2011 State General Election

Legislative Assembly

The Distribution of Preferences shown below identifies the candidate who has won the election after a full distribution of preferences.

There may be a small variation in the votes shown in the last two candidates in this count to that shown in the Two Candidate Preferred (TCP) count. The Electoral Commissioner accepts these variations as an outcome of a manual count process where the variation has no material impact on the outcome of the election.

Preferential Count explanation

The Preferential Count page displays a progressive count where a candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and his/her ballot papers are distributed to the remaining candidates according to the next available preference shown on the ballot paper.

To be elected, a candidate must obtain more than 50% + 1 of the total formal votes in the count. First, all the number "1" votes are counted for each candidate. These are called First Preference Votes. If a candidate has more than half the total of First Preference Votes, that candidate is elected.

If no candidate has more than half of the first preferences, the candidate with the fewest votes is excluded. That candidate's votes are moved on to the other candidates according to the second preference (the 2's) shown by the voters on that candidate's ballot papers. Ballot papers which only show a first preference vote are excluded and are not considered as part of the count.

This process progresses excluding the candidate with the fewest votes until one candidate has more than half the total votes remaining in the count and is declared elected.

Distribution of Preferences Countsheet

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Electoral District: Lake Macquarie

Election Day: 26 March 2011

Current as at : 4/04/2011 19:01

Candidates	First Preference Votes (Count 1)	Count 2 — GRITTEN Kim Excluded — 1269 Votes — VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	Count 3 — ECKERSLEY Charmian Excluded — 3140 Votes — VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	Count 4 — MARIANI Marcus Excluded — 8911 Votes — VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	Votes — VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS
ECKERSLEY Charmian (The Greens)	3,094	46	3,140						
McDONALD John (Liberal)	12,644	333	12,977	248	13,225	508	13,733		
GRITTEN Kim (Christian Democratic Party)	1,269								
MARIANI Marcus (Labor)	8,385	58	8,443	468	8,911				
PIPER Greg (Independent)	19,678	270	19,948	1,010	20,958	4,398	25,356	ELECTED	
Total Formal Votes	45,070	707	44,508	1,726	43,094	4,906	39,089		
Exhausted Votes		562	562	1,414	1,976	4,005	5,981		
Total Informal Votes	1,392		1,392		1,392		1,392		
Total Votes	46,462	1269	46462	3140	46462	8911	46462		

Absolute Majority: 22,536 | 22,255 | 21,548 | 19,545

Congratulations, distribution complete.

PIPER Greg (Independent) will be elected provided no recount required.

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