

Barton Deakin Brief: South Australian Election Result**24 March 2014**

Labor has formed a minority government in South Australia following the State election on Saturday 15 March 2014, securing a fourth consecutive term in office.

This outcome was announced yesterday by the Premier, Jay Weatherill MP, following a week of negotiations in which both major parties sought to form government with two independents.

House of Assembly results

The final distribution of seats in the House of Assembly is as follows:

Party/Member	Seats
Labor Party	23
Liberal Party	22
Dr Bob Such (Independent)	1
Geoff Brock (Independent)	1
Total	47

The Liberal Party needed to pick up six seats to win government, and only gained four. Neither major party won the 24 seats required to form government in their own right.

Independent candidates Geoff Brock and Bob Such won the conservative seats of Frome and Fisher. The Liberals required the support of both independents to form government, whereas Labor required the support of just one independent.

Mr Brock announced that he would support a majority Labor government following the decision of Dr Such on 23 March 2014 to take two months leave from the Parliament due to health related issues.

Mr Brock will take on the Cabinet portfolio of Regional Affairs and Local Government in the new Labor administration.

As at 2:30pm 24 March 2014, the Liberal Party had won 44.8 per cent of the primary vote, compared to Labor's 35.8 per cent. The Greens and Family First gained 8.7 per cent and 6.2 per cent respectively. The final results are expected to be released in the week ending Friday 28 March 2014.

Legislative Council results

Members of the 22-seat South Australian upper house are elected for eight year terms, with half of the positions declared vacant every four years. Following the 2014 result the Labor Party will need the support of at least five non-Labor MLCs to pass legislation.

The distribution in the Legislative Council for 2014-2018 is as follows:

Party/Member	Existing Seats	2014 Result	Total Seats
Labor Party	3	4	7
Liberal Party	4	4	8
Greens	1	1	2
Family First	1	1	2
Dignity for Disability	1	0	1
Independent	1	1	2
Total Seats	11	11	22

The next South Australian election will be held on 17 March 2018.

To read the South Australian Electoral Commission's summary of the results, [click here](#).

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