

## **Post-election speech: Andrew Peacock, Opposition Leader (LP)**

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“Ladies and gentlemen, I listened carefully to the Prime Minister’s remarks and in the earlier part of those remarks I quite concur.

The election regrettably for the nation will not be known for quite some days.

I think in terms of the national interest that is unfortunate.

It is unquestionable that a decisive decision one way or the other would have been preferable for all.

There has clearly been a most massive swing – to use that word again – in the state of Victoria.

But unfortunately, the ultimate outcome is still in the balance.

We believe that we will certainly win 10 seats and probably another six.

We believe at this juncture that there are probable losses of three seats at this stage, one to the independent in North Sydney, and regrettably it does appear that Moreton and Adelaide are lost, in which case with some six seats in the balance we have got to wait for those cards and letters to come in with all those postal votes.

It quite clearly would be in Australia’s interest for the decision to be known tonight and I think it is appropriate that Mr Hawke continue as he said as a caretaker prime minister until the election is finally decided, and it will be postal votes and absentee votes that determine that.

So we wait with great interest.

We are quite optimistic in a significant number of seats and believe that we will shortly be able to form a Government.”

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