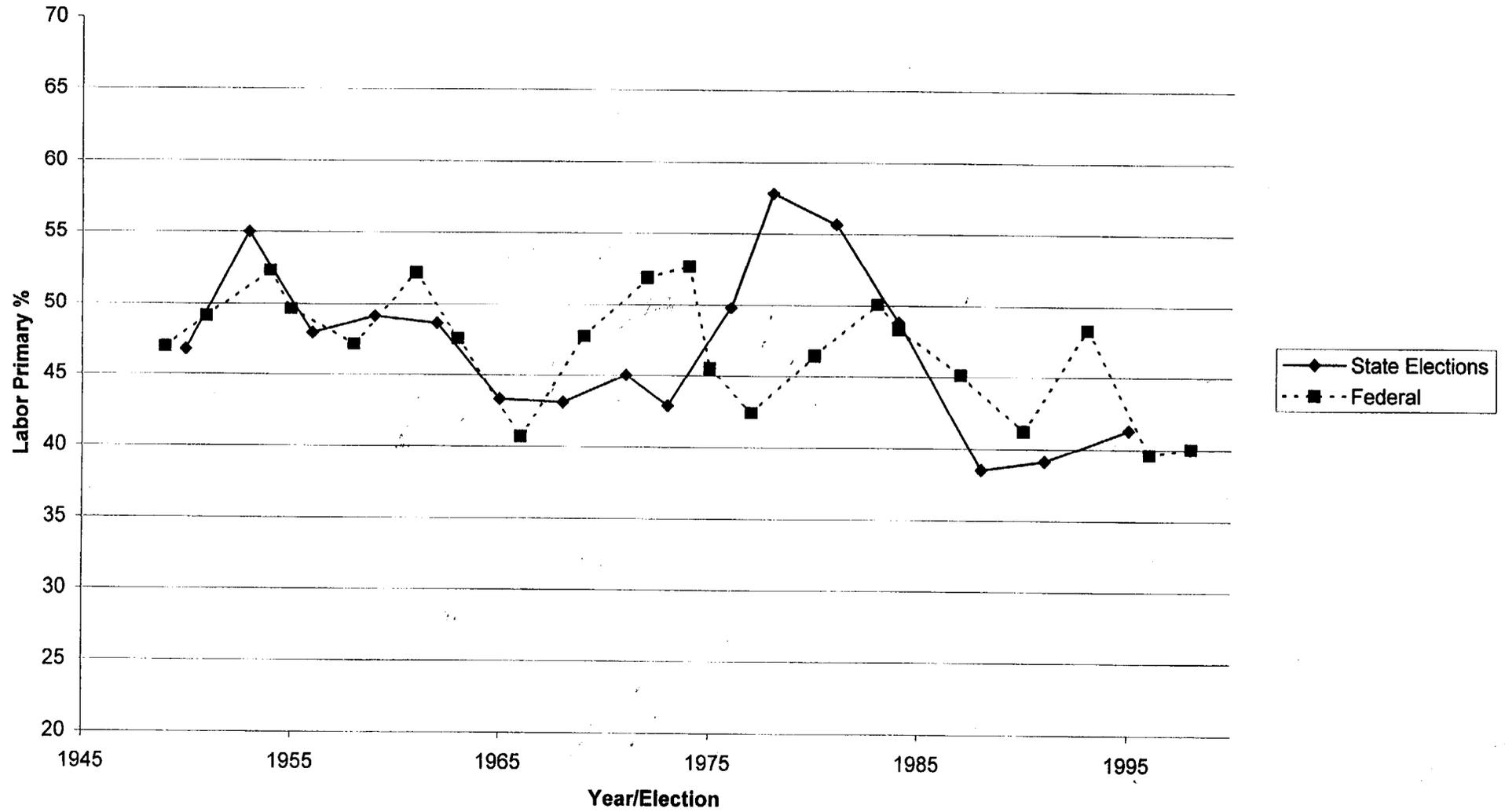
**Table 3 : Historical NSW Legislative Assembly Elections**

<b>Election</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>Lib</b>	<b>Nat</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>DLP</b>	<b>OTH</b>
<b>Percentage of Vote</b>						
1950	46.7	37.5	7.6	..	..	6.8
1953	55.0	27.9	11.6	..	..	5.4
1956	47.9	35.1	10.2	..	..	6.9
1959	49.1	35.4	8.4	..	1.3	5.8
1962	48.6	34.9	9.4	..	1.5	5.7
1965	43.3	39.6	10.2	..	2.1	4.8
1968	43.1	38.5	10.6	..	2.3	5.5
1971	45.0	37.5	8.6	..	3.2	7.5
1973	42.9	33.8	10.5	..	6.0	6.8
1976	49.8	36.3	10.0	..	..	3.9
1978	57.8	27.0	9.9	2.6	..	2.7
1981	55.7	27.6	11.2	2.4	..	3.0
1984	48.8	32.2	10.8	2.8	..	5.4
1988	38.5	35.8	13.7	1.8	..	10.2
1991	39.1	34.2	10.5	5.4	..	10.9
1995	41.3	32.8	11.1	2.8	..	12.0

**Table 4 : Historical NSW House of Representative Elections**

<b>Election</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>Lib</b>	<b>Nat</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>DLP</b>	<b>OTH</b>
<b>Percentage of Vote</b>						
1949	46.9	37.1	11.0	..	..	5.0
1951	49.1	39.0	10.1	..	..	1.8
1954	52.3	35.1	8.3	..	..	4.3
1955	49.6	38.6	8.6	..	..	3.2
1958	47.1	35.9	9.6	..	5.6	1.8
1961	52.2	31.0	9.4	..	5.4	2.0
1963	47.5	36.9	9.8	..	4.4	1.3
1966	40.7	40.7	10.7	..	4.5	3.3
1969	47.7	33.7	9.8	..	3.4	5.4
1972	51.9	30.0	9.8	..	3.5	4.8
1974	52.7	33.4	10.6	..	..	3.3
1975	45.5	39.7	11.8	..	..	3.1
1977	42.4	35.9	11.3	8.5	..	1.9
1980	46.4	35.7	10.5	5.7	..	2.6
1983	50.1	31.6	11.0	4.8	..	2.6
1984	48.3	32.8	10.5	5.9	..	2.5
1987	45.1	33.3	11.8	6.3	..	3.5
1990	41.2	29.1	11.2	10.2	..	7.3
1993	48.3	31.8	9.8	2.8	..	7.3
1996	39.6	33.5	12.1	6.5	..	8.3
1998	40.0	31.0	8.0	4.1	..	16.9

Comparison of Labor Vote at State and Federal Elections



## Comparison of State and Federal Election Results by Electorate

The seat by seat results shown in Table 5, and the full results on pages 10-30, show significant differences in the vote recorded by party at the most recent state and federal elections. There are a number of factors that help to explain these differences.

Overall Result: The overall Labor result was higher at the 1998 Federal election than at the other three elections, and this will be reflected in the results in many seats.

The Sitting Member Factor: Particularly in rural and regional parts of the state, sitting members attract a significant vote in their own right. For instance, the recently retired National Party MP for Monaro, Peter Cochrane, polled significantly higher than the Liberal Party at Federal elections, in part because of a strong personal vote.

Changed Coalition Candidates: In parts of New South Wales, the Liberal and National parties are competing for support from amongst the same conservative voters. However, the Coalition agreement means sitting MPs are not challenged by their Coalition partner, and the difference in Coalition support between state and Federal electorates often reflects the pattern of Liberal and National Party candidates.

The Presence of Independents: The Federal seat of Calare, and the state seats of Bligh, Manly and Tamworth are currently held by Independents. This cannot be taken into account in comparing election results.

Informal Vote: The informal vote was very high at the 1991 and 1995 State elections. This was because of confusion caused by the conduct of referendums at both elections. While the referendum ballot paper instructed voters to use a tick, if a tick was used on the Legislative Assembly ballot paper, the vote was informal. At the 1991 election, the highest informal vote was recorded in electorates with only two candidates, in which case the Assembly ballot paper closely resembled the referendum ballot paper. At the 1999 State election, the informal vote will fall significantly, because a referendum will not be conducted, and the formality rules for the Assembly have reverted to their pre-1991 state, where ticks and crosses are valid, the sole test of formality being that a voter's intent is clear. Comparisons of state and federal elections suggest that the Labor vote may have been depressed by the high informal vote in 1991 and 1995.

Declaration Vote: Calculations based on the 1996 and 1998 federal election results have been unable to include postal, absent, pre-poll and other declaration votes. In rural electorates, inclusion of the declaration vote generally lowers the Labor vote.

Optional Preferential Voting and One Nation: Optional preferential voting works in favour of the candidate with the highest primary vote, as each exhausted vote brings the candidate leading on primary votes closer to the 50% required to win after preferences. At the 1998 Federal election, it appears that the Coalition suffered more from loss of primary vote support to One Nation. Converting the Federal results to state boundaries, the impact of this can be illustrated with the electorate of Murray-Darling, where exhausted votes could have helped the Labor Party turn a primary vote lead into a victory after preferences.

**Table 5 : Comparison of Recent Results for Legislative Assembly Electorates**

Electorate	Federal Elections		State Elections	
	1996	1998	1991	1995
	Party Margin	Party Margin	Party Margin	Party Margin
<u>Albury</u>	Nat 17.5	Nat 10.7	Lib 17.2	Lib 17.3
Auburn	ALP 14.4	ALP 25.6	ALP 17.7	ALP 17.2
Ballina	Nat 7.2	Nat 0.2	Nat 13.0	Nat 17.0
Bankstown	ALP 17.7	ALP 26.2	ALP 9.9	ALP 18.4
Barwon	Nat 18.9	Nat 16.2	Nat 15.9	Nat 18.4
<u>Bathurst</u>	ALP 3.2	Ind Held	ALP 4.8	ALP 0.6
Baulkham Hills	Lib 18.6	Lib 13.9	Lib 20.3	Lib 18.0
Bega	Lib 8.0	Lib 2.3	Lib 12.6	Lib 13.6
Blacktown	ALP 8.2	ALP 16.8	ALP 10.2	ALP 13.9
<u>Bligh</u>	ALP 7.9	ALP 11.4	Ind held	Ind held
<u>Blue Mountains</u>	Lib 0.8	ALP 2.1	Lib 2.8	ALP 2.2
<u>Burrinjuck</u>	Nat 8.9	Lib 5.4	Lib 4.7	Lib 7.2
Cabramatta	ALP 20.3	ALP 30.2	ALP 16.5	ALP 21.9
Camden	Lib 10.3	Lib 5.5	Lib 4.9	Lib 5.7
Campbelltown	ALP 4.4	ALP 11.0	ALP 9.0	ALP 10.9
Canterbury	ALP 13.5	ALP 20.3	ALP 7.0	ALP 11.7
Cessnock	ALP 13.1	ALP 20.9	ALP 8.7	ALP 16.4
Charlestown	ALP 8.8	ALP 14.5	ALP 12.9	ALP 14.0
<u>Clarence</u> (Ignores By-elec)	Nat 4.2	Nat 2.7	Nat 10.1	Nat 8.4
Coffs Harbour	Nat 12.0	Nat 5.8	Nat 7.0	Nat 8.8
Coogee	ALP 2.6	ALP 4.4	ALP 1.1	ALP 5.4
Cronulla	Lib 13.3	Lib 9.9	Lib 11.9	Lib 10.2
Davidson	Lib 25.2	Lib 22.6	Lib 29.5	Lib 28.2
<u>Drummoyne</u>	Lib 1.5	ALP 3.4	ALP 3.5	ALP 2.7
Dubbo	Nat 12.4	Nat 9.6	Nat 16.4	Nat 19.4
East Hills	ALP 3.6	ALP 11.1	ALP 8.8	ALP 11.6
Epping	Lib 17.5	Lib 11.1	Lib 21.9	Lib 16.7
Fairfield	ALP 17.3	ALP 25.6	ALP 10.7	ALP 16.5
<u>Georges River</u>	Lib 3.1	ALP 2.7	Lib 6.1	Lib 2.0
Gosford	Lib 7.3	Lib 6.1	Lib 6.7	Lib 5.5
Granville	ALP 9.7	ALP 19.7	ALP 11.6	ALP 14.2
Hawkesbury	Lib 23.3	Lib 20.3	Lib 23.7	Lib 21.8
<u>Heathcote</u>	Lib 1.6	Lib 1.4	ALP 3.5	ALP 2.4
Heffron	ALP 17.3	ALP 22.1	ALP 15.9	ALP 17.2
Hornsby	Lib 14.0	Lib 9.4	Lib 18.4	Lib 13.7
Illawarra	ALP 14.0	ALP 19.0	ALP 16.0	ALP 17.7
Keira	ALP 14.3	ALP 21.2	ALP 17.1	ALP 17.6
Kiama	ALP 8.4	ALP 10.6	ALP 13.7	ALP 14.6
<u>Kogarah</u>	ALP 3.0	ALP 8.5	Lib 1.2	ALP 0.7
Ku-ring-gai	Lib 26.0	Lib 23.2	Lib 32.1	Lib 28.3
<u>Lachlan</u>	Nat 16.4	Lib 13.2	Nat 14.1	Nat 17.3
Lake Macquarie	ALP 9.8	ALP 13.8	ALP 13.6	ALP 15.2
Lakemba	ALP 11.9	ALP 19.6	ALP 8.6	ALP 14.7
Lane Cove	Lib 15.0	Lib 10.7	Lib 14.9	Lib 12.4
Lismore	Nat 4.5	Nat 1.3	Nat 12.5	Nat 13.9
Liverpool	ALP 16.3	ALP 22.6	ALP 17.9	ALP 20.7
Londonderry	ALP 2.2	ALP 5.5	ALP 11.1	ALP 11.6
Macquarie Fields	ALP 4.6	ALP 12.1	ALP 6.4	ALP 13.0
<u>Maitland</u>	ALP 5.3	ALP 7.1	ALP 2.1	Lib 0.9

(Commentary on underlined seats is provided on pages 8-9)

**Table 5 : Comparison of Recent Results for Legislative Assembly Electorates**

Electorate	Federal Elections		State Elections	
	1996	1998	1991	1995
	Party	Party	Party	Party
	Margin	Margin	Margin	Margin
<u>Manly</u>	Lib 12.5	Lib 9.6	Ind held	Ind held
Maroubra	ALP 6.6	ALP 10.7	ALP 10.6	ALP 13.6
Marrickville	ALP 21.3	ALP 27.0	ALP 18.3	ALP 12.7
Menai	Lib 7.7	Lib 5.1	Lib 3.8	Lib 1.9
Miranda	Lib 10.3	Lib 7.2	Lib 7.5	Lib 5.3
<u>Monaro</u>	Lib 2.3	ALP 2.4	Nat 12.9	Nat 16.3
Mount Druitt	ALP 17.5	ALP 24.0	ALP 19.4	ALP 22.0
Mulgoa	ALP 3.0	ALP 6.1	ALP 6.6	ALP 8.7
<u>Murray-Darling</u>	Nat 4.0	ALP 0.3	Nat 0.7	Nat 3.5
Murrumbidgee	Nat 22.4	Nat 16.2	Nat 17.4	Nat 13.9
Myall Lakes	Nat 14.8	Nat 9.5	Nat 17.4	Nat 17.1
Newcastle	ALP 12.1	n.a.	ALP 14.1	ALP 16.9
North Shore	Lib 17.5	Lib 15.0	Lib 4.9	Lib 20.2
Northern Tablelands	Nat 16.9	Nat 12.1	Nat 12.5	Nat 14.6
<u>Orange</u>	Nat 10.4	Ind held	Nat 6.1	Nat 17.1
Oxley	Nat 13.0	Nat 8.3	Nat 11.9	Nat 14.6
<u>Parramatta</u>	ALP 0.8	ALP 5.7	Lib 0.7	ALP 3.5
<u>Peats</u>	Lib 1.1	ALP 1.2	ALP 10.1	ALP 7.7
<u>Penrith</u>	Lib 3.0	Lib 2.3	ALP 5.9	ALP 4.3
Pittwater	Lib 17.7	Lib 16.6	Lib 22.7	Lib 20.3
Port Jackson	ALP 14.8	ALP 18.6	ALP 14.0	ALP 14.0
Port Macquarie	Nat 15.1	Nat 8.7	Nat 17.8	Nat 12.0
Port Stephens	ALP 4.1	n.a.	ALP 10.7	ALP 9.7
<u>Riverstone</u>	Lib 0.2	ALP 5.8	ALP 7.2	ALP 9.9
Rockdale	ALP 9.3	ALP 14.9	ALP 6.5	ALP 7.8
Ryde	Lib 7.1	Lib 2.5	Lib 8.8	Lib 4.1
Smithfield	ALP 11.7	ALP 17.5	ALP 7.0	ALP 13.4
South Coast	Lib 6.6	Lib 4.2	Ind held	Lib 4.6
Southern Highlands	Lib 12.3	Lib 7.2	Lib 9.6	Lib 11.6
<u>Strathfield</u>	ALP 0.1	ALP 10.6	Lib 7.0	Lib 2.7
Swansea	ALP 7.5	ALP 12.6	ALP 6.5	ALP 10.7
<u>Tamworth</u>	Nat 20.7	Nat 13.5	Ind held	Ind Held
<u>The Entrance</u>	Lib 1.3	ALP 1.6	Lib 0.2	ALP 4.0
The Hills	Lib 24.7	Lib 9.3	Lib 19.8	Lib 24.6
Tweed	Nat 7.3	Nat 2.0	Nat 3.1	Nat 2.1
Upper Hunter	Nat 10.3	Nat 3.4	Nat 15.0	Nat 18.5
Vaucluse	Lib 14.1	Lib 12.3	Lib 13.8	Lib 16.6
<u>Wagga Wagga</u>	Nat 20.2	Nat 15.4	Lib 17.6	Lib 12.8
Wakehurst	Lib 13.9	Lib 11.7	Lib 14.7	Lib 14.8
Wallsend	ALP 11.9	ALP 16.3	ALP 14.8	ALP 16.2
Wentworthville	ALP 1.8	ALP 5.6	ALP 5.1	ALP 7.9
Willoughby	Lib 15.8	Lib 11.0	Lib 12.1	Lib 18.9
Wollongong	ALP 20.2	ALP 24.6	ALP 10.0	ALP 20.3
Wyong	ALP 3.6	ALP 7.6	ALP 10.2	ALP 9.7

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## Notes on Electorates

Albury: As Albury is contained entirely within the Federal electorate of Farrer, held by National Party Leader Tim Fischer. As a result, federal results show the seat as being held by the National Party.

Bathurst: Contained within the Federal electorate of Calare, won by Independent Peter Andren at both the 1996 and 1998 Federal elections. The two-party preferred count available for the 1996 election indicates that if Andren's preferences had been distributed, Bathurst would have been won by the Labor Party.

Bligh: Held by Independent Clover Moore. Federal results show Bligh to be a Labor seat. On the old boundaries, Bligh would have been a more marginal Labor seat.

Blue Mountains: On 1996 results, Blue Mountains would have been a Liberal seat, as it was based on 1991 state results. The 1998 Federal election produced a similar result to the 1995 State election.

Burrinjuck: The retirement at the 1998 election of Federal National MP for Hume, John Sharp, saw the seat fall to the Liberal MP for Burrinjuck, Alby Schultz. As a result, Burrinjuck switches from being a National seat in 1996 to a Liberal seat in 1998. Note that Burrinjuck is currently vacant, a by-election not being conducted ahead of the state election.

Clarence: The seat was gained for Labor at a 1996 by-election by Harry Woods, who had lost the Federal seat of Page at the 1996 Federal election.

Drummoyne: Would have been a Liberal seat at the 1996 Federal election results, based on the Liberal victory in Lowe.

Georges River: Recent State results all show Georges River as a Liberal seat. However the results in the Federal seats of Banks, Barton and Watson see Georges River with a Labor majority in 1998. The Labor Party has held all Federal seats in the St George district since 1983, though the Liberal Party has held Georges River, on different boundaries, since 1988.

Heathcote: Shown as Liberal held on Federal election results. This is most likely to be because while the Liberal Party has conducted intensive campaigns in Hughes, it conducted only a nominal campaign the old state seat of Bulli in 1991 and 1995.

Kogarah: Contains parts of the existing electorate of Georges River, and based on the good Liberal result in that electorate in 1991, the seat would have been won by the Liberal party at that election.

Lachlan: With the Liberal Party contesting the Federal seats of Parkes, Hume and Riverina in 1998, the Liberal Party outpolled the National Party within the boundaries of the state seat of Lachlan.

Maitland: Contained within the Federal seat of Paterson, Maitland would have been Labor held on both 1996 and 1998 Federal election results. The difference between state and federal results may be explained by sitting member factors.

Manly: On the old electoral boundaries, Manly was won by Independent Peter Macdonald at the last two state elections. On Federal results, it would be a safe Liberal seat.

Monaro: The popularity of the recently resigned National Party MP Peter Cochrane is illustrated by him polling more than ten percent higher than the Liberal Party at Federal elections. Based on 1998 results, Monaro would have been won by the Labor Party.

Murray-Darling: A marginal Labor seat on 1998 Federal results, though if the large postal vote in this electorate were included in the calculations, the National Party would probably have retained the seat. If the 1998 election had been conducted under the New South Wales system of optional preferential voting, exhausted One Nation preferences would have slightly favoured the Labor Party.

Orange: Included within the boundaries of the Federal seat of Calare, won by Independent Peter Andren in both 1996 and 1998.

Parramatta: A marginal Liberal seat based on 1991 state election results.

Peats: The Federal electorate of Robertson was won narrowly by the Liberal Party in both 1996 and 1998, and based on these results, Peats is much more marginal than at State elections, even having a narrow Liberal majority based on the 1996 result.

Penrith: The huge lift in Liberal support at both the 1996 and 1998 election is reflected in the notional Liberal majority in the state seat of Penrith. However, at state elections, the sitting member factor works in favour of the Labor Party.

Riverstone: A very narrow Liberal majority based on 1996 results, reflecting the poor Labor result in the Federal seat of Greenway at that election.

Strathfield: Includes parts of the Federal seats of Lowe and Grandler, and a notional Labor electorate in both 1996 and 1998.

Tamworth: A safe National Party seat held at state elections by Independent Tony Windsor.

The Entrance: A narrow Liberal majority based on the 1996 Federal election. Won narrowly by the Liberal Party at the 1991 state election, but lost at a by-election in January 1992. The by-election was caused by a Court of Disputed Returns judgement.

Wagga Wagga: A Liberal seat, but contained within the Federal National Party electorate of Riverina.

## DETAILS OF ELECTORATES

### ALBURY

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

National	15560	49.5%
Labor	8330	26.5%
One Nation	3862	12.3%
Aust. Democrats	1591	5.1%
Independents	1400	4.5%
Australia First	455	1.4%
Others	243	0.8%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

National	19078	60.7%
Labor	12363	39.3%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Farrer	32690
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Formal Votes	32690

### AUBURN

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

Labor	20629	60.7%
Liberal	6375	18.7%
Unity	2632	7.7%
One Nation	2126	6.3%
Christian Democrats	871	2.6%
Aust. Democrats	798	2.3%
The Greens	480	1.4%
Others	97	0.3%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

Labor	25704	75.6%
Liberal	8305	24.4%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Blaxland	11909
Reid	24282
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Formal Votes	36191

### BALLINA

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

National	12757	40.3%
50.2%Labor	11698	37.0%
One Nation	2724	8.6%
The Greens	2171	6.9%
Independents	1039	3.3%
Aust. Democrats	1008	3.2%
Natural Law	204	0.6%
Others	16	0.1%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

National	15878	
Labor	15735	49.8%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

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Richmond	31816
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Formal Votes	32461

### BANKSTOWN

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

Labor	21780	66.3%
Liberal	6206	18.9%
One Nation	1602	4.9%
Unity	1361	4.1%
Aust. Democrats	665	2.0%
Christian Democrats	572	1.7%
The Greens	357	1.1%
Paul Zammit	296	0.9%
Others	29	0.1%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

Labor	25050	76.2%
Liberal	7818	23.8%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Blaxland	24853
Lowe	1864
Watson	8204
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Formal Votes	34921

### BARWON

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

National	13648	45.2%
66.2%Labor	7262	24.0%
33.8%One Nation	7045	23.3%
Independents	580	1.9%
Aust. Democrats	573	1.9%
Liberal	523	1.7%
Christian Democrats	410	1.4%
Others	163	0.5%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

National	19993
Labor	10209

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Gwydir	28452
Parkes	3265
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Formal Votes	31717

**BATHURST****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Peter Andren	12964	41.9%
Labor	8672	28.0%
One Nation	3098	10.0%
National	2871	9.3%
Liberal	2631	8.5%
The Greens	251	0.8%
Aust. Democrats	229	0.7%
Others	227	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Peter Andren	21289	68.8%
Labor	9652	31.2%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Calare	32027
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Formal Votes	32027

**BAULKHAM HILLS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	17315	55.1%
Labor	8373	26.7%
One Nation	1978	6.3%
Aust. Democrats	1487	4.7%
Unity	938	3.0%
The Greens	647	2.1%
Christian Democrats	456	1.5%
Others	223	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	20072	63.9%
Labor	11343	36.1%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Mitchell	22292
Parramatta	10229
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Formal Votes	32521

**BEGA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	14804	44.9%
Labor	12058	36.6%
One Nation	3589	10.9%
Aust. Democrats	1350	4.1%
The Greens	998	3.0%
Others	137	0.4%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	17223	52.3%
Labor	15713	47.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Eden-Monaro	29400
Gilmore	4616
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Formal Votes	34016

**BLACKTOWN****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	16944	53.0%
Liberal	7894	24.7%
One Nation	3146	9.8%
Aust. Democrats	1371	4.3%
Christian Democrats	1253	3.9%
Unity	586	1.8%
The Greens	539	1.7%
Independents	224	0.7%
Others	8	0.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	21362	66.8%
Liberal	10601	33.2%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Chifley	7586
Greenway	26633
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Formal Votes	34219

**BLIGH****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	13640	47.9%
Liberal	9456	33.2%
Aust. Democrats	1985	7.0%
The Greens	1547	5.4%
One Nation	666	2.3%
Unity	569	2.0%
Others	300	1.1%
Independents	299	1.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	17471	61.4%
Liberal	10988	38.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Sydney	26493
Wentworth	3317
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Formal Votes	29810

**BLUE MOUNTAINS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	12627	40.0%
Liberal	11826	37.5%
One Nation	2432	7.7%
Aust. Democrats	2411	7.6%
The Greens	1373	4.4%
Christian Democrats	602	1.9%
Others	281	0.9%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	16449	52.1%
Liberal	14806	46.9%
Peter Andren	298	0.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Calare	426
Macquarie	31988
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Formal Votes	32414

**BURRINJUCK****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	12380	40.1%
Labor	10843	35.1%
One Nation	3392	11.0%
National	2209	7.1%
Aust. Democrats	897	2.9%
The Greens	730	2.4%
Independents	375	1.2%
Others	85	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	17112	55.4%
Labor	13799	44.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Hume	32436
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Formal Votes	32436

**CABRAMATTA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	21149	61.9%
Unity	5501	16.1%
Liberal	4755	13.9%
One Nation	1851	5.4%
Aust. Democrats	938	2.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	27431	80.2%
Liberal	6762	19.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Fowler	36268
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Formal Votes	36268

**CAMDEN****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	15825	48.1%
Labor	11223	34.1%
One Nation	3585	10.9%
Aust. Democrats	1310	4.0%
The Greens	956	2.9%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	18253	55.5%
Labor	14646	44.5%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Macarthur	34156
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Formal Votes	34156

**CAMPBELLTOWN****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	15691	49.3%
Liberal	9749	30.6%
One Nation	3602	11.3%
Aust. Democrats	1230	3.9%
The Greens	732	2.3%
Independents	484	1.5%
Unity	344	1.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	19403	61.0%
Liberal	12427	39.0%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Macarthur	6333
Werriwa	26962
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Formal Votes	33295

**CANTERBURY****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	18755	58.9%
Liberal	7649	24.0%
Unity	1631	5.1%
One Nation	1136	3.6%
Aust. Democrats	1012	3.2%
The Greens	569	1.8%
No Aircraft Noise	407	1.3%
Christian Democrats	367	1.2%
Paul Zammit	218	0.7%
Others	79	0.2%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	22375	70.3%
Liberal	9453	29.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Grayndler	10902
Lowe	1523
Watson	21317
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Formal Votes	33742

**CESSNOCK****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	19008	61.0%
Liberal	4728	15.2%
One Nation	3581	11.5%
National	1972	6.3%
Aust. Democrats	908	2.9%
The Greens	655	2.1%
Others	301	1.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	22078	70.9%
Liberal	9075	29.1%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Hunter	32269
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Formal Votes	32269

**CHARLESTOWN****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	10645	51.9%
Liberal	5514	26.9%
One Nation	1991	9.7%
Aust. Democrats	931	4.5%
The Greens	819	4.0%
Christian Democrats	300	1.5%
Independents	298	1.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	13217	64.5%
Liberal	7283	35.5%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Charlton	7459
Newcastle (**)	0 (Delayed)
Shortland	13700
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Formal Votes	21159

**CLARENCE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	12614	41.4%
Labor	11143	36.6%
One Nation	3969	13.0%
Independents	785	2.6%
The Greens	775	2.5%
Aust. Democrats	690	2.3%
Christian Democrats	413	1.4%
Others	81	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	16071	52.7%
Labor	14397	47.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cowper	1611
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Richmond	413
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Formal Votes	31420

**COFFS HARBOUR****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	13547	42.7%
Labor	10734	33.8%
One Nation	4019	12.7%
The Greens	1389	4.4%
Aust. Democrats	1253	3.9%
Independents	801	2.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	17698	55.8%
Labor	14045	44.2%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cowper	32617
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Formal Votes	32617

**COOGEE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	12310	42.7%
Liberal	11249	39.0%
Aust. Democrats	1876	6.5%
The Greens	1498	5.2%
One Nation	1069	3.7%
Unity	627	2.2%
Others	189	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	15687	54.4%
Liberal	13128	45.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Kingsford-Smith	6259
Wentworth	23694
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Formal Votes	29953

**CRONULLA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	16474	51.8%
Labor	9660	30.4%
One Nation	2576	8.1%
Aust. Democrats	1286	4.0%
The Greens	619	1.9%
Independents	454	1.4%
Unity	389	1.2%
Christian Democrats	344	1.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	19064	59.9%
Labor	12736	40.1%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cook	33303
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Formal Votes	33303

**DAVIDSON****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	19945	63.5%
Labor	6035	19.2%
Aust. Democrats	2407	7.7%
One Nation	1400	4.5%
The Greens	779	2.5%
Christian Democrats	454	1.4%
Independents	220	0.7%
Others	152	0.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	22790	72.6%
Labor	8600	27.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Bradfield	24936
Mackellar	4819
Warringah	2680
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Formal Votes	32435

**DRUMMOYNE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	11983	36.6%
Liberal	11514	35.2%
Paul Zammit	4754	14.5%
One Nation	1174	3.6%
No Aircraft Noise	949	2.9%
Aust. Democrats	750	2.3%
Unity	710	2.2%
The Greens	560	1.7%
Others	335	1.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	17480	53.4%
Liberal	15249	46.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Lowe	34386
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Formal Votes	34386

### DUBBO

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

National	10079	33.8%
Labor	8271	27.7%
Robert Wilson	4802	16.1%
One Nation	3652	12.2%
Liberal	2269	7.6%
Aust. Democrats	351	1.2%
Peter Andren	272	0.9%
Others	149	0.5%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

National	17798	59.6%
Labor	11437	38.3%
Peter Andren	610	2.0%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Calare	759
Gwydir	3685
Parkes	26345
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Formal Votes	30789

### EAST HILLS

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

Labor	16059	49.3%
Liberal	9794	30.1%
One Nation	3730	11.4%
Aust. Democrats	1083	3.3%
Christian Democrats	753	2.3%
Unity	657	2.0%
The Greens	513	1.6%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

Labor	19926	61.1%
Liberal	12662	38.9%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Banks	24325
Blaxland	9784
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Formal Votes	34109

### EPPING

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

Liberal	16670	53.5%
Labor	8522	27.4%
Aust. Democrats	1799	5.8%
One Nation	1348	4.3%
Unity	1125	3.6%
The Greens	785	2.5%
Christian Democrats	437	1.4%
Independents	380	1.2%
Others	64	0.2%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

Liberal	19006	61.1%
Labor	12116	38.9%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Bennelong	13366
Berowra	15429
Mitchell	633
Parramatta	2817
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Formal Votes	32245

### FAIRFIELD

#### 1998 PRIMARY VOTE

Labor	20364	64.3%
Liberal	5734	18.1%
One Nation	2089	6.6%
Unity	1773	5.6%
Aust. Democrats	1097	3.5%
The Greens	372	1.2%
Others	247	0.8%

#### 1998 2-PARTY VOTE

Labor	23939	75.6%
Liberal	7735	24.4%

#### Votes from Federal Electorates

Blaxland	7511
Fowler	5436
Prospect	20900
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Formal Votes	33847

**GEORGES RIVER****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	13160	41.2%
Liberal	12582	39.4%
One Nation	2628	8.2%
Aust. Democrats	1380	4.3%
Unity	1318	4.1%
The Greens	486	1.5%
Christian Democrats	394	1.2%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	16838	52.7%
Liberal	15105	47.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Banks	17320
Barton	6804
Watson	9058

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Formal Votes 33182

**GOSFORD****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	15294	48.0%
Labor	11609	36.4%
One Nation	2619	8.2%
Aust. Democrats	1520	4.8%
The Greens	679	2.1%
Others	167	0.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	17883	56.1%
Labor	14003	43.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Dobell	2690
Robertson	30115

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Formal Votes 32805

**GRANVILLE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	18375	57.5%
Liberal	7537	23.6%
One Nation	2247	7.0%
Christian Democrats	1148	3.6%
Unity	1073	3.4%
Aust. Democrats	907	2.8%
The Greens	559	1.7%
Others	111	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	22277	69.7%
Liberal	9681	30.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Blaxland	3575
Prospect	992
Reid	30086

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Formal Votes 34653

**HAWKESBURY****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	18259	57.6%
Labor	6639	20.9%
One Nation	3937	12.4%
Aust. Democrats	1449	4.6%
The Greens	720	2.3%
Christian Democrats	514	1.6%
Others	181	0.6%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	22297	70.3%
Labor	9402	29.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Berowra	4792
Macquarie	16005
Mitchell	12165

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Formal Votes 32962

**HEATHCOTE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	13680	43.4%
Labor	11779	37.3%
One Nation	2841	9.0%
Aust. Democrats	1415	4.5%
The Greens	1038	3.3%
Independents	443	1.4%
Others	344	1.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	16199	51.4%
Labor	15341	48.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cook	782
Cunningham	1214
Hughes	30699
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Formal Votes	32695

**HEFFRON****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	18144	60.8%
Liberal	6807	22.8%
One Nation	1460	4.9%
Unity	1185	4.0%
Aust. Democrats	904	3.0%
The Greens	825	2.8%
No Aircraft Noise	215	0.7%
Independents	208	0.7%
Others	97	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	21519	72.1%
Liberal	8329	27.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Grayndler	3241
Kingsford-Smith	22589
Sydney	6108
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Formal Votes	31938

**HORNSBY****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	15910	50.1%
Labor	9629	30.3%
Aust. Democrats	2288	7.2%
One Nation	2199	6.9%
The Greens	1104	3.5%
Christian Democrats	646	2.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	18888	59.4%
Labor	12889	40.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Berowra	32867
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Formal Votes	32867

**ILLAWARRA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	19630	56.4%
Liberal	7353	21.1%
One Nation	3584	10.3%
Aust. Democrats	1620	4.7%
Christian Democrats	1190	3.4%
The Greens	1125	3.2%
Others	298	0.9%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	23994	69.0%
Liberal	10803	31.0%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cunningham	10736
Throsby	25362
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Formal Votes	36098

**KEIRA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	17986	56.2%
Liberal	7080	22.1%
One Nation	2609	8.2%
Aust. Democrats	1611	5.0%
The Greens	1381	4.3%
Christian Democrats	673	2.1%
Others	371	1.2%
Dem.Socialists	287	0.9%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	22767	71.2%
Liberal	9231	28.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cunningham	33203
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Formal Votes	33203

**KIAMA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	15450	49.9%
Liberal	9330	30.1%
One Nation	3237	10.5%
Aust. Democrats	1101	3.6%
The Greens	1065	3.4%
Christian Democrats	722	2.3%
Others	70	0.2%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	18772	60.6%
Liberal	12204	39.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Gilmore	14712
Macarthur	147
Throsby	17128

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Formal Votes 31987

**KOGARAH****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	16017	47.1%
Liberal	12348	36.3%
One Nation	2042	6.0%
Unity	1981	5.8%
Aust. Democrats	1010	3.0%
The Greens	490	1.4%
Others	132	0.4%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	19903	58.5%
Liberal	14118	41.5%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Barton	25280
Watson	10337

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Formal Votes 35617

**KU-RING-GAI****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	18976	64.0%
Labor	5537	18.7%
Aust. Democrats	2511	8.5%
One Nation	1230	4.1%
The Greens	801	2.7%
Christian Democrats	460	1.6%
Others	131	0.4%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	21687	73.2%
Labor	7959	26.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Berowra	1807
Bradfield	28739

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Formal Votes 30546

**LACHLAN****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	10144	30.2%
Labor	9812	29.2%
National	7778	23.1%
One Nation	3659	10.9%
Robert Wilson	1236	3.7%
Aust. Democrats	461	1.4%
Independents	283	0.8%
The Greens	244	0.7%
Others	17	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	10732	31.9%
Labor	12385	36.8%
National	10516	31.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Hume	18064
Parkes	8723
Riverina	8238

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Formal Votes 35025

**LAKE MACQUARIE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	16176	50.1%
Liberal	8601	26.6%
One Nation	4131	12.8%
Aust. Democrats	1445	4.5%
The Greens	1004	3.1%
Christian Democrats	943	2.9%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	20609	63.8%
Liberal	11689	36.2%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Charlton	33304
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Formal Votes 33304

**LAKEMBA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	18579	58.1%
Liberal	7739	24.2%
One Nation	2183	6.8%
Unity	1676	5.2%
Aust. Democrats	997	3.1%
Christian Democrats	507	1.6%
The Greens	324	1.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	22261	69.6%
Liberal	9746	30.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Banks	15415
Blaxland	5261
Watson	13189

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Formal Votes 33865

**LANE COVE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	16140	53.2%
Labor	8492	28.0%
Aust. Democrats	1867	6.2%
Unity	1115	3.7%
One Nation	1064	3.5%
The Greens	1028	3.4%
Others	632	2.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	18429	60.7%
Labor	11909	39.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Bennelong	15470
North Sydney	16362

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Formal Votes 31832

**LISMORE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	12848	41.5%
Labor	10859	35.1%
One Nation	3055	9.9%
The Greens	2023	6.5%
Aust. Democrats	977	3.2%
Independents	545	1.8%
Christian Democrats	405	1.3%
Dem.Socialists	240	0.8%
Others	10	0.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	15875	51.3%
Labor	15089	48.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

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Richmond	819

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Formal Votes 31796

**LIVERPOOL****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	19044	62.1%
Liberal	6245	20.3%
One Nation	2831	9.2%
Unity	1471	4.8%
Aust. Democrats	1013	3.3%
Others	84	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	22283	72.6%
Liberal	8405	27.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Fowler	27932
Macarthur	1955
Werriwa	2714

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Formal Votes 32601

**LONDONDERRY****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	14420	45.3%
Liberal	10683	33.6%
One Nation	3841	12.1%
Aust. Democrats	1209	3.8%
The Greens	506	1.6%
Christian Democrats	485	1.5%
Independents	474	1.5%
Others	213	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	17673	55.5%
Liberal	14157	44.5%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Chifley	9427
Lindsay	13689
Macquarie	10605
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Formal Votes	33721

**MACQUARIE FIELDS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	15964	50.2%
Liberal	9546	30.0%
One Nation	3617	11.4%
Aust. Democrats	1037	3.3%
The Greens	657	2.1%
Independents	493	1.6%
Unity	491	1.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	19754	62.1%
Liberal	12053	37.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Macarthur	1864
Werriwa	31760
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Formal Votes	33624

**MAITLAND****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	16785	49.2%
Liberal	11946	35.0%
One Nation	2727	8.0%
The Greens	759	2.2%
Aust. Democrats	749	2.2%
Independents	269	0.8%
National	264	0.8%
Christian Democrats	262	0.8%
Citizens Electoral Council	240	0.7%
Others	96	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	19479	57.1%
Liberal	14618	42.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Hunter	6294
Paterson	28962
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Formal Votes	35256

**MANLY****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	15765	52.1%
Labor	9031	29.9%
Aust. Democrats	1824	6.0%
One Nation	1811	6.0%
The Greens	1444	4.8%
Christian Democrats	230	0.8%
Others	140	0.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	18024	59.6%
Labor	12221	40.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Warringah	31278
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Formal Votes	31278

**MAROUBRA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	14546	48.6%
Liberal	9858	33.0%
One Nation	1957	6.5%
Unity	1178	3.9%
Aust. Democrats	1097	3.7%
The Greens	1046	3.5%
Independents	236	0.8%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	18150	60.7%
Liberal	11771	39.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Kingsford-Smith	31643
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Formal Votes	31643

**MARRICKVILLE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	19164	59.8%
Liberal	5314	16.6%
Aust. Democrats	1858	5.8%
The Greens	1695	5.3%
Unity	1305	4.1%
No Aircraft Noise	1241	3.9%
One Nation	866	2.7%
Dem.Socialists	311	1.0%
Others	293	0.9%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	24687	77.0%
Liberal	7358	23.0%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Grayndler	30007
Sydney	3854
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Formal Votes	33861

**MENAI****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	14529	46.4%
Labor	10688	34.1%
One Nation	2636	8.4%
Independents	1155	3.7%
Aust. Democrats	969	3.1%
The Greens	712	2.3%
Unity	422	1.3%
Others	191	0.6%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	17241	55.1%
Labor	14061	44.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Banks	4378
Hughes	28355
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Formal Votes	3233

**MIRANDA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	14523	48.9%
Labor	9717	32.7%
One Nation	2490	8.4%
Aust. Democrats	1323	4.5%
The Greens	545	1.8%
Unity	433	1.5%
Christian Democrats	342	1.2%
Independents	323	1.1%
Others	18	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	16992	57.2%
Labor	12724	42.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cook	25740
Hughes	5205
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Formal Votes	30945

**MONARO****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	12298	42.6%
Liberal	11905	41.2%
One Nation	2398	8.3%
Aust. Democrats	1397	4.8%
The Greens	760	2.6%
Others	106	0.4%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	15122	52.4%
Liberal	13742	47.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Eden-Monaro	29518
Hume	439
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Formal Votes	29957

**MOUNT DRUITT****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	18467	62.8%
Liberal	5113	17.4%
One Nation	2871	9.8%
Aust. Democrats	1178	4.0%
Christian Democrats	689	2.3%
Unity	377	1.3%
The Greens	357	1.2%
Independents	276	0.9%
Others	59	0.2%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	21734	74.0%
Liberal	7655	26.0%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Chifley	29763
Greenway	1540
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Formal Votes	31303

**MULGOA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	13633	45.8%
Liberal	10227	34.3%
One Nation	2952	9.9%
Aust. Democrats	1407	4.7%
Independents	459	1.5%
The Greens	422	1.4%
Christian Democrats	386	1.3%
Unity	278	0.9%
Others	31	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	16726	56.1%
Liberal	13069	43.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Chifley	15163
Lindsay	16494
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Formal Votes	31657

**MURRAY-DARLING****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	11635	38.8%
National	9255	30.9%
One Nation	5405	18.0%
Liberal	1853	6.2%
Robert Wilson	812	2.7%
Aust. Democrats	690	2.3%
Others	328	1.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	15087	50.3%
National	14887	49.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Farrer	10096
Parkes	18091
Riverina	3117
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Formal Votes	31304

**MURRUMBIDGEE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	15460	46.3%
Labor	8441	25.3%
One Nation	4424	13.2%
Liberal	3539	10.6%
Aust. Democrats	733	2.2%
Independents	638	1.9%
Others	179	0.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	22106	66.2%
Labor	11310	33.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Farrer	12265
Riverina	22574
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Formal Votes	34839

**MYALL LAKES****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	11781	37.1%
Labor	9729	30.6%
Liberal	4388	13.8%
One Nation	3615	11.4%
Aust. Democrats	729	2.3%
The Greens	490	1.5%
Christian Democrats	418	1.3%
Independents	397	1.2%
Citizens Electoral Council	229	0.7%
Others	12	0.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	13722	43.2%
Labor	12876	40.5%
Liberal	5192	16.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Lyne	24210
Paterson	8809
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Formal Votes	33019

**NEWCASTLE****(The election in the Federal electorate of Newcastle has been delayed)****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	479	66.4%
Liberal	133	18.4%
One Nation	73	10.1%
The Greens	16	2.2%
Independents	11	1.5%
Aust. Democrats	5	0.7%
Citizens Electoral Council	2	0.3%
Dem. Socialists	1	0.1%
Christian Democrats	1	0.1%
Natural Law	0	0.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	540	74.9%
Liberal	181	25.1%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Newcastle (**)	0	(Delayed)
Paterson	763	
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Formal Votes	763	

**NORTH SHORE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	17064	58.0%
Labor	7358	25.0%
Aust. Democrats	2057	7.0%
The Greens	1112	3.8%
One Nation	849	2.9%
Unity	754	2.6%
Others	204	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	19121	65.0%
Labor	10276	35.0%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

North Sydney	19482
Warringah	10782
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Formal Votes	30264

**NORTHERN TABLELANDS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	9490	32.8%
Labor	7056	24.4%
One Nation	4542	15.7%
Liberal	4177	14.4%
Independents	1843	6.4%
Aust. Democrats	627	2.2%
The Greens	626	2.2%
Christian Democrats	464	1.6%
Others	93	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	17966	62.1%
Labor	10954	37.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Gwydir	1185
New England	28676
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Formal Votes	30150

**ORANGE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Peter Andren	9667	30.7%
Labor	6875	21.8%
Liberal	5341	17.0%
National	4627	14.7%
One Nation	4006	12.7%
The Greens	338	1.1%
Aust. Democrats	315	1.0%
Independents	212	0.7%
Others	116	0.4%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Peter Andren	18934	60.1%
Labor	8611	27.3%
Liberal	3953	12.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Calare	25596
Hume	7252
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Formal Votes	32848

**OXLEY****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	13423	42.9%
Labor	9876	31.6%
One Nation	5723	18.3%
The Greens	910	2.9%
Aust. Democrats	842	2.7%
Independents	399	1.3%
Others	123	0.4%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	18238	58.3%
Labor	13060	41.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cowper	26448
Lyne	5935
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Formal Votes	32383

**PARRAMATTA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	13158	44.8%
Liberal	11026	37.6%
One Nation	1741	5.9%
Unity	1533	5.2%
Aust. Democrats	785	2.7%
Christian Democrats	463	1.6%
The Greens	431	1.5%
Others	220	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	16342	55.7%
Liberal	13017	44.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Parramatta	25826
Reid	5287
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Formal Votes	31113

**PEATS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	14194	42.8%
Liberal	13362	40.3%
One Nation	3389	10.2%
Aust. Democrats	1377	4.2%
The Greens	599	1.8%
Others	214	0.6%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	16974	51.2%
Liberal	16160	48.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Dobell	3783
Robertson	30414
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Formal Votes	34197

**PENRITH****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	13879	42.8%
Labor	12524	38.6%
One Nation	3112	9.6%
Aust. Democrats	1083	3.3%
The Greens	679	2.1%
Independents	598	1.8%
Christian Democrats	421	1.3%
Others	151	0.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	16961	52.3%
Labor	15485	47.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Lindsay	32513
Macquarie	1773
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Formal Votes	34286

**PITTWATER**

**1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	17018	54.2%
Labor	5323	17.0%
Aust. Democrats	3460	11.0%
One Nation	2236	7.1%
Independents	2194	7.0%
The Greens	1085	3.5%
Others	82	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	20912	66.6%
Labor	10486	33.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Mackellar	32498
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Formal Votes	32498

**PORT JACKSON****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	15349	53.1%
Liberal	7514	26.0%
Aust. Democrats	1886	6.5%
The Greens	1671	5.8%
One Nation	712	2.5%
Unity	592	2.0%
No Aircraft Noise	573	2.0%
Independents	279	1.0%
Dem.Socialists	202	0.7%
Others	101	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	19810	68.6%
Liberal	9069	31.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Grayndler	9642
Sydney	20435
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Formal Votes	30077

**PORT MACQUARIE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	16605	50.2%
Labor	10118	30.6%
One Nation	3866	11.7%
Aust. Democrats	829	2.5%
The Greens	639	1.9%
Christian Democrats	502	1.5%
Independents	382	1.2%
Others	152	0.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	19419	58.7%
Labor	13672	41.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Lyne	34323
Sydney	179
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Formal Votes	34502

**PORT STEPHENS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	10509	42.8%
Liberal	9926	40.5%
One Nation	2003	8.2%
Independents	578	2.4%
The Greens	483	2.0%
Aust. Democrats	426	1.7%
Christian Democrats	373	1.5%
Others	240	1.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	12540	51.1%
Liberal	11996	48.9%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Hunter	94
Newcastle (**)	0 (Delayed)
Paterson	25293
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Formal Votes	25387

**RIVERSTONE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	14254	43.2%
Liberal	11530	35.0%
One Nation	3280	10.0%
Aust. Democrats	1538	4.7%
Christian Democrats	1272	3.9%
The Greens	498	1.5%
Unity	361	1.1%
Independents	227	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	18390	55.8%
Liberal	14570	44.2%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Greenway	34824
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Formal Votes	34824

**ROCKDALE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	17764	55.5%
Liberal	9681	30.3%
One Nation	2247	7.0%
Unity	1163	3.6%
Aust. Democrats	695	2.2%
The Greens	407	1.3%
Others	23	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	20761	64.9%
Liberal	11220	35.1%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Barton	32111
Watson	1561

Formal Votes	33672
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**RYDE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	14734	46.0%
Labor	11227	35.0%
One Nation	1423	4.4%
Unity	1393	4.3%
Aust. Democrats	1357	4.2%
Independents	883	2.8%
The Greens	850	2.7%
Others	183	0.6%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	16845	52.5%
Labor	15213	47.5%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Bennelong	33705
Parramatta	554

Formal Votes	34259
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**SMITHFIELD****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	18456	57.9%
Liberal	8163	25.6%
One Nation	2292	7.2%
Aust. Democrats	1545	4.8%
Unity	910	2.9%
The Greens	429	1.3%
Others	102	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	21544	67.5%
Liberal	10353	32.5%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Fowler	2378
Prospect	31559
Reid	332

Formal Votes	34269
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**SOUTH COAST****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	15083	45.4%
Labor	12006	36.1%
One Nation	4069	12.2%
Aust. Democrats	824	2.5%
The Greens	675	2.0%
Christian Democrats	589	1.8%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	18025	54.2%
Labor	15221	45.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Gilmore	34067
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Formal Votes	34067
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**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	14812	48.6%
Labor	9558	31.3%
One Nation	3380	11.1%
Aust. Democrats	1510	4.9%
The Greens	1082	3.5%
Others	165	0.5%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	17442	57.2%
Labor	13065	42.8%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Gilmore	6640
Macarthur	24758

Formal Votes	31398
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**STRATHFIELD****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	12991	39.4%
Liberal	9479	28.7%
Paul Zammit	4236	12.8%
Unity	2525	7.7%
One Nation	1218	3.7%
Aust. Democrats	940	2.8%
No Aircraft Noise	553	1.7%
The Greens	549	1.7%
Christian Democrats	356	1.1%
Others	137	0.4%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	19995	60.6%
Liberal	12987	39.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Grayndler	9482
Lowe	25227
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Formal Votes	34709

**SWANSEA****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	18466	52.4%
Liberal	9907	28.1%
One Nation	3592	10.2%
Aust. Democrats	1222	3.5%
The Greens	1067	3.0%
Independents	994	2.8%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	22066	62.6%
Liberal	13183	37.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Shortland	36268
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Formal Votes	36268

**TAMWORTH****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	10146	33.0%
Labor	7045	22.9%
One Nation	4524	14.7%
Liberal	4201	13.6%
Independents	3420	11.1%
Aust. Democrats	549	1.8%
Christian Democrats	506	1.6%
The Greens	366	1.2%
Others	27	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	19561	63.5%
Labor	11223	36.5%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Gwydir	7104
New England	24909
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Formal Votes	32013

**THE ENTRANCE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	13299	44.2%
Liberal	11953	39.7%
One Nation	2636	8.8%
Aust. Democrats	985	3.3%
The Greens	624	2.1%
Christian Democrats	599	2.0%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	15545	51.6%
Liberal	14554	48.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Dobell	31130
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Formal Votes	31130

**THE HILLS****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	19822	61.0%
Labor	7198	22.2%
Aust. Democrats	1699	5.2%
One Nation	1593	4.9%
Unity	967	3.0%
The Greens	602	1.9%
Christian Democrats	563	1.7%
Others	36	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	22505	69.3%
Labor	9973	30.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Berowra	7429
Mitchell	26190
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Formal Votes	33619

**TWEED**

**1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	12577	40.0%
Labor	12272	39.0%
One Nation	3893	12.4%
The Greens	1089	3.5%
Independents	812	2.6%
Aust. Democrats	743	2.4%
Others	43	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	16359	52.0%
Labor	15074	48.0%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Richmond	32417
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Formal Votes	32417

**UPPER HUNTER**

**1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	11677	37.4%
National	10343	33.2%
One Nation	4516	14.5%
Liberal	2696	8.6%
Aust. Democrats	907	2.9%
Independents	342	1.1%
Others	293	0.9%
The Greens	222	0.7%
Christian Democrats	203	0.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	14529	46.6%
National	8507	27.3%
Liberal	7968	25.5%
Others	197	0.6%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Calare	268
Gwydir	14911
Hunter	17182
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Formal Votes	32361

**VAUCLUSE**

**1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	15692	56.0%
Labor	7846	28.0%
Aust. Democrats	1555	5.5%
The Greens	1286	4.6%
Unity	823	2.9%
One Nation	687	2.4%
Others	157	0.6%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	17465	62.3%
Labor	10582	37.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Wentworth	29247
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Formal Votes	29247

**WAGGA WAGGA**

**1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

National	10804	35.5%
Labor	7922	26.1%
Liberal	6970	22.9%
One Nation	3435	11.3%
Aust. Democrats	748	2.5%
Independents	475	1.6%
Others	44	0.1%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

National	19512	64.2%
Labor	10512	34.6%
Liberal	376	1.2%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Farrer	4244
Hume	526
Riverina	26536
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Formal Votes	31306

**WAKEHURST****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	16346	51.2%
Labor	8420	26.4%
One Nation	2474	7.7%
Aust. Democrats	2350	7.4%
Independents	1191	3.7%
The Greens	870	2.7%
Others	290	0.9%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	19707	61.7%
Labor	12235	38.3%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Mackellar	22332
Warringah	11115
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Formal Votes	33447

**WALLSEND****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	13065	53.5%
Liberal	6025	24.7%
One Nation	2614	10.7%
Aust. Democrats	1107	4.5%
The Greens	803	3.3%
Christian Democrats	656	2.7%
Others	154	0.6%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	16194	66.3%
Liberal	8231	33.7%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Charlton	22730
Hunter	2522
Newcastle (**)	0 (Delayed)
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Formal Votes	25252

**WENTWORTHVILLE****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	13904	45.2%
Liberal	11270	36.6%
One Nation	2451	8.0%
Aust. Democrats	1136	3.7%
Unity	739	2.4%
The Greens	520	1.7%
Christian Democrats	451	1.5%
Independents	215	0.7%
Others	92	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	17101	55.6%
Liberal	13679	44.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Greenway	2827
Parramatta	18416
Prospect	7961
Reid	3474
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Formal Votes	32678

**WILLOUGHBY****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Liberal	14658	53.0%
Labor	7360	26.6%
Aust. Democrats	1947	7.0%
Unity	1407	5.1%
The Greens	1029	3.7%
One Nation	862	3.1%
Christian Democrats	297	1.1%
Others	71	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Liberal	16856	61.0%
Labor	10776	39.0%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Bradfield	4066
North Sydney	24795
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Formal Votes	28861

**WOLLONGONG****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	20212	62.6%
Liberal	5562	17.2%
One Nation	2747	8.5%
Aust. Democrats	1543	4.8%
The Greens	1063	3.3%
Christian Democrats	598	1.9%
Others	565	1.7%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	24089	74.6%
Liberal	8203	25.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Cunningham	13814
Throsby	20108
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Formal Votes	33922

**WYONG****1998 PRIMARY VOTE**

Labor	16786	48.9%
Liberal	11291	32.9%
One Nation	3853	11.2%
Aust. Democrats	953	2.8%
The Greens	766	2.2%
Christian Democrats	558	1.6%
Others	106	0.3%

**1998 2-PARTY VOTE**

Labor	19774	57.6%
Liberal	14537	42.4%

**Votes from Federal Electorates**

Charlton	1369
Dobell	24612
Shortland	9499
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Formal Votes	35480

## Comparing Senate and Legislative Council Elections

At the 1996 and 1998 elections, a half-Senate election was conducted for six Senators. Since 1995, Legislative Council elections have been conducted for half the Council, 21 Councillors at each election. The quota for Senate election is 14.3%, for Legislative Council election, 4.55%.

Tables 6 to 9 provide some detail of past elections for the Legislative Council. The first direct election for the Council was held in 1978. Until 1991, one-third (15) councillors retired at each election. In 1978, 28 indirectly elected Councillor retained their seats, 14 retiring in 1981, and 14 in 1984, when the Council finally became fully elected with 45 members.

Following a referendum in 1991, the Council was reduced to 42 members, with half retiring at each election. The position of three councillors was abolished, one Labor, one Coalition and former Call to Australia member Marie Bignold. The first election for 21 members was held in 1995. At the 1999 election, the 15 members elected in 1991 will face election, along with the remaining six members elected in 1988.

Since the 1995 election, three Legislative Councillors have resigned from the political party under whose banner they were elected. Richard Jones has resigned from the Australian Democrats, Franca Arena from the Labor Party, and Helen Sham-Ho from the Liberal Party. Mr Jones and Ms Sham-Ho were elected in 1995, and do not face re-election in 1999.

**Table 6 : Percentage Vote by Party, Legislative Council Elections 1978-95**

	ALP	Lib/Nat	CTA	DEM	GRN	SHO	ABF	Oth	Informal
1978	54.9	36.3	..	2.8	..	..	..	6.0	4.1
1981	51.8	33.8	9.1	4.0	..	..	..	1.3	6.8
1984	46.9	42.6	6.1	3.2	..	..	..	1.3	6.7
1988	37.5	46.1	5.7	2.7	1.6	..	..	6.3	8.1
1991	37.3	45.3	3.6	6.7	3.3	..	..	3.8	5.7
1995	35.3	38.5	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.8	1.3	12.2	6.1

**Table 7 : Seats Won by Party, Legislative Council Elections 1978-95**

	ALP	Lib/Nat	CTA	DEM	GRN	SHO	ABF	Oth	Seats
1978	9	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
1981	8	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
1984	7	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	15
1988	6	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
1991	6	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
1995	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	..	21

**Table 8 : Party Composition of Legislative Council, 1978-98**

	ALP	Lib/Nat	CTA	DEM	GRN	SHO	ABF	Oth	Seats
1978	23	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
1981	24	18	1	1	..	..	..	..	44
1984	24	18	2	1	..	..	..	..	45
1988	21	19	3	2	..	..	..	..	45
1991	18	20	2	2	..	..	..	..	42
1995	17	18	2	2	1	1	1	..	42
Current	16	17	2	1	1	1	1	3	42

**Table 9 : Party Composition of Retiring and Continuing Legislative Councillors.**

	ALP	Lib/Nat	CTA	DEM	GRN	SHO	ABF	Oth	Seats
Continuing	8	7	1	..	1	1	1	2	21
Retiring	8	10	1	1	..	..	..	1	21
Total	16	17	2	1	1	1	1	3	42

**Table 10 : Percentage Vote by Party at Recent Upper House Elections**

Party	Senate		Legislative Council	
	1996	1998	1991	1995
Labor	37.2	38.7	37.3	35.3
Liberal/National	41.4	36.6	45.3	38.5
Democrat	9.5	7.3	6.7	3.2
Greens	2.7	2.2	3.3	3.7
Call to Australia	2.0	1.5	3.6	3.0
Shooters Party	2.0	..	..	2.8
One Nation	..	9.6	..	..
Independents/Others	5.2	4.1	3.8	13.5
Informal Vote	3.7	3.4	5.7	6.1

**Table 11 : Possible Legislative Council Result based on 1998 Senate Vote**

Party	Votes	% Vote	Leg. Council Quotas
Labor Party	1 452 560	38.68	8.5087
Liberal/National Party	1 375 563	36.63	8.0577
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	361 009	9.61	2.1147
Australian Democrats	275 910	7.35	1.6162
The Greens	81 612	2.17	0.4781
Unity - Say No to Hanson	61 607	1.64	0.3609
Christian Democrats (CTA)	58 079	1.55	0.3402
Australia First	29 660	0.79	0.1737
Democratic Socialists	8 221	0.22	0.0482
Reclaim Australia: Reduce Immig.	8 019	0.21	0.0470
Nuclear Disarmament Party	6 489	0.17	0.0380
Abolish Child Support	5 810	0.15	0.0340
Lees (Ind)	5 745	0.15	0.0337
No Aircraft Noise	5 035	0.13	0.0295
Natural Law Party	4 602	0.12	0.0270
Citizens Electoral Council	4 403	0.12	0.0258
Mouldfield (Ind)	2 786	0.07	0.0163
Socialist Equity Party	1 808	0.05	0.0106
Gallagher (Ind)	1 690	0.04	0.0099
Melville (Ind)	808	0.02	0.0047
Poulos (Ind)	708	0.02	0.0041
Schollbach (Ind)	415	0.01	0.0024
Ungrouped	3186	0.08	0.0187
Formal	3 755 725		
Informal	128 608	3.4	
Total Votes	3 884 333		

**Legislative Council Quota                      170 715 votes**

## Commentary on Senate Results

Based on the 1998 Senate results, a Legislative Council election would have seen 19 of the 21 vacancies filled on the initial quotas, 8 Labor, 8 Coalition, 2 One Nation and an Australian Democrat. The final two vacancies would have to be determined by the distribution of preferences.

More than 95% of votes are cast using the group ticket or 'above the line' voting option, in which case, preferences are distributed according to tickets lodged with the Australian Electoral Commission. From the votes cast, it was apparent that the final two vacancies would be filled from the Labor, Democrat, Green and Christian Democrat (CTA) tickets. The registered preference tickets for all other parties were examined, and so at the point when only four candidates remained in the count, the totals for each party would have been approximately as follows.

**Table 12: Possible Distribution of Preferences for Legislative Council Election  
(Based on 1998 Senate Vote and Registered Ticket Votes)**

Party remaining in count	Votes	Group	Party Excluded
<b>Australian Democrats</b>	105 195		(Surplus beyond first quota)
Ticket Votes from	4 246	E	Natural Law Party
	<b>109 441</b>		<b>0.6411 quotas</b>
<b>Labor Party</b>	86 840		(Surplus beyond eighth quota)
Ticket Votes from	1 639	Q	Socialist Equity Party
	2 570	J	David Mouldfield (Ind)
	4 778	G	Lees (Ind)
	61 607	V	Unity
	18 432	K	One Nation (Estimate)
	<b>172 114</b>		<b>1.0082 quotas</b>
<b>The Greens</b>	81 612		
Ticket Votes from	489	S	Melville (Ind)
	4 314	B	No Aircraft Noise
	646	P	Poulos (Ind)
	5 886	C	Nuclear Disarmament
	7 563	N	Democratic Socialists
	1 273	D	Gallagher (Ind)
	<b>101 783</b>		<b>0.5962 quotas</b>
<b>Christian Democrats (CTA)</b>	<b>58 079</b>		
Ticket Votes from	9 658	L	Liberal/National Party (Estimate)
	4 227	I	Citizens Electoral Council
	388	R	Schollbach (Ind)
	7 498	O	Reclaim Australia
	5 209	F	Abolish Child Support
	27 630	A	Australia First
	<b>112 689</b>		<b>0.6601 quotas</b>

The initial count for each of the four parties would in reality be slightly lower due to the leakage of below the line votes out of these tickets. The total votes added to each party as preferences represent ticket votes only. The approximately 16,000 Below the line votes for other parties have been ignored, as they would not have changed the order in which the above parties finished.

One Nation preferences are shown as flowing to Labor. This is because while One Nation registered two preference tickets, splitting preferences between Labor and the Coalition, by the time the third One Nation was excluded, there were no Coalition candidates remaining in the count, resulting in all preferences flowing to Labor ahead of the Greens, Australian Democrats and Christian Democrats.

At the point in the count shown in Table 12, the Greens candidate would have been excluded, electing the second Australian Democrat candidate. As a result, the election would have finished electing 9 Labor, 8 Coalition, 2 One Nation and 2 Australian Democrats. This would have resulted in a Legislative Council made up of 17 Labor, 15 Coalition, 3 Australian Democrats, 2 One Nation, 2 Independents, and one Councillor each representing the Christian Democrats, Greens, Shooters Party and A Better Future for Our Children.

## BY-ELECTIONS 1991-1995

### Clarence 39919 (25 May 1996: Resignation of Ian Causley)

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing
<i>First Count</i>				
Woods	ALP	18030	51.3	+17.1
Wrightson	DEM	1415	4.0	+1.0
Sharman	GRN	1049	3.0	-0.6
Knight	NAT	14662	41.7	-11.3
...	OTH		0.0	-6.2
<i>Final Count</i>				
Woods	ALP	19280	55.7	+14.0
Knight	NAT	15352	44.3	-14.0
Exhausted		524		
Formal		35156	98.7	+1.8
Informal		451	1.3	-1.8
Total		35607	89.2	

### Orange 39500 (25 May 1996: Resignation of Gary West)

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing
<i>First Count</i>				
Turner	NAT	16884	48.7	-11.3
Cianfrano	IND	2299	6.6	+3.8
Sullivan	ALP	15489	44.7	+14.8
...	OTH		0.0	-7.2
<i>Final Count</i>				
Turner	NAT	18011	52.6	-13.8
Sullivan	ALP	16232	47.4	+13.8
Exhausted		429		
Formal		34672	98.6	+2.6
Informal		495	1.4	-2.6
Total		35167	89.0	

### Pittwater 40585 (25 May 1996: Resignation of Jim Longley)

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing
<i>First Count</i>				
Dimond	DEM	4694	14.1	+9.8
Smith	IND	1591	4.8	+4.8
Brogden	LIB	16772	50.4	-10.6
Bristow	CTA	960	2.9	-0.2
Cairns	GRN	2344	7.0	-4.1
Sargent	ALP	4429	13.3	-5.7
Woodger	AAFI	2502	7.5	+7.5
...	OTH		0.0	-1.5
<i>Final Count</i>				
Dimond	DEM	10409	35.0	+35.0
Brogden	LIB	19346	65.0	-5.8
Sargent	ALP		0.0	-29.2
Exhausted		3537		
Formal		33292	98.4	+2.2
Informal		548	1.6	-2.2
Total		33840	83.4	

### Southern Highlands 40345 (25 May 1996: Resignation of John Fahey)

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing
<i>First Count</i>				
Butler	DEM	2155	6.1	+1.5
Chappell	CTA	763	2.2	-0.5
Duncan	IND	1493	4.2	+4.2
Seaton	LIB	10565	29.9	-24.7
Yeo	ALP	8862	25.1	-7.5
Hodgkinson	NAT	11530	32.6	+32.6
...	GRN		0.0	-5.7
<i>Final Count</i>				
Seaton	LIB	16933	52.4	-8.0
Yeo	ALP	0	0.0	-39.6
Hodgkinson	NAT	15400	47.6	+47.6
Exhausted		3035		
Formal		35368	98.0	+1.8
Informal		712	2.0	-1.8
Total		36080	89.4	

**Strathfield** **38157**  
**(25 May 1996: Resignation of Paul Zammit)**

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing
<i>First Count</i>				
Peterson	CTA	1460	4.7	+4.7
Meagher	GRN	1323	4.2	+4.2
Timbrell	ALP	10484	33.7	-6.7
Hill	IND	298	1.0	+1.0
MacCarthy	LIB	15772	50.7	-2.8
Newman	DEM	1793	5.8	+0.8
...	OTH		0.0	-1.2
<i>Final Count</i>				
Timbrell	ALP	12522	41.8	-2.3
MacCarthy	LIB	17462	58.2	+2.3
Exhausted		1146		
Formal		31130	97.7	+3.1
Informal		744	2.3	-3.1
Total		31874	83.5	

**Port Macquarie** **42422**  
**(30 Nov 1996: Resignation of Wendy Machin)**

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing
<i>First Count</i>				
Barrett	IND	11920	32.2	+32.2
Smith	SHO	2528	6.8	+6.8
Kooy	IND	412	1.1	+1.1
Rogers	IND	74	0.2	+0.2
Farrugia	IND	603	1.6	+1.6
Russell	GRN	1919	5.2	0.0
Hutchinson	AAFI	2273	6.1	+6.1
Oakshott	NAT	17293	46.7	-5.9
...	ALP		0.0	-29.9
...	OTH		0.0	-12.3
<i>Final Count</i>				
Barrett	IND	15268	45.1	+45.1
Oakshott	NAT	18559	54.9	-6.8
...	ALP		0.0	-38.3
Exhausted		3195		
Formal		37022	98.6	+2.2
Informal		536	1.4	-2.2
Total		37558	88.5	

**Sutherland** **44222**  
**(20 Dec 1997: Resignation of Chris Downey)**

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing
<i>First Count</i>				
Hunt	IND	557	1.5	+1.5
Druery	ORP	780	2.1	+2.1
Harris	IND	396	1.1	+1.1
Lentern	GRN	1710	4.7	+4.7
Copeland	CDP	1804	4.9	+0.9
Woodger	AAFI	1567	4.3	+4.3
Hawkins	ALP	12674	34.5	-2.8
Moore	IND	530	1.4	+1.4
Stone	LIB	16687	45.5	-5.4
...	OTH		0.0	-7.8
<i>Final Count</i>				
Hawkins	ALP	14752	43.8	+0.2
Stone	LIB	18950	56.2	-0.2
Exhausted		3003		
Formal		36705	98.1	+1.7
Informal		702	1.9	-1.7
Total		37407	84.6	

**NOTE**

The state electorates of Burrinjuck, Monaro and Swansea are currently vacant, and will remain so until the State election on 27 March 1999.