

## **Concession Speech: Stanley Bruce, Prime Minister (NAT)**

***Canberra, October 17<sup>th</sup> 1929***

“The result of the election in the Flinders electorate has come to me as a deep disappointment. I have represented that constituency for 11 years, and I had hoped that the degree to which I have established myself in the confidence and goodwill of the electors would have been sufficient to ensure my return, notwithstanding the general pronouncement against the industrial policy of the Government. The electors have, however, decided otherwise. I accept their decision as the fortune of war, and I offer my congratulations to Mr. Holloway upon the success which he has won.

My principal regret is that the result will involve my exclusion from the Parliament and the public life of Australia at a time when the economic and industrial life of the nation is beset with so many difficulties and dangers. I feel confident, however, that as soon as another opportunity arises the electors of Flinders will reverse their recent decision and choose me again as their representative in Parliament. In the meantime, I trust that I may be able to find some other avenue through which I can be of service to the country.

I am deeply appreciative of, and grateful for, the help I have received from those willing supporters in Flinders who have stood by me so loyally throughout my Parliamentary career, and particularly those who have worked so enthusiastically and untiringly to secure my return on the present occasion.”

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