

Current composition of the Australian Parliament (as of 07/01/2022)

# House of Representatives:

Coalition	Labor	Greens		Centre Alliance	Independents
76	68	1	1	1	4

- On 4 July 2020, a by-election in Eden-Monaro (NSW) saw the retired Labor MP Mike Kelly replaced by Kristy McBain (ALP).
- On 4 July 2020, a by-election in Groom (Qld) saw the retired LNP MP Dr John McVeigh replaced by Garth Hamilton (LNP).
- On 24 February 2021, Craig Kelly MP (NSW) resigned from the Liberal Party to sit on the crossbench as an independent. In August 2021, he joined the United Australia Party and has indicated he will run for re-election as a member of UAP in the 2022 election.

# Senate:

Coalition	Labor				Jacki Lambie Network		Independents
35	26	9	2	1	1	1	1

# 2019

- In February 2017, Senator Cory Bernardi (SA) resigned from the Liberal Party to form the Australian Conservatives party. Following the 2019 election that party was deregistered at the Senator's request by the AEC on 25 June 2019. Senator Bernardi continued to sit as an Independent.
- On 16 August 2019 Senator Mitchell Fifield (Vic) resigned and, on the 12th September 2019 Hon. Sarah Henderson was sworn in to replace him.
- On 11 November 2019 Senator Arthur Sinodinos (NSW) resigned and, on the 25th November 2019 Jim Molan, AO, DSC was sworn in to replace him.

Postal Address: GPO Box 609, BRISBANE QLD 4001 Street Address: Stanley Street Plaza, Southbank BRISBANE QLD 4101

# HawkerBritton Government Relations Strategy

## 2020

- On 20 January 2020, Cory Bernardi (SA) resigned from the Senate. As he was originally elected as a Liberal Party representative, his replacement needed to come from that party. On 6 February 2020, Andrew McLachlan was appointed to fill the casual vacancy.
- On 10 August 2020, Senator Rex Patrick (SA) announced that he will represent South Australia as an independent senator.
- On 26 August, Senator Richard di Natali (Vic) resigned and, on 6 October 2020, Senator Lidia Thorpe was sworn in to replace him.
- On 6 November 2020, Senator Mathias Cormann (WA) resigned and, on 25 November 2020 Senator Ben Small was sworn in to replace him.

# 2021

- After leaving the Center Alliance to become an independent in January 20219, Senator Rex Patrick (SA) successfully registered his party "Rex Patrick Team" with the AEC. He has indicated he will run for re-election as a member of the Rex Patrick Team.
- On 14 September 2021, Senator Dorinda Cox (WA) was confirmed to fill the casual vacancy left by Greens Senator Rachel Siewert.
- On 21 September 2021, Senator Karen Grogan (SA) was confirmed to replace the late Labor Senator, Alex Gallacher.
- On 24 September 2021, Liberal Senator Scott Ryan (Vic) announced that he will retire prior to the resumption of Parliament on Monday 18 October 2021.
- In October 2021, Slade Brockman replaced Scott Ryan as President of the Senate. Senator Ryan retired later that month.
- Andrew Wallace (Qld) replaced Tony Smith(Vic) as Speaker of the House in November 2021. Tony Smith continues to sit in the House but has announced his intention not to recontest the next election.

## 2022

- On the 31st of January, 2022 Nations Senator Sam McMahon (NT) quit the Nationals Party room and has indicated that she will serve the rest of her term, which ends at the next election, as an independent
- Greg Mirabella (Vic) is expected to be sworn in on the 8th of February, 2022 filling a vacancy left by Scott Ryan's retirement in October 2021

For more information, please contact Hawker Britton consultant Simon Banks on +61 419 638 587