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FEDERAL ELECTION 1998 Results Guide

State of the parties

<i>House of Representatives</i>	1996	1998
LP*	75	64
NP	18	16
CLP	1	-
ALP	49	67
IND	5	1
Total	148	148

<i>Senate</i>	3 October Election	Full Senate
LP	15	31
NP	1	3
CLP	1	1
ALP	17	29
DEM	4	9
HAR	1	1
HAN	1	1
GRN	-	1
Total	40	76

*Please note party abbreviations are listed on page 4.

Key dates

<i>Issue of writ</i>	31 August 1998
<i>Close of rolls</i>	7 September 1998
<i>Close of nominations</i>	10 September 1998
<i>Declaration of nominations</i>	11 September 1998
<i>Polling day</i>	3 October 1998

Return of the writ

Writ	Date Returned
<i>House of Representatives (all States)</i>	29 October 1998
<i>Newcastle</i>	1 December 1998
Senate	
<i>New South Wales</i>	29 October 1998
<i>Victoria</i>	29 October 1998
<i>Queensland</i>	23 October 1998
<i>Western Australia</i>	27 October 1998
<i>South Australia</i>	26 October 1998
<i>Tasmania</i>	29 October 1998
<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	29 October 1998
<i>Northern Territory</i>	29 October 1998

Nominations

	1996	1998
Total number of candidates	1163	1435
House of Representatives	908	1106*
Senate	255	329
Female Candidates	342	400
House of Representatives	253	299
Senate	89	101
Number of Parties contesting	31	34

*In addition 11 candidates nominated for the Newcastle Supplementary Election which was held on 21 November 1998 due to the death of a candidate in the Division of Newcastle prior to polling day.

Votes cast

	1996	1998
House of Representatives	%	%
ordinary votes	86.56	82.34
absent votes	5.67	6.54
provisional votes	0.78	0.85
pre-poll votes	3.82	5.93
postal votes	3.17	4.34
Informal voting		
House of Representatives	3.20	3.77
Senate	3.50	3.24
Turnout	96.20	95.33

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Senate results 1975-1998

Year	ALP	LP	NP	CLP	DEM	GRN	HAR	GWA	NDP	HAN	VPG	IND/ other	Total
1998	29	31	3	1	9	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	76
1996	29	31	5	1	7	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	76
1993	30	30	5	1	7	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	76
1990	32	29	4	1	8	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	76
1987	32	27	6	1	7	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	76
1984	34	27	5	1	7	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	76
1983	30	23	4	1	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	64
1980	27	28	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	64
1977	26	29	6	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	64
1975	27	27	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	64

House of Representatives results 1954-1998

Year	ALP	LP	NP/CLP*	IND	Total
1998	67	64	16	1	148
1996	49	75	19	5	148
1993	80	49	16	2	147
1990	78	55	14	1	148
1987	86	43	19	0	148
1984	82	45	21	0	148
1983	75	33	17	0	125
1980	51	54	20	0	125
1977	38	67	19	0	124
1975	36	68	23	0	127
1974	66	40	21	0	127
1972	67	38	20	0	125
1969	59	46	20	0	125
1966	41	61	21	1	124
1963	50	52	20	0	122
1961	60	45	17	0	122
1958	45	58	19	0	122
1955	47	57	18	0	122
1954	57	47	17	0	121

*Includes Country Liberal Party

Senate 1998 results: state of the Senate from 1 July 1999

Party	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	TOTAL
ALP	5	5	4	4	4	5	1	1	29
LP	4	5	4	6	6	5	1	0	31
NP	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
DEM	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	9
HAN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
CLP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
HAR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
GRN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	12	12	12	12	12	12	2	2	76

House of Representatives 1998 results

Party	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	TOTAL
LP	18	16	14	7	9	0	0	0	64
NP	9	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	16
ALP	22	19	8	7	3	5	2	1	67
IND	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	50	37	27	14	12	5	2	1	148

Due to the death of a candidate in the Division of Newcastle prior to polling day, a supplementary election for this seat was held on 21 November 1998. This table shows the result of the 3 October 1998 poll including the supplementary election held in Newcastle.

Historical Two-Party Preferred figures 1990-1998

Year		NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	AUS
1998	ALP	51.5	53.5	47.0	49.5	46.9	57.3	62.4	50.6	51.0
	LP/NP	48.5	46.5	53.0	50.5	53.1	42.7	37.6	49.4	49.0
1996	ALP	47.4	50.3	39.8	44.0	42.7	51.6	55.5	49.6	46.4
	LP/NP	52.6	49.7	60.2	56.0	57.3	48.4	44.5	50.4	53.6
1993	ALP	54.4	51.8	48.4	46.0	47.3	54.7	61.2	55.3	51.4
	LP/NP	45.6	48.2	51.6	54.0	52.7	45.3	38.8	44.7	48.6
1990	ALP	52.1	47.5	50.2	47.1	49.5	47.9	58.5	55.0	49.9
	LP/NP	47.9	52.5	49.8	52.9	50.5	52.1	41.5	45.0	50.1

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The 20 most marginal seats

The following seats are the twenty most marginal seats across Australia taking into account the 1998 federal election results. A seat is classified as marginal when the two-candidate preferred figure is less than 56 per cent. The number of marginal seats is 62 out of a total of 148.

Division	Status	Two-Candidate Preferred%	Sitting Member
Bass	Marginal Labor	50.06	Michelle O'Byrne
Herbert	Marginal Liberal	50.10	Peter Lindsay
Dickson	Marginal Labor	50.12	Cheryl Kernot
Eden-Monaro	Marginal Liberal	50.18	Gary Nairn
Hinkler	Marginal National	50.34	Paul Neville
Kingston	Marginal Labor	50.47	David Cox
Northern Territory	Marginal Labor	50.57	Warren Snowdon
Moreton	Marginal Liberal	50.57	Gary Hardgrave
McMillan	Marginal Labor	50.57	Christian John Zahra
Petrie	Marginal Liberal	50.75	Teresa Gambaro
Richmond	Marginal National	50.77	Larry Anthony
Adelaide	Marginal Liberal	50.91	Trish Worth
Longman	Marginal Liberal	50.92	Mal Brough
Makin	Marginal Liberal	50.94	Trish Draper
La Trobe	Marginal Liberal	50.99	Bob Charles
Stirling	Marginal Labor	51.04	Jann McFarlane
McEwen	Marginal Liberal	51.04	Fran Bailey
Parramatta	Marginal Liberal	51.07	Ross Cameron
Paterson	Marginal Labor	51.22	Bob Horne
Hindmarsh	Marginal Liberal	51.23	Christine Gallus

Party name abbreviations

ALP: Australian Labor Party

LP: Liberal Party

CTA: Call to Australia Party

DEM: Australian Democrats

CLP: Northern Territory Country Liberal Party

GWA: The Greens (WA) Inc

GRN: Australian Greens

HAN: Pauline Hanson's One Nation

NP: National Party

Seats where preferences decided the result

New South Wales (27)

Banks (ALP)	Greenway (ALP)	New England (NP)
Barton (ALP)	Gwydir (NP)	Page (NP)
Bennelong (LP)	Hughes (LP)	Parkes (NP)
Calare (IND)	Hume (LP)	Parramatta (LP)
Charlton (ALP)	Lindsay (LP)	Paterson (ALP)
Cowper (NP)	Lowe (ALP)	Richmond (NP)
Dobell (ALP)	Macarthur (LP)	Riverina (NP)
Eden-Monaro (LP)	Macquarie (LP)	Robertson (LP)
Gilmore (LP)	Newcastle (ALP)	Wentworth (LP)

Victoria (20)

Aston (LP)	Corangamite (LP)	La Trobe (LP)
Ballarat (LP)	Deakin (LP)	McEwen (LP)
Bendigo (ALP)	Dunkley (LP)	McMillan (ALP)
Bruce (ALP)	Flinders (LP)	Melbourne Ports (ALP)
Burke (ALP)	Gippsland (NP)	Menzies (LP)
Casey (LP)	Isaacs (ALP)	Wannon (LP)
Chisholm (ALP)	Jagajaga (ALP)	

Queensland (26)

Blair (LP)	Forde (LP)	McPherson (LP)
Bowman (ALP)	Griffith (ALP)	Maranoa (NP)
Brisbane (ALP)	Groom (LP)	Moreton (LP)
Capricornia (ALP)	Herbert (LP)	Oxley (ALP)
Dawson (NP)	Hinkler (NP)	Petrie (LP)
Dickson (ALP)	Kennedy (NP)	Rankin (ALP)
Fadden (LP)	Leichhardt (LP)	Ryan (LP)
Fairfax (LP)	Lilley (ALP)	Wide Bay (NP)
Fisher (LP)	Longman (ALP)	

Western Australia (12)

Canning (ALP)	Fremantle (ALP)	Pearce (LP)
Cowan (ALP)	Kalgoorlie (LP)	Stirling (ALP)
Curtin (LP)	Moore (LP)	Swan (ALP)
Forrest (LP)	O'Connor (LP)	Tangney (LP)

South Australia (9)

Adelaide (LP)	Grey (LP)	Makin (LP)
Barker (LP)	Hindmarsh (LP)	Mayo (LP)
Boothby (LP)	Kingston (ALP)	Sturt (LP)

Tasmania (3)

Bass (ALP)	Braddon (ALP)	Franklin (ALP)
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Australian Capital Territory (1)

Canberra (ALP)

Northern Territory (1)

Northern Territory (ALP)

Seats won outright (ie. 50% plus 1 of the first preference votes)

New South Wales (23)

Berowra (LP)	Hunter (ALP)	Sydney (ALP)
Blaxland (ALP)	Kingsford-Smith (ALP)	Throsby (ALP)
Bradfield (LP)	Lyne (NP)	Warringah (LP)
Chifley (ALP)	Mackellar (LP)	Watson (ALP)
Cook (LP)	Mitchell (LP)	Werriwa (ALP)
Cunningham (ALP)	North Sydney (LP)	
Farrer (NP)	Prospect (ALP)	
Fowler (ALP)	Reid (ALP)	
Grayndler (ALP)	Shortland (ALP)	

Victoria (17)

Batman (ALP)	Hotham (ALP)	Murray (LP)
Calwell (ALP)	Indi (LP)	Scullin (ALP)
Corio (ALP)	Kooyong (LP)	Wills (ALP)
Gellibrand (ALP)	Lalor (ALP)	
Goldstein (LP)	Mallee (NP)	
Higgins (LP)	Maribyrnong (ALP)	
Holt (ALP)	Melbourne (ALP)	

Queensland (1)

Moncrieff (LP)

Western Australia (2)

Brand (ALP)
Perth (ALP)

South Australia (3)

Bonython (ALP)
Port Adelaide (ALP)
Wakefield (LP)

Tasmania (2)

Denison (ALP)
Lyons (ALP)

Australian Capital Territory (1)

Fraser (ALP)

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Seats which changed parties

Division	Previous incumbent	Party	Successful candidate	Party
New South Wales (3)				
Hume	John Sharp	NP	Alby Schultz	LP
Lowe	Paul Zammit	LP*	John Murphy	ALP
Paterson	Bob Baldwin	LP	Bob Home	ALP
Victoria (3)				
Bendigo	Bruce Reid	LP	Steve Gibbons	ALP
Chisholm	Michael Wooldridge	LP	Anna Elizabeth Burke	ALP
McMillan	Russell Broadbent	LP	Christian John Zahra	ALP
Queensland (6)				
Bowman	Andrea West	LP	Con Sciacca	ALP
Capricornia	Paul Marek	NP	Kirsten Livermore	ALP
Dickson	Tony Smith	LP	Cheryl Kernot	ALP
Griffith	Graeme McDougall	LP	Kevin Rudd	ALP
Lilley	Elizabeth Grace	LP	Wayne Swan	ALP
Oxley	Pauline Hanson	IND	Bernie Ripoll	ALP
Western Australia (7)				
Canning	Ricky Johnston	LP	Jane Gerick	ALP
Cowan	Richard Evans	LP	Graham Edwards	ALP
Curtin	Allan Rocher	IND	Julie Bishop	LP
Kalgoorlie	Graeme Campbell	IND	Barry Haase	LP
Moore	Paul Filing	IND	Mal Washer	LP
Stirling	Eoin Cameron	LP	Jann McFarlane	ALP
Swan	Don Randall	LP	Kim Wilkie	ALP
South Australia (1)				
Kingston	Susan Jeanes	LP	David Cox	ALP
Tasmania (1)				
Bass	Warwick Smith	LP	Michelle O'Byrne	ALP
Northern Territory (1)				
Northern Territory	Nick Dondas	CLP	Warren Snowdon	ALP

Total: 22 seats changed hands

Please note: the above compares party representation immediately after the 1996 and 1998 elections. Results of any by-elections have been ignored. Please also note that the ALP held seat of Namadgi (ACT) was abolished in the 1997 redistribution of electoral boundaries and the newly created seat of Blair (QLD) was first contested in 1998.

**Paul Zammit was elected at the 1996 election as a Liberal Party candidate but later sat in Parliament as an independent Member.*

Seats where the leader on first preferences lost after the full distribution of preferences

Division	Leader	Successful Candidate
Parkes	Barry Brebner (ALP)	Tony Lawler (NP)
Blair	Pauline Hanson (HAN)	Cameron Thompson (LP)
Stirling	Eoin Cameron (LP)	Jann McFarlane (ALP)
Bass	Warwick Smith (LP)	Michelle O'Byrne (ALP)
McMillan	Russell Broadbent (LP)	Christian Zahra (ALP)
Hinkler	Cheryl Dorron (ALP)	Paul Neville (NP)
Kingston	Susan Jeanes (LP)	David Cox (ALP)

Informal voting 1987-1998 (%)

State/Territory	House of Representatives					Senate				
	1998	1996	1993	1990	1987	1998	1996	1993	1990	1987
NSW	4.0*	3.6	3.1	3.1	4.6	3.3	3.8	2.7	4.2	4.9
VIC	3.5	2.9	2.8	3.5	5.3	3.8	3.6	3.1	3.6	4.0
QLD	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.2	3.4	3.0	3.3	2.0	2.5	3.1
WA	4.2	3.2	2.5	3.7	6.6	2.7	3.5	2.1	2.9	3.3
SA	4.5	4.1	4.1	3.7	6.8	2.8	3.3	2.3	2.5	3.8
TAS	3.1	2.4	2.7	3.3	5.0	3.1	3.2	2.6	3.1	3.8
ACT	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.0	3.5	2.0	2.5	1.6	2.4	2.4
NT	4.2	3.4	3.1	3.4	5.8	2.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.7
AUST.	3.8*	3.2	3.0	3.2	4.9	3.2	3.5	2.6	3.4	4.0

*These figures do not include informal voting in the Division of Newcastle.

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Election costs 1984-1996

Year	Cost per elector (\$)
1996	4.76
1993	4.32
1990	4.45
1987	5.07
1984	5.20

The final cost of the 1998 federal election is being finalised, but is expected to be approximately \$65.5 million.

Voter turnout (%)

1998	Election	95.33
1996	Election	96.20
1993	Election	96.22
1990	Election	95.81
1987	Election	94.33
1984	Election and Referendum	94.55
1983	Election	94.64
1980	Election	94.35
1977	Election	95.08

Enrolment statistics: 1996 & 1998

State	1996	1998
NSW	3,955,782	4,076,559
VIC	2,972,635	3,081,632
QLD	2,091,384	2,188,024
WA	1,088,487	1,144,619
SA	1,001,006	1,013,989
TAS	329,304	330,121
ACT	203,170	209,536
NT	98,800	105,048
NAT	11,740,568	12,154, 528

Previous election dates

Polling day	Government elected	Seats won	Total no. of seats
02/03/96	LP/NP/NCP	94	148
13/03/93	ALP	80	147
24/03/90	ALP	78	148
11/07/87	ALP	86	148
01/12/84	ALP	82	148
05/03/83	ALP	75	125
18/10/80	LP/NP/NCP	74	125
10/12/77	LP/NP/NCP	86	124
13/12/75	LP/NP/NCP	91	127
18/05/74	ALP	66	127

1998 election funding payments

<i>PAYEE</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Australian Labor Party	\$13,959,511.97
Liberal Party of Australia	\$11,488,881.15
National Party of Australia	\$2,321,589.02
Northern Territory Country Liberal Party	\$116,916.10
Australian Democrats	\$2,247,677.46
Australian Greens	\$147,867.39
The Greens (WA)	\$172,137.25
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	\$3,044,525.97
Australia First Party	\$25,280.43
Australian Shooters Party	\$8,554.96
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	\$5,339.95
Progressive Labour Party	\$5,054.46
Unity - Say No to Hanson	\$48,692.20
Peter James ANDREN Calare (NSW)	\$47,887.64
Anthony Robert George BECK Barker (SA)	\$6,464.07
Barry Thomas CUNNINGHAM McMillan (Vic)	\$6,163.98
Robert James Keith ELLIS Mackellar (NSW)	\$7,670.91
Paul Anthony FILING Moore (WA)	\$23,908.13
Brian HARRADINE Tasmania	\$39,342.41
Philip NITSCHKE Menzies (Vic)	\$11,100.03
Graham John NUTTALL New England (NSW)	\$10,060.26
Allan Charles ROCHER Curtin (WA)	\$22,587.74
Margaret Anne SCOTT Oxley (Qld)	\$4,952.27
Anthony Charles SMITH Dickson (Qld)	\$10,697.75
Douglas Harry TREASURE Gippsland (Vic)	\$6,611.68
Robert Ian WILSON Parkes (NSW)	\$14,042.52
Paul John ZAMMIT Lowe (NSW)	\$18,978.57
TOTAL ELECTION FUNDING PAID	\$33,822,496.27