

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	Cessnock
Election Day:	26 March 2011

Current as at :
8/11/2011 11:50

Candidates	First Preference Votes	Count 1		Count 2		Count 3		Count 4		Count 5		Count 6			
		RILEY Wayne		McCUDDEN Allan		STAPLEFORD Allan		RYAN James		TROY Dale					
		Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Excluded	Votes	Votes	Votes
RILEY Wayne (Christian Democratic Party)	1,598														
DAVEY Alison (Nationals)	11,309	414	11,723	550	12,273	253	12,526	261	12,787	2,900	15,687				
STAPLEFORD Allan (Independent)	2,297	97	2,394	164	2,558										
BARR Clayton (Country Labor)	15,812	66	15,878	113	15,991	215	16,206	474	16,680	1,999	18,679		ELECTED		
McCUDDEN Allan (Independent)	2,284	43	2,327												
TROY Dale (Independent)	8,640	74	8,714	317	9,031	465	9,496	1,192	10,688						
RYAN James (The Greens)	3,913	45	3,958	57	4,015	82	4,097								
Total Formal Votes	45,853	739	44,994	1,201	43,868	1,015	42,325	1,927	40,155	4,899	34,366				
Exhausted Votes		859	859	1,126	1,985	1,543	3,528	2,170	5,698	5,789	11,487				
Total Informal Votes	2,240		2,240		2,240		2,240		2,240		2,240				
Total Votes	48,093	1598	48093	2327	48093	2558	48093	4097	48093	10688	48093				

Absolute Majority:	22,927	22,498	21,935	21,163	20,078	17,184		
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Congratulations, distribution complete.

BARR Clayton (Country Labor) will be elected provided no recount required.

Returning Officer Signature	Date
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