

Barton Deakin Brief: New Coalition MPs and Senators

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The 2019 election will see twenty-seven new Coalition Parliamentarians, sixteen of whom will sit in the House of Representatives and eleven will sit in the Senate. Of the new Parliamentarians in the Lower House, there are two new Nationals MPs, three new Liberal National Party MPs and eleven new Liberal Party MPs. Of the new Parliamentarians in the Upper House, there is one new Nationals Senator, one new Country Liberal Party Senator, three new Liberal National Party Senators and six new Liberal Party Senators.

House of Representatives:

Ms Bridget Archer MP

Liberal Party

Member for Bass, Tasmania



Bridget Archer (43) won the seat of Bass over incumbent Labor MP, Ross Hart. Bridget holds the seat by 0.4 per cent and recorded a 5.9 per cent swing in her favour. Bridget is a local farmer and the Mayor of George Town on the North Coast of Tasmania. She is a graduate of the University of Tasmania and holds a Bachelor of Arts.

Ms Gladys Liu MP

Liberal Party

Member for Chisholm, Victoria



After her victory in the marginal seat of Chisholm, Gladys Liu (55) will be the first Chinese woman to sit in the Federal House of Representatives. Not expected to win after the departure of former Liberal MP Julia Banks, Gladys held the seat notwithstanding a 2.2 per cent swing against her. Born in Hong Kong, Gladys moved to Melbourne on a scholarship to study speech pathology at La Trobe University and begun her career as speech pathologist and small business owner. Gladys was also an adviser in the Victorian Parliament to Ted Baillieu in Opposition and as Premier, and



to Premier Denis Napthine. Gladys previously stood as a candidate for the Victorian Legislative Council.

Mr Dave Sharma MP

Liberal Party

Member for Wentworth, New South Wales



After the 2018 Wentworth By-election, Dave Sharma was re-endorsed for the 2019 Federal Election and won the seat of Wentworth from independent MP Kerry Phelp. Dave recorded a 2.8 per cent swing in his favour and now holds the seat of Wentworth by 1.6 per cent. At 43 years old, Dave had a successful career as an Australian diplomat serving as Australian Ambassador to Israel between 2013 and 2017. He also achieved First Class Honours in Law from the University of Cambridge.

Mr Terry Young MP

Liberal National Party

Member for Longman, Queensland



Terry Young recorded a 4.1 percent swing in his favour to win the marginal Queensland seat of Longman against incumbent Labor MP Susan Lamb. Born and raised in the suburbs of Kullunga in Moreton Bay, Terry has been a small business owner since 1992 when he opened his first business Chandlers. Terry will sit in the Liberal party room.

Dr Fiona Martin MP

Liberal Party

Member for Reid, New South Wales



Fiona Martin (41) was preselected to run for the seat following incumbent Liberal MP Craig Laundry's retirement from politics. Although suffering a slight swing against her, Fiona holds the seat by 3.2 per cent. Fiona grew up in the inner west of Sydney and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney. She then completed her specialised training at the University of North



Carolina School of Medicine and completed her PhD in Medicine (Behavioural Sciences) at the University of Sydney. Fiona is a small business owner and has practised as a psychologist focusing on children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Mr Gavin Pearce MP

Liberal Party

Member for Braddon, Tasmania



Gavin Pearce was the Liberal candidate and eventual winner of the North-Western Tasmanian seat of Braddon. Gavin holds the seat of Braddon by a margin of 3.2 per cent and recorded a 5 per cent swing in his favour. An ex-serviceman (Army), Gavin is a decorated soldier and served in the military for 20 years and is passionate about supporting veterans and their reintegration into the community. Gavin is a beef farmer and small businessman and sits as the Vice-Chair of a local farming group.

Dr Katie Allen MP

Liberal Party

Member for Higgins, Victoria



Dr Katie Allen was preselected to the seat of Higgins following the retirement of incumbent MP and Cabinet Minister Kelly O'Dwyer. She holds the in eastern Melbourne seat by a margin of 4.1 per cent. Prior to entering politics, Katie ran as the Liberal candidate for the Victorian State seat of Prahran and practised as a doctor of paediatrics at the Royal Children's hospital.

Ms Melissa McIntosh MP

Liberal Party

Member for Lindsay, New South Wales



Melissa McIntosh (41) secured a 6.4 per cent swing in her favour to claim the seat of Lindsay against Labor candidate Diane Beamer and holds the seat by 5.3 per cent. Born in Penrith, Melissa has lived in Western Sydney her entire life and has been a strong community voice. Prior to her election win, Melissa has advocated for affordable housing and homelessness in Western Sydney.



She has also worked on projects that help people in social housing access the opportunities that come with financial independence.

Mr Vince Connelly MP

Liberal Party

Member for Stirling, Western Australia



Vince Connelly (40) replaced incumbent Liberal MP and Minister Michael Keenan for the 2019 Federal Election and holds the seat by a margin of 5.8 per cent. Vince started his career in the Army and served as a platoon commander on peacekeeping missions in the Solomon Islands and East Timor. Following his retirement from the Army, Vince worked in the mining, oil and gas industries in Western Australia and was later a staff member for former Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

Mr Julian Simmonds MP

Liberal National Party

Member for Ryan, Queensland



33-year-old Julian Simmonds replaces incumbent Liberal MP Jane Prentice as the Member for Ryan following the 2019 Federal Election. Born and raised in the western suburbs of Brisbane, Julian holds the western seat of Ryan by a margin of 6.1 per cent. Julian has a Master of Journalism from the University of Queensland and sat on the Brisbane City Council since 2010. Julian will sit in the Liberal party room.

Mr James Stevens MP

Liberal Party

Member for Sturt, South Australia



Following the retirement of local MP and Minister for Defence, Christopher Pyne, 36-year-old James Stevens was preselected as the 2019 Federal Election candidate for Sturt. James holds the



seat of Sturt located in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide by a margin of 6.9 per cent and recorded a 1.6 per cent swing in his favour. Prior to entering politics, James has held management positions in the private sector at Mitchell Wool, and was the former Chief of Staff to South Australian Premier Steven Marshall.

Mr Patrick Conaghan MP

National Party

Member for Cowper, New South Wales



Pat Conaghan (47) was preselected as Nationals candidate for Cowper following incumbent MP Luke Hartsuyker's retirement from politics. Notwithstanding a strong campaign by former independent MP Rob Oakeshott, Pat was successful in retaining the seat for the Nationals, and even recorded a 2.3 per cent swing in his favour. Prior to his candidacy, Pat began his career as a local police officer and then changed career path to become a lawyer. Pat has been a strong advocate and voice for his community offering pro-bono services for women's shelters, youth groups and community legal centres.

Mr Phillip Thompson MP

Liberal National Party

Member for Herbert, Queensland



Former serviceman Phillip Thompson (30) won the marginal seat of Herbert at the 2019 Federal Election against incumbent Labor MP Cathy O'Toole. Phil recorded an 8.2 per cent swing in his favour, turning the marginal Labor seat into a safe Liberal seat. After being injured on tour in Afghanistan, Phil has dedicated his life after the Army to helping other ex-servicemen who suffer from mental illness and post-traumatic stress disorder. Phil was awarded with the 2018 Young Queenslanders of the Year award and was also awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). Phil will sit in the Liberal party room.



Ms Celia Hammond MP

Liberal Party

Member for Curtin, Western Australia



50-year-old Celia Hammond was preselected as candidate for Curtin following the retirement of incumbent MP and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop. Celia holds the safe Liberal seat by a margin of 14.5 per cent. Prior to her candidacy, Celia was the Vice Chancellor of the University of Notre Dame and before that was one of the founding faculty at the University of Fremantle's Law School.

Ms Angie Bell MP

Liberal National Party

Member for Moncrieff, Queensland



Angie Bell (51) was preselected as the candidate for Moncrieff following the resignation of incumbent Liberal National MP Steven Ciobo. Angie saw a swing of 0.8 per cent in her favour, extending the margin in Moncrieff to 15.4 per cent. Angie is a well-known marketing professional, author and small businesswoman, and has been involved in the Liberal National Party (LNP) previously serving as the President of LNP Women. Angie will sit in the Liberal party room.

Dr Anne Webster MP

National Party

Member for Mallee, Victoria



Dr Anne Webster (59) was preselected to replace Nationals MP Andrew Broad in the Victorian seat of Mallee. Following her win, Anne holds the seat by 16.5 per cent. Prior to her candidacy in the 2019 Federal Election, Anne was a vocal community advocate and founded the women's support and community group Zoe Support which provides pre-birth support for mothers. Anne has also worked for community organisations including Mallee Family Care and Mallee Support and Accommodation Program. She also holds a Bachelor of Sociology and History and a Bachelor



of Social Work (Honours) at La Trobe University. Anne completed her PhD at the Australian National University.

Senate:

Senator Hollie Hughes

Liberal Party

Senator for New South Wales



Hollie Hughes was the top Senate position on the NSW Coalition Senate ticket for the 2019 election. Prior to her preselection to the Senate, Hollie founded the Country Autism Network and ran for the NSW Senate during the 2016 Federal Election. In 2017 she was appointed to Administrative Appeals Tribunal. During the 2017 citizenship crisis, Hollie was the likely replacement for Nationals Senator Fiona Nash, however, was ruled ineligible to by the High Court of Australia despite resigning from holding office of profit under the crown.

Senator Andrew Bragg

Liberal Party

Senator for New South Wales



34-year-old Andrew Bragg was second position on the NSW Coalition Senate ticket. Prior to his candidacy, Andrew ran the Liberals & Nationals for Yes campaign during the same-sex marriage plebiscite and was the acting Federal Director of the Liberal Party. Andrew has worked at the Business Council of Australia, and the Financial Services Council of Australia. Andrew is a graduate of the Australian National University and holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business.



Senator Perin Davey

National Party

Senator for New South Wales



Perin Davey was preselected to the third spot on the Coalition Senate ticket as the lead Nationals candidate. Prior to her candidacy, Perin has worked in political advisory providing political, communications and issues management services to clients. Perin has specialist expertise in rural and regional issues, water policy, water markets and irrigation and associated industries. Perin is also an Army Reservist.

Senator Sam McMahon

Country Liberal Party

Senator for the Northern Territory



Sam McMahon was preselected as the replacement Senate candidate for retiring Northern Territory Senator Nigel Scullion. Sam has a Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Queensland and has since served as veterinarian in the Northern Territory for 30 years. Sam is a small business owner and has been a vocal voice of the community, serving as Chair and member of many local community groups. Sam also served as national director Australian Veterinary Association. Sam will sit in the Nationals party room.

Senator Paul Scarr

Liberal National Party

Senator for Queensland



Paul Scarr was the LNP lead candidate for the Senate in Queensland. Paul graduated with a Bachelor of Laws and Commerce from the University of Queensland and pursued a career as a lawyer following graduation. Paul has worked in the resources sector, serving as company secretary and general counsel for Pan Aust Limited. Paul will sit in the Liberals party room.



Senator Susan McDonald

Liberal National Party

Senator for Queensland



Susan McDonald (49) was elected as a Senator for Queensland and will be based on Townsville. Susan completed a Bachelor Commerce and Economics at the University of Queensland and is a registered accountant. Prior to her preselection, Susan was the managing director at Super Butcher and has sat on advisory councils for the meat industry. Susan will sit in the Nationals party room.

Senator Gerard Rennick

Liberal National Party

Senator for Queensland (likely)



48-year-old Gerard Rennick was the third candidate on the Liberal National Party Senate ticket and will likely be the third LNP Senator for Queensland. Born on the Darling Downs, Gerard is strong advocate for the regions. Gerard holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Queensland and Master of Taxation Law from the University of Sydney. He has since held numerous roles in financial management in a variety of industry sectors. Gerard will sit in the Liberal party room.

Senator Alex Antic

Liberal Party

Senator for South Australia (likely)



Alex Antic (45) will likely win the Liberal Party's third Senate seat for South Australia. Alex graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide and has since had a career in law. Prior to his preselection, Alex served as an Adelaide City Councillor from 2014 to 2018.



Senator Claire Chandler

Liberal Party

Senator for Tasmania



28-year-old Claire Chandler was preselected to the second position on the Liberal's Tasmanian Senate ballot. Claire has lived and worked in Tasmania her entire life and graduated from the University of Hobart with a Bachelor of Laws and Arts. Following her graduation, Claire worked as an electorate officer for former Tasmanian Senator David Bushby and at advisory firm Deloitte. She served as Federal Young Liberal President and Tasmanian Young Liberal President.

Senator David Van

Liberal Party

Senator for Victoria (likely)



David Van stood as the third Liberal candidate on the Victorian Senate ticket. A graduate of the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Applied Science, David is a small business owner and has advised clients in reputational risk management through three Royal Commissions.

Senator Matt O'Sullivan

Liberal Party

Senator for Western Australia (likely)



Matt O'Sullivan will likely be the third Western Australian Liberal to be elected to the Senate following the 2019 election. Matt began his career as a tradesman and volunteered with a youth service connected to his church. He then changed careers to work as a youth worker and since then has since been a strong local community member in WA advocating for less disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.



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