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UK Local Elections



Cartoon by Morten Morland



📷 Saturday's front pages after Nigel Farage's Reform party trounced Labour and the Conservatives in local elections. Composite: The Guardian/Daily Telegraph/Daily Mail/Financial Times/Times/i/Independent

Australia's federal election

Australian election 2025

Anthony Albanese secures 'win for the ages' for Labor at 2025 federal election

Peter Dutton loses own seat of Dickson in Brisbane as Coalition suffers stunning collapse in support

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■ Australian federal election 2025 recap: Albanese wins, Dutton concedes, Greens in the air - video

Australian election: Seats won

Projections so far in 151-seat lower house



Anthony Albanese
Labor

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Peter Dutton
Liberal-National coalition

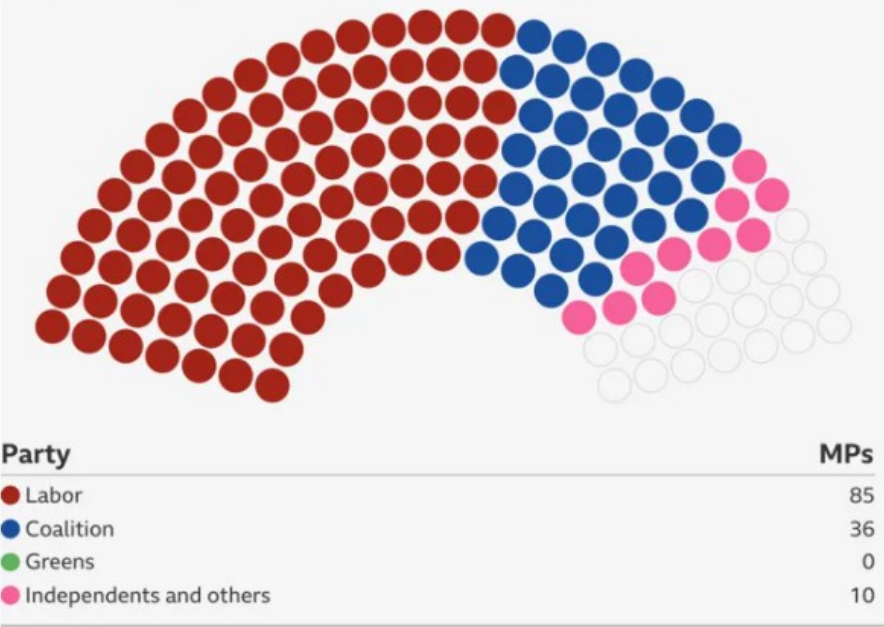
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Source: ABC News, 70.8% of votes counted

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Australian federal election 2025 results

Seats in the House of Representatives: 70.8% of votes counted

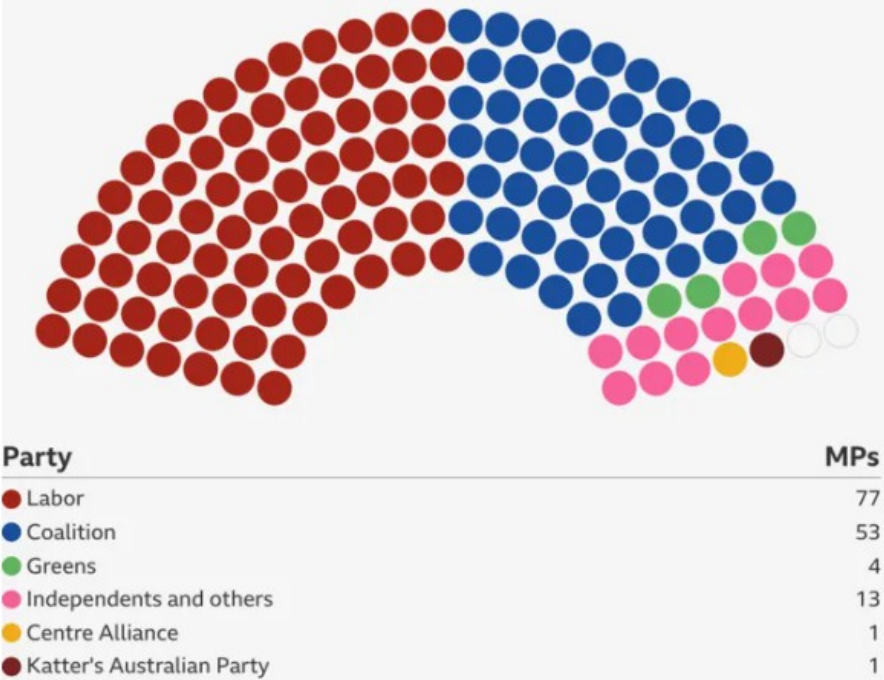


Source: ABC News •
70.8% of votes counted as of 18:15 BST / 02:45 ACST

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State of the parties before the election

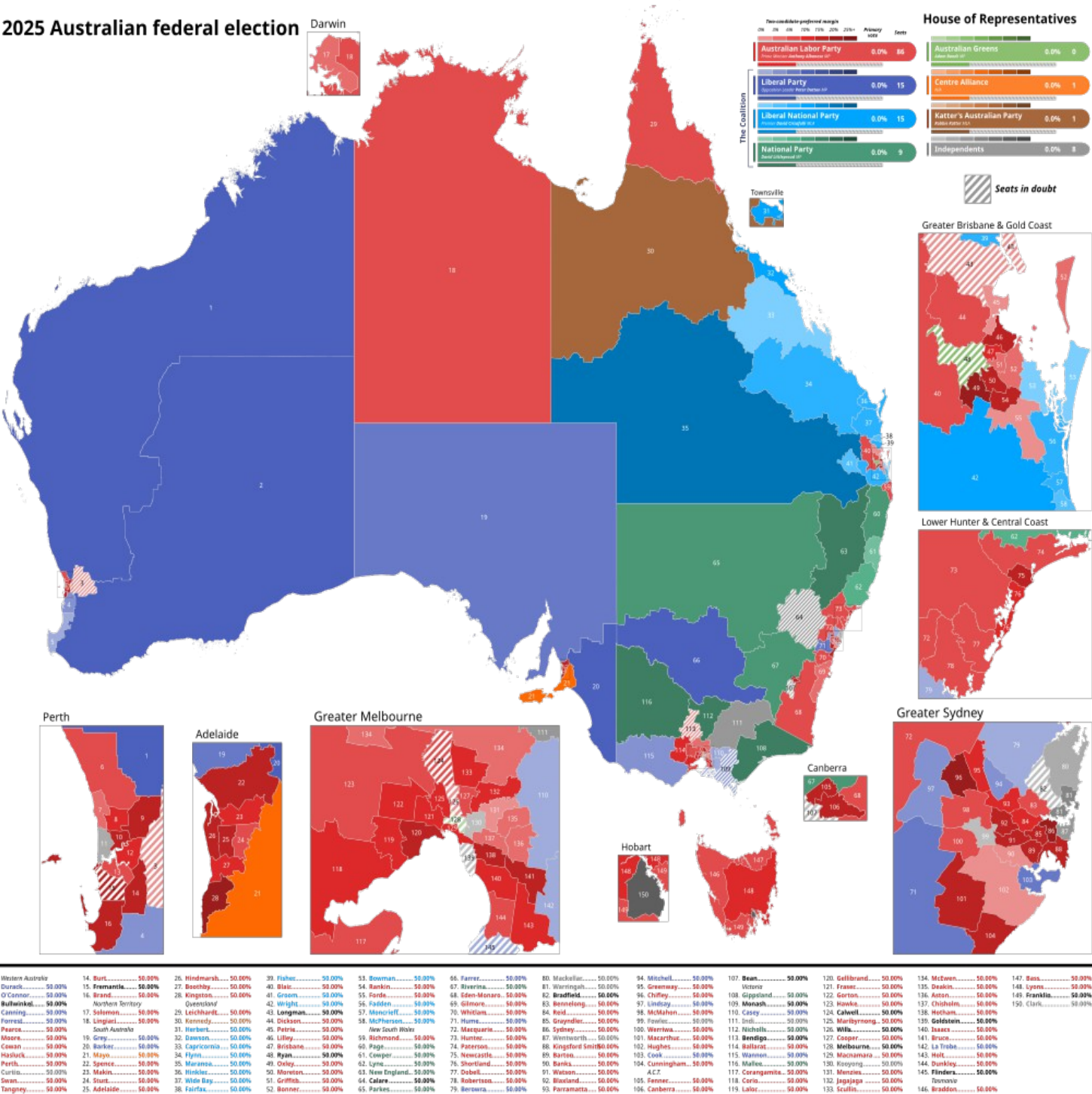
Seats in the House of Representatives



Source: Parliament of Australia •
Note: Two seats were vacant at dissolution

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2025 Australian federal election



UK Supreme Court Gender ruling





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No extra money for public sector

Public sector pay

No extra money for NHS staff and teacher pay rises, warns Treasury

Sources say pay increases will not be covered by borrowing and must come from existing budgets, creating possibility of strikes



📷 Pay review bodies for NHS staff and teachers are expected to recommend higher rises than ministers had suggested. Photograph: Jeff Moore/PA

Jessica Elgot and Raphael Boyd

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Plan to raid bank accounts of benefit claimants

Welfare

Starmer faces Labour revolt over plan to raid bank accounts of benefit claimants

Welfare fraud bill would allow funds to be taken from bank accounts and driving licences to be cancelled

- Should benefit claimants risk having their bank accounts spied upon and driving licences revoked? I don't think so



📷 A fraud, error and recovery bill would give the DWP the power to require banks to provide data to help identify when an applicant is not meeting the eligibility criteria for a benefit. Photograph: Andy Rain/EPA

Keir Starmer hosted New Zealand's Prime Minister Christopher Luxon



MPs and peers call for ban on Trump addressing Parliament during state visit

Cross-party politicians suggest it would be ‘inappropriate’, citing concerns over US president’s views on democracy, Nato and Ukraine



Genevieve Holl-Allen
Political Reporter

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Call for ban on nudification apps

Children

Commissioner calls for ban on apps that make deepfake nude images of children

Children's commissioner for England says 'there is no positive reason for these particular apps to exist'

- What are 'nudification' apps and how would a ban in the UK work?



📷 Girls said they were afraid to post images of themselves on social media, according to the commissioner's report. Photograph: Dean Lewins/AAP

Ban on playing music out loud in public transport

Transport policy

Lib Dems back ban on playing music and videos on public transport in England

Under the plan, those who flout the prohibition could face a maximum fine of £1,000



📷 A Lib Dem spokesperson said many people now dread their daily commute because of others playing loud music on buses and trains. Photograph: ViewApart/Getty Images

Prince Harry tells BBC he wants 'reconciliation' with Royal Family

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An Indian soldier and Pakistani soldier shake hands during a ceremony to celebrate Pakistan's independence at the India-Pakistan border near Amritsar, India, on Aug. 14. NARINDER NANU/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



Liverpool, UK

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah takes a selfie with fans as Liverpool beat Tottenham Hotspur to clinch the Premier League title at Anfield. Liverpool won a record-equalling 20th league title in a stunning debut season for Arne Slot after beating Tottenham 5-1 at Anfield. Slot, who took on the seemingly unenviable task of succeeding Jürgen Klopp last summer, becomes the first man in Liverpool's illustrious history to win the championship in his debut season with the club