

Barton Deakin Brief: Victorian 2018 State Election Preview**15 November 2018**

Victorian state elections are held following fixed four-year terms on the fourth Saturday in November.

Following the issuing of the writs by the Governor of Victoria, the Hon Linda Dessau AC, on Tuesday 30 October, the Government has officially entered caretaker mode ahead of the 24 November state election.

The Liberal-National Coalition led by Matthew Guy is seeking election following its loss in 2014. The Coalition must achieve a net gain of eight seats to secure a majority of 45 seats in the 88-member Legislative Assembly.

Infrastructure, the cost of energy, crime, regional development and traffic congestion have been key issues throughout the campaign to date, with the Coalition focused heavily on cost of living, crime and population management

Current state of play

The Coalition currently holds 37 seats (30 Liberal and 7 Nationals) in the Legislative Assembly. Labor holds 45 seats. The Greens hold three seats and Independents hold the three remaining seats.

Neither the Coalition nor Labor hold a majority in the 40-member Legislative Council, in which representatives are elected in eight five-member electorates. The Coalition has 16 seats (14 Liberal, 2 Nationals), with 14 Labor, 5 Greens, 2 Shooters, Fishers and Farmers, 1 Reason Party, 1 Vote 1 for Local Jobs, and 1 Independent.

Preferential ballots are conducted in single-member seats for the Legislative Assembly and single transferable votes in multi-member seats for the proportionally represented Legislative Council.

Key Seats**ALP Seats**

Electorate	Sitting Member	Contesting	Margin to ALP
Frankston	Paul Edbrooke	Michael Lamb	0.5%
Carrum	Sonya Kilkeny	Donna Bauer	0.7%
Bentleigh	Nick Staikos	Asher Judah	0.8%
Richmond	Richard Wynne	Kathleen Maltzahn (Green)	1.9% v The Greens
Mordialloc	Tim Richardson	Geoff Gledhill	2.1%
Brunswick	Cindy O'Connor	Tim Read	2.2% v The Greens
Cranbourne	Jude Perera	Pauline Richards (ALP)	2.3%



	(Retiring)	Ann-Marie Hermans (LIB)	
Eltham	Vicki Ward	Nick McGowan	2.7%
Albert Park	Martin Foley	Andrew Bond	3.0%

Coalition Held Seats

Electorate	Sitting Member	Contesting	Margin to Coalition
Ripon	Louise Stanley	Sarah De Santis	0.8%
Morwell	Russell Northe (Retiring)	Sheridan Bond (NAT) Mark Richards (ALP)	1.8%
South Barwon	Andrew Katos	Daren Cheeseman	2.9%
Burwood	Graham Watt	Will Fowles	3.2%

Further information

For information on the Coalition's key policy commitments, click [here](#).

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