

## Northern Territory Election Update

August 2016

The Northern Territory election will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016 under a fixed four year term arrangement. The Northern Territory has one house of parliament the Legislative Assembly, consisting of 25 seats.

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### Current Parliament of the Northern Territory

Currently the Country Liberal Party (CLP) hold Government with 9 members; Labor holding 7, and Independents making up the remaining 7 seats. Five of the current Independents in Parliament were CLP candidates at the time of the last election in 2012, and since have disaffected from the CLP.

### Election outcome

The election is expected to see a change of government from CLP to Labor, with Labor forecast to win up to 11 additional seats, and the CLP forecast to hold as little as 2-4 seats post-election.

The election will see Optional Preferential Voting introduced in the Territory for the first time. Due to the small number of voters in each seat (5000 approx.) Optional Preferential Voting is expected to create some volatility in seats with multiple candidates.

### Candidates

A total of 115 candidates are campaigning for a seat, with one candidate from Labor and the Country Liberal Party in each of the 25 electorates. There are 39 Independents running with the remaining candidates consisting of the 1 Territory Party (13 candidates), Northern Territory Greens (6 candidates), Citizens Electoral Council (NT Division) (4 candidates), Shooters and Fishers Party (2 candidates) and one candidate with no affiliation on the ballot paper.

| Seat           | Candidates                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Current polling/market projection |
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| <b>Arafura</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Francis Xavier KURRUPUWU, CLP (incumbent 2.4%)</li> <li>Jon LOTU, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>Tristan MUNGATOPI, Independent</li> <li>Lawrence COSTA, ALP</li> </ol> | ALP gain                          |



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| <b>Araluen</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Robyn LAMBLEY, Independent (incumbent 20%, CLP at time of last election)</li><li>2. Adam FINDLAY, ALP</li><li>3. Stephen BROWN, CLP</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                        | Independent hold (gain from traditionally CLP held seat) |
| <b>Arnhem</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Larisa LEE, Independent (incumbent 4.3%, CLP at time of last election)</li><li>2. Selena UIBO, ALP</li><li>3. Lance LAWRENCE, Independent</li><li>4. James GAYKAMANGU, 1 Territory Party</li><li>5. Ian GUMBULA, CLP</li></ol>                                                                                       | ALP gain                                                 |
| <b>Barkly</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gerry McCARTHY, ALP (incumbent 7.6%)</li><li>2. Elliot McADAM, Independent (former Labor member and Minister)</li><li>3. Tony JACK, CLP</li><li>4. Jack GREEN, Independent</li></ol>                                                                                                                                 | ALP hold                                                 |
| <b>Blain</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Marie-Clare BOOTHBY, CLP (new member in CLP seat 15.1% at by-election, current member not re-contesting seat)</li><li>2. Gregory John KNOWLES, Independent</li><li>3. Damian HALE, ALP (former Federal Member for Solomon)</li><li>4. Terry MILLS, Independent (former CLP member and Chief Minister)</li></ol>      | ALP gain                                                 |
| <b>Braitling</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Adam GILES, CLP (incumbent 19.6%, CLP Chief Minister)</li><li>2. Dale WAKEFIELD, ALP</li><li>3. Eli MELKY, Independent</li><li>4. Dalton DUPUY, Greens</li><li>5. Alfred GOULD, Independent</li><li>6. Jane CLARK, Independent</li><li>7. Phil WALCOTT, Independent</li></ol>                                        | CLP hold                                                 |
| <b>Brennan</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Peter CHANDLER, CLP (incumbent 14%)</li><li>2. Dorothy FOX, 1 Territory Party</li><li>3. Tony SIEVERS, ALP</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CLP hold                                                 |
| <b>Casuarina</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Lauren MOSS, ALP (incumbent 8.9% at by-election)</li><li>2. Giovanna WEBB, CLP</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ALP hold                                                 |
| <b>Daly</b>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gary HIGGINS, CLP (incumbent 5.2%)</li><li>2. Allan Arthur MCKAY, Independent</li><li>3. Anthony VENES, ALP</li><li>4. Joan GROWDEN, 1 Territory Party</li><li>5. Ian Robert BARRY, Citizens Electoral Council (NT Division)</li><li>6. Regina McCARTHY, Independent</li><li>7. Thong Sum LEE, Independent</li></ol> | ALP gain                                                 |

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|                   | 8. Kevin WANGANEEN, Independent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                          |
| <b>Drysdale</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ben HOSKING, CLP (new member in CLP seat 11.5% CLP, current CLP member contesting new seat of Spillet)</li> <li>2. Lyle MACKAY, Independent</li> <li>3. David CARTWRIGHT, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>4. Hayden BRAY, Greens</li> <li>5. Eva LAWLER, ALP</li> <li>6. Margy KERLE, Independent</li> </ol>                                                     | ALP gain                                                 |
| <b>Fannie Bay</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Michael GUNNER, ALP ( incumbent 6.4%, Opposition Leader)</li> <li>2. Greg STRETTLES, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>3. Karen BROWN, CLP</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ALP hold                                                 |
| <b>Fong Lim</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tim DIXON, CLP (new member in CLP held seat 0.02%, current member Dave Tollner not preselected)</li> <li>2. Jeff COLLINS, ALP</li> <li>3. Sue FRASER-ADAMS, 1 Territory Party (formerly CLP Party president)</li> <li>4. Ilana ELDRIDGE, Independent</li> </ol>                                                                                             | ALP gain                                                 |
| <b>Goyder</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kezia PURICK, Independent (incumbent 16%, formerly CLP)</li> <li>2. Carolyn REYNOLDS, CLP</li> <li>3. Billee MCGINLEY, Greens</li> <li>4. Mick TAYLOR, ALP</li> <li>5. Peter Flynn, Citizens Electoral Council (NT Division)</li> </ol>                                                                                                                     | Independent hold (gain from traditionally CLP held seat) |
| <b>Johnson</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ken VOWLES, ALP (incumbent 6.6%)</li> <li>2. Melanie ROSS, Greens</li> <li>3. Steven KLOSE, CLP</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ALP hold                                                 |
| <b>Karama</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delia LAWRIE, Independent (incumbent 6.4%, former ALP leader was replaced by Michael Gunner)</li> <li>2. Edward D SOLO, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>3. Trevor JENKINS, (no affiliation identified)</li> <li>4. Sonja JEBBINK, Independent</li> <li>5. Ngaree Jane AH KIT, ALP</li> <li>6. Jarred ILETT, CLP</li> <li>7. Jimmy GIMINI, Independent</li> </ol> | ALP gain                                                 |
| <b>Katherine</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Willem WESTRA VAN HOLTHE, CLP (incumbent 22.3%)</li> <li>2. Dean Maxwell DAVID, Independent</li> <li>3. Sandra NELSON, ALP</li> <li>4. Leon CELLIER, Independent</li> <li>5. Braedon EARLEY, 1 Territory Party</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                   | CLP hold                                                 |

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|                    | 6. Chris RIGHTON, Shooters and Fishers Party                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Namatjira</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chansey PAECH, ALP</li> <li>2. Vincent FORRESTER, Greens</li> <li>3. Heidi WILLIAMS, CLP</li> <li>4. Alan KEELING, Independent</li> </ol> <p>Seat previously held by retiring MP Alison Anderson 22.8% who originally won the seat under the ALP, later became an Independent, CLP, and PUP member before becoming an Independent again.</p> | ALP gain         |
| <b>Nelson</b>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gerry WOOD, Independent (incumbent 9.2 %)</li> <li>2. Brigid McCULLOUGH, Citizens Electoral Council (NT Division)</li> <li>3. Kirsty HUNT, ALP</li> <li>4. Marty REINHOLD, Shooters and Fishers Party</li> <li>5. Gerard MALEY, CLP</li> </ol>                                                                                               | Independent hold |
| <b>Nhulunbuy</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lynne WALKER, ALP (incumbent 13.7%)</li> <li>2. Jackson ANNI, Independent</li> <li>3. Charlie YUNUPINGU, CLP</li> <li>4. Yingiya Mark GUYULA, Independent</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                         | ALP hold         |
| <b>Nightcliff</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Natasha FYLES, ALP (incumbent 9.2%)</li> <li>2. Matt HAUBRICK, Greens</li> <li>3. Ted DUNSTAN, CLP</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ALP hold         |
| <b>Port Darwin</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rohan KELLY, CLP (current CLP member not recontesting seat 9.2%)</li> <li>2. Carol PHAYER, Independent</li> <li>3. Paul KIRBY, ALP</li> <li>4. Matthew BAKER, Independent</li> <li>5. David CAMERON, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>6. Kenneth WU, Independent</li> </ol>                                                                        | ALP gain         |
| <b>Sanderson</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peter STYLES, CLP (incumbent 3.2%)</li> <li>2. Kate WORDEN, ALP</li> <li>3. Andrew John ARTHUR, Independent</li> <li>4. Trudi ANDERSSON, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>5. Thomas LYNCH, Independent</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                  | ALP gain         |
| <b>Spillet</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jeff NORTON, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>2. Phil TILBROOK, ALP</li> <li>3. Lia FINOCCHIARO, CLP</li> <li>4. Trudy CAMPBELL, Citizens Electoral Council (NT Division)</li> <li>5. Richard SMITH, Independent</li> <li>6. Sonia MACKAY, Independent</li> </ol>                                                                                  | CLP (new seat)   |
| <b>Stuart</b>      | 1. Bess Nungarrayi PRICE, CLP (incumbent 5.5%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ALP gain         |

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|                           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Andi BRACEY, 1 Territory Party</li> <li>3. Scott McCONNELL, ALP</li> <li>4. Maurie Japarta RYAN, Independent</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
| <b>Wanguri</b>            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nicole MANISON, ALP (incumbent 6.9%)</li> <li>2. Steven DOHERTY, CLP</li> <li>3. Shauna MOUNSEY, Independent</li> <li>4. Jan PILE, Independent</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                 | ALP hold |
| <b>Projected result*:</b> | ALP – 18 seats<br>CLP – 4 seats<br>Independents – 3 seats<br>*Due to the small size of seats and the difficulty in polling, predicted results in the Northern Territory are limited in their accuracy. It is collectively speculated that the CLP will hold more seats than currently projected, possibly up to 8 seats (although not enough to retain government). |          |

### History: Elections 1974-2012

| Election        | CLP | ALP | Independent/Other |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| 19 October 1974 | 17  | -   | 2                 |
| 13 August 1977  | 12  | 6   | 1                 |
| 7 June 1980     | 11  | 7   | 1                 |
| 3 December 1983 | 19  | 6   | -                 |
| 7 March 1987    | 16  | 6   | 3                 |
| 27 October 1990 | 13  | 9   | 2                 |
| 4 June 1994     | 17  | 7   | 1                 |
| 38 August 1997  | 18  | 7   | -                 |
| 18 August 2001  | 10  | 13  | 2                 |
| 18 June 2005    | 4   | 19  | 2                 |
| 9 August 2008   | 11  | 13  | 1                 |
| 25 August 2012  | 16  | 8   | 1                 |

### Leaders

#### Chief Minister the Hon Adam Giles MP

The Hon Adam Giles replaced the Hon Terry Mills as leader of the Country Liberal Party on 13 March 2013.

Mr Giles was elected to the Alice Spring-based seat of Braitling at the 2008 election.

Prior to becoming Chief Minister, Mr Giles was the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government.

Giles was born in the Blue Mountains. He started his career in the public sector, later moving to Canberra to work as a social and economic policy advisor for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.





Mr Giles' policy interests include infrastructure development in the Northern Territory, sustainability and ensuring that the Northern Territory is a commercial hub that connects the Australian economy with Asia.

Giles is the first head of government in Australia to have Indigenous Australian ancestry.

**Opposition Leader the Hon Michael Gunner MP**

The Hon Michael Gunner was elected Labor leader on 19 April 2015.

Mr Gunner was elected to the Darwin-based seat of Fannie Bay in 2008. He is currently the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Major Projects, Northern Australia Development, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Open and Transparent Government and Business.



Mr Gunner is a fourth generation Territorian who was born in Alice Springs, went to primary school in Tennant Creek, and graduated from Charles Darwin University. He was involved in student politics and served as policy advisor to, then Chief Minister, Claire Martin. When Ms Martin retired in 2008, Mr Gunner took over the seat of Fannie Bay.

**More information**

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