

1994 Redistribution of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions

Introduction

In second half of 1994, a redistribution of Electoral Boundaries in Victoria, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory was carried out. The Redistribution has now been finalised and future House of Representatives elections will be held on the new boundaries. The net effect of the Redistribution was a loss of one Division in Victoria (Corinella) and a gain of one Division each in Queensland and the ACT (Longman and Namadgi respectively). Divisions of Melbourne and Melbourne Ports in Victoria and Groom, Leichhardt and Maranoa in Queensland were not changed by the Redistribution. To assist Senators and Members in gauging the electoral impact of the Redistribution, the Statistics Group has calculated the estimated vote in each new Division if the 1993 election was held on the new boundaries.

Results

Our analysis shows that the vote in most of the new Divisions has not changed a great deal. There were however some exceptions:

Isaacs (Vic) changing from 3.0% margin to the LP to 3.1% margin to ALP,

Bruce (Vic) from 5.5% margin to LP changing to 1.3% margin to ALP and

Dunkley (Vic) from 0.7 margin to ALP changing to 2.7 margin to LP.

Of the newly created Divisions, Longman (Qld) come out with a margin of 2.4% to LP while Namadgi with a 10.7% margin to ALP.

The Electoral Pendulum based on votes adjusted for this Redistribution is shown overleaf.

The following table shows the number of seats held by each Party before the Redistribution and the estimated number nominally held after the Redistribution:

	Before Redist.	After Redist.
ALP	80	81
LP	49	49
NP	16	16
IND	2	2
TOTAL	147	148

Methodology

The method used in the above calculations was as follows:

- From data supplied by the Australian Electoral Commission the name of each polling place located within the

new Divisional boundary was established.

- The two party preferred vote in each polling place was estimated by applying the actual distribution of preferences in the Division as a whole to the first preference vote in the polling place.
- The vote in all the polling places making up the new Division were then summed.
- Proportions of the postal, absent, etc votes were added into the analysis on a pro-rata basis.

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**Electoral Pendulum after 1993 House of Representatives Election
Adjusted for the effect of the 1994 Electoral Redistribution**

ALP Held Divisions	Swing to lose %	LP/NP Held Divisions	Swing to lose %
Gellibrand	25.2	O'Connor	24.0
Throsby	24.0	Bradfield	23.0
Melbourne	23.7	Murray	20.3
Batman	23.4	Mallee (a)	19.2
Grayndler	22.8	Mitchell	18.7
Chifley	22.6	Maranoa	18.1
Blaxland	22.1	Farrer	17.4
Fowler	22.0	Wakefield	17.0
Scullin	20.5	Barker	16.0
Wills (a)	20.4	Gippsland	15.4
Sydney	19.5	Curtin	15.2
Prospect	19.0	Groom	14.1
Reid	18.8	Kooyong	13.6
Maribyrnong	18.8	Indi	13.0
Lalor	18.8	Riverina	12.9
Cunningham	17.9	Berowra	12.2
Shortland	17.3	Moncrieff	12.1
Charlton	17.1	Tangney	11.9
Calwell	16.9	Forrest	11.7
Newcastle	16.9	Mackellar	11.2
Werriwa	15.8	Mayo	10.6
Kingsford-Smith	15.2	Gwydir	10.3
Watson	14.8	Warringah	10.3
Bonython	14.7	New England	10.2
Denison	14.4	Fairfax	10.0
Oxley	14.1	Ryan	10.0
Hunter	13.9	Higgins	9.7
Greenway	13.4	Menzies	9.6
Fraser	12.4	North Sydney (a)	9.5
Port Adelaide	12.0	Fisher	9.3
Holt	11.7	Wannon	9.3
Rankin	11.3	Wide Bay	9.0
Canberra	10.7	Pearce	8.8
Namadgi	10.7	Moore	8.7
Banks	10.5	McPherson	8.5
Lindsay	10.2	Goldstein	8.0
Kalgoorlie	9.9	Boothby	7.8
Barton	9.4	Corangamite	6.0
Corio	8.4	Flinders	5.7
Hotham	8.1	Sturt	5.7
Bowman	8.0	Wentworth	5.5
Burke	7.8	Fadden	5.4
Fremantle	7.8	Casey	4.6
Franklin	7.4	Lyne	4.2
Dobell	6.8	Cowper	4.1
Hughes	6.4	Dawson	3.8
Lilley	6.3	Hume	3.7
Griffith	6.1	Cook	3.5
Perth	6.1	Bennelong	3.2
Melbourne Ports	5.8	Kennedy	3.1
Robertson	5.6	Braddon	2.8
Northern Territory	5.3	Dunkley	2.7
Lowe	5.0	Aston	2.5
Brisbane	4.8	Longman	2.4
Eden-Monaro	4.3	Grey	2.1
Calare	4.1	La Trobe	1.9
Lyons	3.8	Ballarat	1.7
Brand	3.7	Hindmarsh	1.6
Makin	3.7	Stirling	1.5
Jagajaga	3.6	McEwen	1.3
Dickson	3.3	Adelaide	1.3
Paterson	3.3	Deakin	1.2
Parramatta	3.2	Cowan	0.9
Isaacs	3.1	Chisholm	0.8
Herbert	2.9	Parkes	0.5
Capricornia	2.6	Hinkler	0.2
Petrie	2.3		
Richmond	1.8		
Forde	1.8		
Kingston	1.5		
Bruce	1.3		
Leichhardt	1.3		
Macarthur	1.3		
Bendigo	1.0		
Gilmore	0.5		
Moreton	0.5		
McMillan	0.4		
Canning	0.2		
Swan	0.2		
Macquarie	0.1		
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Bass	0.0		

(a) Notional two party ALP - LP/NP results