

2017 Northcote By-election and composition of Victorian Parliament

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On Saturday 18 November 2017 a By-election in the inner-northern metropolitan District of Northcote was held following the death of the incumbent Member, Labor's Fiona Richardson.

Results

The Greens' Party candidate Lidia Thorpe defeated Labor's candidate Clare Burns, with a two-party-preferred result of 55.63%-44.37%. The result ended Labor incumbency in Northcote which has existed since the electorate's inception. The Liberal Party did not field a candidate.

The primary votes for each party are detailed below, with swing from the 2014 Election in brackets:

Greens	Labor	Fontana (Ind.)	Liberal Democrats	Chipp (Ind.)	Animal Justice	Cooper (Ind.)
45.27% (+8.99%)	35.36% (-5.62%)	5.18% (-)	4.07% (-)	3.21% (-)	2.18% (+0.44)	1.22% (-)

Composition of Victorian Parliament

Legislative Assembly

The result in Northcote increases the Greens' representation in the 88-seat Legislative Assembly to three seats. The Government continues to hold a majority in the Assembly with the vote of the Speaker. It is also supported by the vote of the Member for Melton, Don Nardella, formerly a member of the Parliamentary Labor Party. The other two independents are Suzanna Sheed (Shepparton) and former National Party MP Russell Northe (Morwell).

The current composition of the Victorian Legislative Assembly is detailed below:

Labor	Coalition	Greens	Independents
45	37	3	3

Legislative Council

The By-election result does not alter the composition of the Legislative Council, where the Government requires seven additional votes in addition to its own 14 in order to achieve an absolute majority.

The current composition of the Victorian Legislative Council is detailed below:

Labor	Coalition	Greens	Shooters & Fishers	Australian Conservatives	Sex Party (Reason)	Local Jobs
14	16	5	2	1	1	1

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