

Fisher By-election; Weatherill Government secures majority

December 2014

On Saturday 6 December a by-election was held for the South Australian seat of Fisher. At the by-election, Labor candidate Nat Cook was elected. As a consequence, the South Australian Labor Government now holds a majority in the House of Assembly, and retains the support of two independents.

Background

On 15 March 2014 the South Australian state election was held. At the election, the Weatherill Labor Government was returned with the support of two independents: Member for Frome the Hon Geoff Brock MP and Member for Fisher the Hon Dr Bob Such MP.

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the 2014 South Australian state election is available [here](#).

On 27 May 2014, Liberal MP and former Leader of the SA Liberals the Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP resigned from the SA Liberals and joined the Weatherill Labor cabinet. As a consequence, the Weatherill Labor Government secured the support of a third independent.

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on changes to the Weatherill Labor cabinet is available [here](#).

2014 By-election

In October 2014, Independent Dr Bob Such MP passed away. As a result, a by-election for the seat of Fisher was held on Saturday 6 December.

In the first count Labor candidate Nat Cook finished 23 votes ahead of Liberal candidate Heidi Harris.

On Monday 15 December a recount of was held. In the second count, Labor candidate Nat Cook finished 9 votes ahead of Liberal candidate Heidi Harris, delivering Labor its 24th seat and a majority in the House of Assembly.

This result represents a 9 per cent swing to Labor, which is in its fourth term of Government in South Australia.

The full results are available on the South Australian Electoral Commission's website [here](#).