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Government Relations Strategy

Northern Territory election outcome

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On 22 August 2020 Northern Territory Labor was returned to Government, having won a majority of seats in the Northern Territory (NT) Parliament.

On Monday 7 September the Chief Minister announced the composition of the new Ministry.

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Northern Territory Ministry

MICHAEL GUNNER – CHIEF MINISTER

Treasurer
Minister for Major Projects and Territory
Economic Reconstruction
Minister for Strategic Defence Relations

NICOLE MANISON – DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency
Services
Minister for Mining and Industry
Minister for Northern Australia and Trade
Minister for Defence Industries
Minister for Agribusiness and Aquaculture
Minister for International Education

NATASHA FYLES – LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Minister for Health
Minister for Tourism and Hospitality
Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing
Minister for Alcohol Policy
Minister for Major Events
Minister for National Resilience

EVA LAWLER

Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and
Logistics
Minister for Renewables and Energy
Minister for Environment
Minister for Water Security
Minister for Climate Change
Minister for Essential Services

LAUREN MOSS

Minister for Education
Minister for Children
Minister for Youth
Minister for Seniors
Minister for Women

SELENA UIBO

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making
Minister for Parks and Rangers

PAUL KIRBY

Minister for Small Business
Minister for Jobs and Training
Minister for Corporate and Digital
Development
Minister for Public Employment
Minister for Veterans Affairs
Minister for Recreational Fishing

KATE WORDEN

Minister for Territory Families and Urban
Housing
Minister for Disabilities
Minister for Sport
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

CHANSEY PAECH

Minister for Local Government
Minister for Central Australia Economic
Reconstruction
Minister for Remote Housing and Town
Camps
Minister for Indigenous Essential Services
Minister for Arts and Culture

Results

A breakdown of the results is as follows:

| Party | Current seat number | Gain/loss | Primary vote | Swing |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------|
| Australian Labor Party (ALP) | 14 | A net loss of 3 seats, with a state-wide swing of -2.9% (primary). | 39.4% | -2.8% |
| Country Liberal Party (CLP) | 8 | A net gain of 5 seats, with a swing of -0.2%. | 31.3% | -0.6% |
| Independents | 2 | | (included under 'other' below) | |
| Territory Alliance | 1 | | 12.9% | +10.0% |
| Greens | 0 | Swing of 1.4% per cent (primary) to the Greens. | +1.4% | |

Key influencing factors:

Territory Labor ran a campaign on its record of a decisive and successful health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Labor campaign focussed on delivering an economic and health recovery from the pandemic, making the point that a strong health response allowed for a strong economic response.

Territory Alliance ran a campaign for change, reform of cannabis and vape laws, and a ban on fracking, a position that was a reversal of past support for fracking. The Greens appear to have benefited from the elevated discussion of fracking and environmental issues.

The CLP ran its campaign on crime and what it alleged were poor economic indicators.

Seat by seat results

| Member elected | Electorate | Party | Change of seat |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|--|
| Lawrence Costa | Arafura | ALP | ALP retain |
| Robyn Lambley | Araluen | TA | TA retain |
| Selena Uiobo | Arnhem | ALP | ALP retain |
| Steven Edgington | Barkly | CLP | CLP gain |
| Mark Turner | Blain | ALP | ALP gain |
| Joshua Burgoyne | Braitling | CLP | CLP gain |
| Marie-Clare Boothby | Brennan | CLP | CLP gain |
| Lauren Moss | Casuarina | ALP | ALP retain |
| Ian Sloan | Daly | CLP | CLP retain, new MP |
| Eva Lawler | Drysdale | ALP | ALP retain |
| Michael Gunner | Fannie Bay | ALP | ALP retain |
| Mark Monaghan | Fong Lim | ALP | ALP retain, new MP |
| Kezia Purick | Goyder | IND | IND retain |
| Joel Bowden | Johnston | ALP | ALP retain |
| Ngaree Ah Kit | Karama | ALP | ALP retain |
| Jo Hersey | Katherine | CLP | CLP gain |
| Chansey Peach | Gwoja | ALP | ALP retain, significant redistribution |
| Bill Yan | Namatjia | CLP | CLP gain |
| Gerald Maley | Nelson | CLP | CLP gain |
| Yingiya Mark Guyula | Mulka | IND | IND retain |
| Natasha Fyles | Nightcliff | ALP | ALP retain |
| Paul Kirby | Port Darwin | ALP | ALP retain |
| Kate Worden | Sanderson | ALP | ALP retain |

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|-----------------|----------|-----|------------|
| Lia Finocchiaro | Spillett | CLP | CLP retain |
| Nicole Manison | Wanguri | ALP | ALP retain |

History of Elections 1997-20126

The following table represents the voting trend in NT elections between 1997 and 2016. The Number of seats won by Parties and Independents include:

| Party | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 | 2008 | 2012 | 2016 | 2020 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ALP | 7 | 13 | 19 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 14 |
| Country Liberal | 18 | 10 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 2 | 8 |
| Independents | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 |

Notable seats

- The seat of Blain was gained by the ALP; the seat was held by Territory Alliance leader Terry Mills by a margin of 1.4%.
- Labor MP Chansey Peach held the seat of Gwoja, previously Stuart, which had a significant redistribution.

Chief Minister– The Hon Michael Gunner MP

The Hon Michael Gunner was elected as NT Chief Minister on 27 August 2016.

Mr Gunner was elected to the Darwin-based seat of Fannie Bay in 2008 and became NT Opposition Leader on 19 April 2015.

He is the formerly held the portfolios of of 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.

Mr Gunner is the first Territorian born Chief Minister.