

## 2011 State General Election

### Legislative Assembly

The Distribution of Preferences shown below identifies the candidate who has won the election after the first preference count.

A full distribution of preferences was not undertaken and it is not possible to definitively state which two candidates would be the last two candidates in the count, should a distribution of preferences have been undertaken. The Two Candidate Preferred (TCP) count can only be taken as a definitive distribution if the minor candidates have insufficient votes to change the TCP candidate selection.

#### **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

Electoral District	Upper Hunter
Election Day:	26 March 2011

Current as at :  
5/04/2011 16:39

Candidates	Count 1		Votes		Votes		Votes		Votes		Votes		Votes	
	First Preference Votes	VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	
GIBBONS Michael (Country Labor)	8,047													
DUDDY Tim (Independent)	8,653													
COWLEY Fred (Christian Democratic Party)	1,109													
SOURIS George (Nationals)	24,555		<b>ELECTED</b>											
PARKER Chris (The Greens)	2,563													
Total Formal Votes	44,927													
Exhausted Votes														
Total Informal Votes	1,276													
Total Votes	46,203													

Absolute Majority: 22,464

Congratulations, distribution complete.

SOURIS George (Nationals) will be elected  
provided no recount required.

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