

Concession Speech: Gough Whitlam, Opposition Leader (ALP)

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“I congratulate the Liberal and National-Country Parties on winning the elections and winning them convincingly.

I want to thank all the Labor candidates and their supporters who put up an excellent campaign in every state and both territories.

As soon as its reasonably clear who are the Labor members of the new House of Representatives and the senate, I shall call them together to elect the executive.

I myself will not be nominating for the position of leader.

Thank you.”

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