Mr Adam Bandt MP

Greens Spokesperson for Employment & Workplace Relations; Emergency Services; Banking; Innovation & Industry, including High Speed Rail; Science & Research; Assisting on Climate and Energy; and House of Representatives Reform
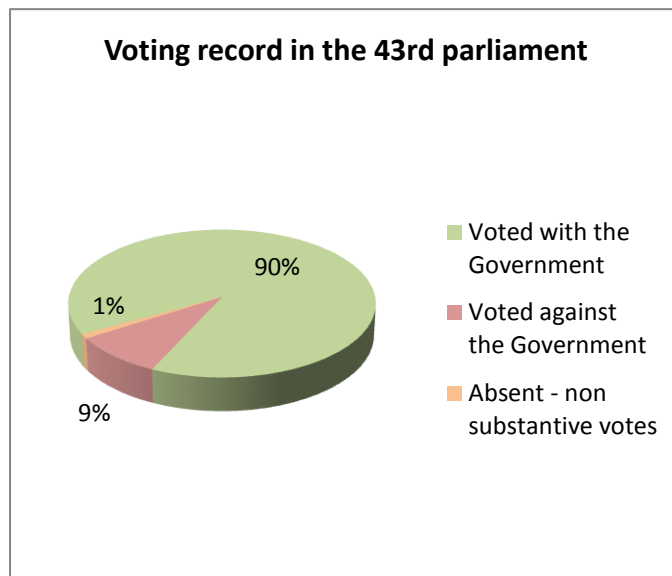
Greens Member for Melbourne

Adam Bandt was born in Adelaide in 1972 but grew up in Perth. He gained degrees in Arts and Law from Murdoch University before moving to Melbourne, where he eventually studied for his PhD at Monash University.

Adam worked as a solicitor and later a partner in the industrial relations unit at Slater & Gordan from 1997-2008, where he led cases on behalf of the Textiles Workers Union and Electrical Trades Union. From 2008-10 he worked as a barrister.

In 2009, Adam was National Convenor of the Australian Greens Party.

Adam unsuccessfully contested the seat of Melbourne at the 2007 election against sitting Labor Member Lindsay Tanner. In 2008, he unsuccessfully ran for Lord Mayor of the Melbourne City Council. Adam was elected to the seat of Melbourne at the 2010 election, the first member of the Australian Greens to be elected to the House of Representatives. Following the 2010 election, The Australian Greens made an agreement to support the Gillard Labor Government. The agreement is available here.

Adam lives in Parkville with his partner.

Voting record in the 43rd parliament

90%

1%

9%

- Voted with the Government
- Voted against the Government
- Absent - non substantive votes

Mr Tony Crook MP

WA Nationals Member for O'Connor

Tony Crook was born in Merredin, Western Australia in 1959, where his family were pioneer farmers in the Eastern Wheatbelt. On completion of his schooling, Tony went to work on the family's sheep station 'Woolibar Station' outside of Kalgoorlie, taking over ownership and management of it in 1982.

For the past ten years, Tony has served as Chairman of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Operations Board, including three years as National President. In 2004, he was awarded a Centenary Medal for Services to Emergency Medicine and Life Membership of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
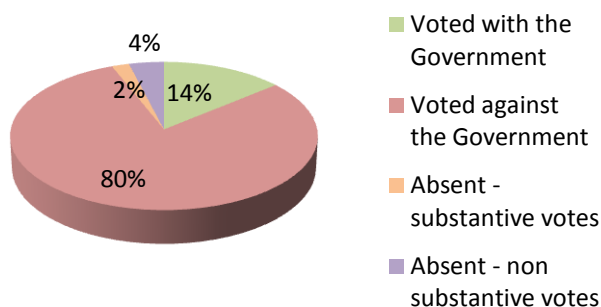
In 2006, Tony and his wife Karen sold 'Woolibar Station' and moved to Kalgoorlie, where Tony worked in a pastoral and management business with his brother.

Since 2007, Tony has served as President of the Kalgoorlie branch of the Nationals.

Following his election to the seat of O'Connor in 2010, Tony stated his intention to oppose a Labor Government based on his opposition to the proposed mining tax, but maintained that he would sit as a crossbencher in the House of Representatives, representing the interests of regional Western Australia.

Tony and his wife have three adult daughters.

Voting record in the 43rd parliament

- 14% Voted with the Government
- 80% Voted against the Government
- 2% Absent - substantive votes
- 4% Absent - non substantive votes

The Hon. Bob Katter MP

Independent Member for Kennedy

Robert (Bob) Katter was born in 1945 in Cloncurry. He studied law at the University of Queensland but left before finishing his degree, and served as a Second Lieutenant in the Citizens Military Force.
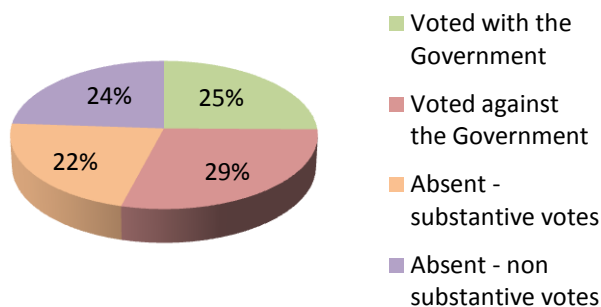
Bob worked as a labourer, in insurance, and in small mining interests before being elected to the Queensland Parliament as the Country Party (later the National Party) Member for Flinders in 1974. From 1983-87, Bob served as the Minister for Northern Development and also for Aboriginal and Islander Affairs in the Bjelke-Petersen Government.

In 1992, Bob resigned from the Seat of Flinders, and in 1993 switched to Federal politics, contesting the seat of Kennedy, which his father, Bob Katter Senior, had held from 1966-90. In 2001, he resigned from the National Party and contested Kennedy as an Independent.

With the 2010 election resulting in a hung parliament, Bob entered into negotiations with both major parties, releasing a list of 20 key policy points of concern to him, available here. However he chose not to give support to either major party. In 2011, he set up his own party called Katter's Australian Party.

Bob lives in Charters Towers and is married to Susie.

Voting record in the 43rd parliament

- 25% Voted with the Government
- 29% Voted against the Government
- 22% Absent - substantive votes
- 24% Absent - non substantive votes

Mr Robert Oakeshott MP

Independent Member for Lyne

Rob Oakeshott was born in Lismore in 1969. He gained an Arts degree with Honours in Government from Sydney University.
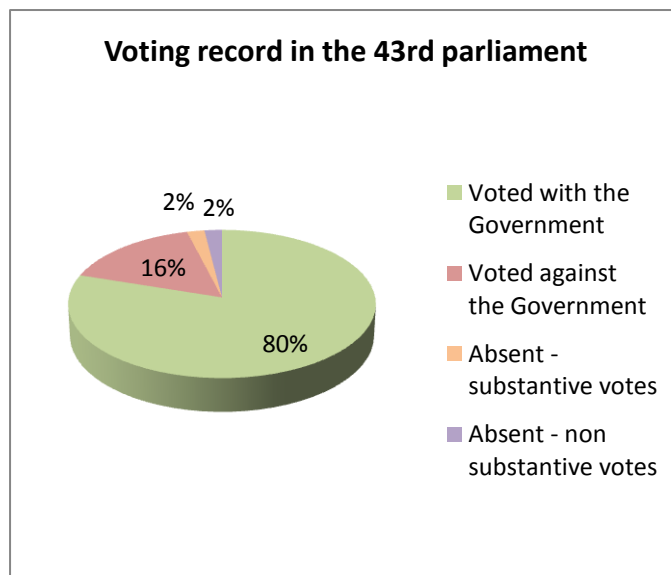
From 1992-93, Rob worked for the lobbying firm Resolutions, before joining the office of National Party Leader The Hon. Mark Vaile MP as a media officer in 1993. At a by-election in 1996, Rob was elected to the NSW Legislative Assembly in the seat of Port Macquarie as a member of the National Party. At the age of 25, he was the youngest member of the NSW Parliament. During his time as a NSW Parliamentarian, Rob completed a Law Degree at Macquarie University.

In 2002, Rob resigned from the National Party and from his Shadow Ministry portfolio. At the 2003 NSW election, he retained his seat as an Independent candidate.

Following the 2007 defeat of the Howard Government and the 2008 resignation of Mark Vaile from the seat of Lyne, Rob resigned as the NSW Member for Port Macquarie to contest Lyne in a by-election. He won the seat, and retained it at the 2010 election.

With the 2010 election resulting in a hung parliament, Rob gave his support to the Gillard Labor Government, along with fellow Independent MP Tony Windsor. The agreement they made is available here. Together with Windsor and Members of the Australian Greens, Rob was a member of the Government's Multi-Party Climate Change Committee.

Rob is married to Sara-Jane and they have four young children.

Voting record in the 43rd parliament

- Voted with the Government — 80%
- Voted against the Government — 16%
- Absent - substantive votes — 2%
- Absent - non substantive votes — 2%

Mr Andrew Wilkie MP

Independent Member for Denison

Andrew Wilkie was born in 1961 in Tamworth. He was a cadet at the Royal Military College, Duntroon from 1980-84 and gained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New South Wales.

From 1984-2001 Andrew served as an Infantry Officer in the Australian Army where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and was seconded to the Office of National Assessments (ONA) in 1999. He also holds a Graduate Diploma of Management and a Graduate Diploma of Defence Studies.
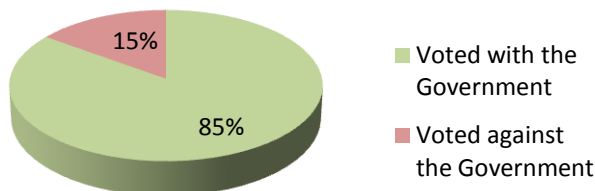
Apart from a brief stint with defence company Raytheon in 2000-01, from 1999-2003 Andrew worked for the ONA. In 2003, he resigned in protest over the Iraq war, accusing the Howard Government of misleading the public. His book on the subject *Axis of deceit* was published in 2004.

In 2004, Andrew unsuccessfully ran as a candidate for the Greens against Prime Minister Howard in the seat of Bennelong. In 2007, he unsuccessfully ran as a candidate on the Greens Tasmanian Senate ticket, but left the party in 2008. At the 2010 Tasmanian election, Andrew unsuccessfully contested the seat of Denison as an Independent. He was subsequently successful in gaining the Federal seat of Denison at the Federal election later that year.

With the 2010 election resulting in a hung parliament, Andrew gave his support to the Gillard Labor Government. His agreement with the Government is available here. Andrew's support is conditional upon the Government's implementation of mandatory pre-commitment technology on poker machines to fight problem gambling.

Andrew lives in Sandy Bay with his wife Kate and their two young daughters.

Voting record in the 43rd parliament

- 15% — Voted against the Government
- 85% — Voted with the Government

Mr Tony Windsor MP

Independent Member for New England

Tony Windsor was born in Quirindi in 1950, and has lived on his family property 'Cintra' near Werris Creek since childhood. He completed his secondary schooling in Tamworth before gaining a Bachelor of Economics from the University of New England in Armidale.

In 1991, Tony was elected as an Independent candidate to the NSW Legislative Assembly in the seat of Tamworth. With three other Independents, he held the balance of power in the Assembly, eventually supporting a Liberal/National Coalition Government.

In 2001, Tony resigned from the NSW Parliament and successfully contested the Federal seat of New England, again as an Independent. He was re-elected at the 2004, 2007 and 2010 elections.

With the 2010 election resulting in a hung parliament, Tony gave his support to the Gillard Labor Government, along with fellow Independent MP Rob Oakeshott. The agreement they made is available here. Together with Oakeshott and Members of the Australian Greens, Tony was a member of the Government's Multi-Party Climate Change Committee.

Tony and his wife Lyn have three children.

Voting record in the 43rd parliament

- 2%
- 8%
- 14%
- 76%

- Voted with the Government
- Voted against the Government
- Absent - substantive votes
- Absent - non substantive votes