

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

Electoral District	Newcastle
Election Day:	26 March 2011

Current as at :
4/04/2011 18:32

Candidates	Count 1	Count 2		Count 3		Count 4		Count 5		Count 6		Count 7			
		HOLT Noel		CAINE Milton		ALCORN Zane		NOBLE Rod		TATE John		SUTTON John			
	First Preference Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Votes	
McKAY Jodi (Labor)	13,417	7	13,424	38	13,462	60	13,522	179	13,701	688	14,389	3,070	17,459		
SUTTON John (The Greens)	6,510	21	6,531	13	6,544	267	6,811	375	7,186	453	7,639				
TATE John (Independent)	5,067	6	5,073	50	5,123	37	5,160	172	5,332						
HOLT Noel	189														
ALCORN Zane (Socialist Alliance)	700	25	725	6	731										
OWEN Tim (Liberal)	16,072	14	16,086	129	16,215	27	16,242	109	16,351	1,873	18,224	1,113	19,337		ELECTED
CAINE Milton (Christian Democratic Party)	496	4	500												
NOBLE Rod (Independent)	1,372	18	1,390	23	1,413	73	1,486								
Total Formal Votes	43,823	95	43,729	259	43,488	464	43,221	835	42,570	3,014	40,252	4,183	36,796		
Exhausted Votes		94	94	241	335	267	602	651	1,253	2,318	3,571	3,456	7,027		
Total Informal Votes	1,264		1,264		1,264		1,264		1,264		1,264		1,264		
Total Votes	45,087	189	45087	500	45087	731	45087	1486	45087	5332	45087	7639	45087		

Absolute Majority:	21,912	21,865	21,745	21,611	21,286	20,127	18,399	
--------------------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--

Congratulations, distribution complete.

OWEN Tim (Liberal) will be elected
provided no recount required.

Returning Officer Signature

Date

Scrutineer Signature

Scrutineer Signature

Scrutineer Signature

Scrutineer Signature