

REDWatch Information Summary on 2023 NSW Elections

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NSW Legislative Assembly (Lower House) Results 2023

	Vote count	Vote %	Swing	Seats Won	Seats Changed
Labor	1,738,081	37.0%	+3.7%	45	+7
Liberal	1,259,253	26.8%	-5.2%	25	-9
Greens	455,960	9.7%	+0.1%	3	0
National	403,962	8.6%	-1%	11	-1
One Nation	84,683	1.8%	+0.7%	0	0
SFF	73,359	1.5%	-1.9%	0	0
Others	686,632	14.6%	+3.6%	9	+3

Labor is two seats short of a majority in the lower house but has lots of options if it cannot agree with the Liberal / National Party opposition or the Greens.

The Independents are:

The previous independents

Alex Greenwich, Greg Piper and Joe McGirr have offered the new ALP government an assurance of 'confidence and supply' to ensure stable government and the passage of budgets.

- Sydney - Alex Greenwich independent wins seat for fourth time.
- Lake Macquarie - Greg Piper re-elected for fifth term.
- Wagga Wagga - Joe McGirr retains seat held since 2018

The new Independents

- Wollondilly – Judy Hannan surprise win for teal candidate from Liberal Party
- Wakehurst - Michael Regan local Mayor wins seat from Liberal Party.

The changing hats independents

- Murray - Helen Dalton former Shooters Fishers Farmers MP wins as an independent.
- Barwon - Roy Butler former Shooters Fishers Farmers MP wins as an Independent.
- Orange - Roy Butler former Shooters Fishers Farmers MP wins as an Independent.
- Kiama - Gareth Ward former Liberal retains seat as independent.

The Greens

- Newtown - Jenny Leong wins seat for a third term.
- Balmain - Kobi Shetty succeeds retiring MP Jamie Parker.
- Ballina - Tamara Smith third Greens victory in far north coast seat.

Information Sourced from ABC NSW Votes -

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/nsw/2023/results/party-totals>

REDWatch area Electorate Outcomes

Newtown - Jenny Leong wins seat for a third term.

First preference	Vote %	Votes	Swing	Margin
Greens Jenny Leong (MP)	54.0%	26,758	+9.9%	
Labor Party David Hetherington	30.5%	15,104	+1.9%	
Liberal Party Fiona Douskou	12.9%	6,365	-1.7%	
Sustainable Australia Christopher Thomas	2.6%	1,275	+0.8%	
Others	0.0%	0	-10.9%	
Informal Votes	1.5%	769		
Total Votes		50,271		
<i>2 Party Preferred Preference count</i>				
Greens Jenny Leong(MP) MP	62.1%	28,015	+ 0.7%	12.1%
Labor Party David Hetherington	37.9%	17,094		

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Heffron - Ron Hoenig retains seat held since 2012.

First preference	Vote %	Votes	Swing	Margin
Labor Party Ron Hoenig (MP)	49.7%	22,458	+7.4%	
Liberal Party Francis Devine	21.2%	9,597	-6.5%	
Greens Philipa Veitch	19.0%	8,559	+1.1%	
Independent Sarina Kilham	3.4%	1,538	+3.4%	
Animal Justice Linda Paull	2.8%	1,252	-0.5%	
Sustainable Australia Ann Godfrey	2.0%	889	+2.0%	
Socialist Alliance Rachel Evans	1.9%	878	+1.9%	
Others -	0.0%	0	-8.8%	
Informal Votes	2.9%	1,328		
Total Votes		46,499		
<i>2 Party Preferred Preference count</i>				
Labor Party Ron Hoenig(MP)	73.3%	29,757	+8.0%	23.3%
Liberal Party Francis Devine	26.7%	10,847		

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<https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/nsw/2023/guide/heff>

NSW Legislative Council (Upper House) Outcome Results 2023

Composition of Legislative Council

Party	Departing Members	Continuing Members	New Members	New Council	Change
Labor Party	7	7	8	15	+1
Liberal/National Coalition	9	8	7	15	-2
Greens	1	2	2	4	+1
One Nation	0	2	1	3	+1
Shooters Fishers and Farmers	1	1	1	2	0
Animal Justice	1	1	0	1	-1
Legalise Cannabis	0	0	1	1	+1
Liberal Democrats	0	0	1	1	+1
Others	2	0	0	0	-2

Notes on the Table

The two 'Others' amongst the departing members are Fred Nile (former Christian Democrat) and Justin Field (ex-Greens). The Coalition members consist of 10 Liberals and five Nationals.

The Legislative Council consists of 42 members. Traditionally one of the government's members is elected President. The President only has a casting vote meaning votes are determined by the 41 members on the floor with a government needing 21 members to pass legislation. After appointing the President, Labor will have only 14 members, which means the new government will need votes from seven of the 12 crossbench members to pass legislation.

Information Sourced from ABC NSW Votes -

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/nsw/2023/guide/lc-results>

REDWatch Note:

Potential Alignment

This is a very rough guide to where members are expected to line up on ideological grounds but on many issues there is likely to be significant fluidity.

Party	Members	Progressive	Conservative
Labor Party	15	15	
Liberal/National Coalition	15		15
Greens	4	4	
One Nation	3		3
Shooters Fishers and Farmers	2		2
Animal Justice	1	1	
Legalise Cannabis	1	1	
Liberal Democrats	1		1
Total	42	21	21

On 4 May 2023, Labor Chris Minns is trying to find a non-government member (other than Mark Latham) to be Upper House speaker. The Liberal & National Parties are pushing back on an approach made to the Nationals Ben Franklin, a friend of Minns. Whichever block supplies the speaker will have to find an extra vote in the Upper House to win votes in the Legislative Council. The Speaker only has a vote if the count is tied.