

Concession Speech: Jim Scullin, Opposition Leader (ALP)

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“The outstanding result of the election is the defeat of the Lyons UAP Government.

At the last election it had an absolute majority over all other parties.

It has now lost that majority, and must either carry on as a minority Government or enter into a coalition with political opponents representing the Country party.

Notwithstanding the bitter and intense campaign waged against the Labor party, involving the expenditure of large of large sums of money, the aggregate vote disclosed a decided swing to Labor throughout Australia.

The increased vote polled by Labor is greater than is indicated by the number of seats won.

There are still a number of seats in doubt, and a definite summing up of the position is impossible at this stage.”

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