

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.

Although a full distribution of preferences was not undertaken for this election, the final distribution of votes to the last two candidates in the count is as shown in the Two Candidate Preferred (TCP) count. The TCP count can be taken as a definitive distribution as 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	Port Stephens
Election Day:	26 March 2011

Current as at :
4/04/2011 15:18

Candidates	First Preference Votes	Votes		Votes		Votes		Votes		Votes		Votes		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	VOTES DISTRIBUTED	PROGRESSIVE TOTALS
STEPHENS Liz (The Greens)	4,062														
WASHINGTON Kate (Labor)	12,781														
STOKES Christopher (Family First)	1,018														
BAUMANN Craig (Liberal)	22,956		ELECTED												
HENNELLY Paul (The Fishing Party)	3,002														
GRAYSON Julian (Christian Democratic Party)	1,083														
Total Formal Votes	44,902														
Exhausted Votes															
Total Informal Votes	1,349														
Total Votes	46,251														

Absolute Majority: 22,452

Congratulations, distribution complete.

BAUMANN Craig (Liberal) will be elected
provided no recount required.

Returning Officer Signature: _____ Date: / /

Scrutineer Signature: _____

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