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Close of Nominations

Introduction

1. *Electoral Newsfiles* are published by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to provide basic electoral facts for the information and guidance of all interested parties.
2. This *Newsfile* provides information in relation to the close of nominations for the 2007 federal election and its contents are a guide only. If you are in doubt about the interpretation of the electoral law in particular circumstances you should seek your own independent legal advice.
3. This *Newsfile* covers:
 - Nominations figures
 - Draws for positions on the ballot papers
 - Senate draw
 - House of Representatives draw
 - How are the draws conducted?
 - What happens after the draws?
 - Registered political parties
 - House of Representatives nominations
 - Senate nominations
 - Nominations by state and territory
 - Nomination overview

4. The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) is available on the Attorney-General's Commonwealth Law website at www.comlaw.gov.au. Unless otherwise specified, all references to sections are to sections of the Act.

Nominations figures

5. At 12 noon on Thursday 1 November 2007 a total of 1421 candidates were declared for the federal election in all states and territories and all divisions. This figure includes 367 candidates for the Senate and 1054 candidates for the House of Representatives.
6. The tables in this *Newsfile* outline the number of nominations by state and territory. The tables also detail the number of candidates from each registered political party and the number of male and female candidates.
7. A full list of nominations showing candidates' names and contact details are available from any AEC office and on the AEC's website at www.aec.gov.au.
8. If you are a 'silent elector', you are not required to set out your address on the nomination form, but you must supply the Divisional Returning Officer (DRO) or Australian Electoral Officer (AEO), as appropriate, with a correspondence address. This address may be a postal address and is not made public.



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Draws for positions on the ballot paper

9. The order in which candidates' names appear on a ballot paper is determined by a random draw, which takes place immediately following the declaration of nominations. The declaration of nominations takes place 24 hours after the close of nominations. For more information see *Candidate's Handbook* available on the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au.
10. A double randomised system is used to draw ballot paper positions for both the Senate and the House of Representatives. All candidates, media and the public are welcome to attend the draws conducted to determine the order of names on the relevant ballot papers.

House of Representatives draw

11. The Divisional Returning Officer (DRO) in each division (electorate) declares the House of Representatives nominations received at 12 noon on the day after the nominations for the election close. Following the declaration, the DRO conducts the double randomisation draw in the divisional office. The first draw assigns a number to each candidate and the second draw determines the order in which each candidate appears on the ballot paper.

Senate draw

12. The Australian Electoral Officer (AEO) in each state and territory declares the nominations received for the Senate at 12 noon on the day after the nominations for the election close. Following the declaration, the AEO conducts the draw for positions on the ballot paper. The draw is usually conducted in the relevant AEC State or Territory Office.
13. In Senate elections, the names of candidates included in groups are placed on the ballot paper before the names of ungrouped candidates. For the purposes of the Senate draw and ballot paper printing, incumbent Senators who have given written notice of an intention to lodge a voting ticket are treated as a group.
14. The AEO determines the order of groups and ungrouped candidates on the ballot paper by conducting a public draw for positions. This draw is conducted in two parts, with each part consisting of two draws.

15. In the first part, the first draw allocates a number to each group and the second draw determines the order in which each group appears on the ballot. This is followed by two draws for ungrouped candidates, with the first draw allocating a number to each ungrouped candidate and the second draw determining the order in which each ungrouped candidate appears on the ballot paper. The Senate draws are conducted in this order because groups appear before ungrouped candidates on the ballot paper.

Further information on Senate ballot papers is outlined in the *Candidate's Handbook* available from the AEC's website at www.aec.gov.au or phone 13 23 26.

How are the draws done?

16. A number of small wooden balls equal to the number of candidates (or number of groups in the case of the Senate) are marked with different consecutive numbers and placed in a container large enough for all the balls to move freely when it is rotated. The container is rotated by the AEC officer in charge, who then invites any other person present to rotate the container.
17. A person is blindfolded and selects the balls one by one and passes them to another person who reads out the number. As the numbers are called, they are allocated to the candidates or groups. That is, the first number called is written against the first candidate or group on the list and so the order of numbers in the list is the order in which they are called out. The balls are then replaced in the container. Again, the container is rotated and any person present may rotate it. The blindfolded person once again selects the balls one by one and passes them to another person who reads out the number. The order that these numbers are drawn determines the order of names on the ballot paper.

What happens after the draws?

18. After the draw the AEC immediately begins printing ballot papers for the House of Representatives and the Senate. Once the ballot papers are printed, voters who meet certain criteria may cast an early or a postal vote. Mobile polling teams also operate pre-election. For more information go to the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au or call 13 23 26.

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Registered political parties fielding candidates in the 2007 federal election	
Name	Abbreviation
Australian Democrats	Democrats
Australian Fishing and Lifestyle Party	AFLP
Australian Greens	The Greens
The Australian Greens - Victoria	Australian Greens
Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch)	Australian Labor Party
Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)	Labor
Australian Labor Party (Northern Territory) Branch	A.L.P.
Australian Labor Party (South Australian Branch)	Australian Labor Party
Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland)	Australian Labor Party
Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch)	Australian Labor Party
Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch)	Australian Labor Party
Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)	Australian Labor Party
Country Labor Party	Country Labor
Carers Alliance	Carers
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	Christian Democratic Party
Citizens Electoral Council of Australia	Citizens Electoral Council
Climate Change Coalition	CCC
Conservatives for Climate and Environment Incorporated	Conservatives for Climate and Environment
Democratic Labor Party (DLP) of Australia	D.L.P. - Democratic Labor Party
Family First Party	Family First
Hear Our Voice	
Liberal Party (W.A. Division) Inc.	Liberal
Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division)	Liberal

Registered political parties fielding candidates in the 2007 federal election	
Name	Abbreviation
Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division)	Liberal
Liberal Party of Australia - ACT Division	Liberal
Liberal Party of Australia - Queensland Division	Liberal
Liberal Party of Australia - Tasmanian Division	Liberal
Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division	Liberal
Liberty and Democracy Party	LDP
National Party of Australia (Queensland)	The Nationals
National Party of Australia (S.A.) Inc.	National Party
National Party of Australia (WA) Inc	The Nationals
National Party of Australia - N.S.W.	Nationals
National Party of Australia - Victoria	The Nationals
Non-Custodial Parents Party (Equal Parenting)	
Northern Territory Country Liberal Party	C.L.P.
Nuclear Disarmament Party of Australia	NDP
One Nation	ON
One Nation Western Australia	One Nation WA
Pauline's United Australia Party	Pauline
Senator On-Line	SOL
Socialist Alliance	
Socialist Equality Party	
The Australian Shooters Party	ASP
The Fishing Party	
What Women Want (Australia)	WWW

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Party Name		NSW		VIC		QLD		WA		SA		TAS		ACT		NT		TOTAL			
		F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	TOTAL	
Australian Democrats		5	7	12	21	11	18	-	-	4	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	32	54	86
Australian Greens		21	28	-	1	8	21	7	8	3	8	2	3	2	-	2	-	-	45	69	114
Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)		12	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	32	44
Australian Labor Party (Northern Territory) Branch		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2
Australian Labor Party (South Australian Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	11
Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland)		-	-	-	-	5	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	24	29
Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5
Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch)		-	-	12	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	25	37
Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10	15
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)		8	36	1	1	1	1	2	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	51	63	
Citizens Electoral Council of Australia		-	24	-	22	2	12	1	12	-	-	-	5	-	2	1	-	4	77	81	
Climate Change Coalition		2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	7	
Conservatives for Climate and Environment Incorporated		-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	
Country Labor Party		1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	5	
Democratic Labor Party (DLP) of Australia		-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	
Family First Party		14	18	11	26	6	23	6	9	2	9	3	2	-	-	-	-	42	87	129	
Independent		6	32	3	14	2	24	3	7	-	5	2	2	1	-	-	3	15	87	102	
Liberal Party (W.A. Division) Inc.		-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12	15	
Liberal Party of Australia - ACT Division		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	
Liberal Party of Australia - Queensland Division		-	-	-	-	4	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	20	24	
Liberal Party of Australia - Tasmanian Division		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	5	
Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	11	
Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division)		-	-	8	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	27	35	
Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division		12	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	28	40	
Liberty and Democracy Party		-	12	-	8	2	10	1	5	1	5	2	2	-	-	-	1	4	43	47	
National Party of Australia - N.S.W.		3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	9	
National Party of Australia - Victoria		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
National Party of Australia (Queensland)		-	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	10	
National Party of Australia (S.A.) Inc.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	
National Party of Australia (WA) Inc		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

House of Representatives nominations																				
Party Name	NSW		VIC		QLD		WA		SA		TAS		ACT		NT		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		
Non Affiliated	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Non-Custodial Parents Party (Equal Parenting)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Northern Territory Country Liberal Party	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2
One Nation	2	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	12
One Nation Western Australia	-	-	-	-	8	4	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	19	23
Socialist Alliance	3	2	1	2	-	3	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	17
Socialist Equality Party	-	6	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
The Australian Greens - Victoria	-	-	13	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	23	36
The Fishing Party	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
What Women Want (Australia)	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Total	89	255	64	178	43	173	34	91	24	50	9	22	6	5	3	8	272	782	1054	
Total 2007 Federal Election																				
Seats being contested	49	37	29	15	11	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	150
Historic Comparison																				
Total House of Representatives nominations 2004 Federal Election	106	276	68	189	56	149	37	87	18	57	8	17	4	6	2	10	299	791	1091*	
*Total figure includes one South Australian candidate of 'unknown' gender.																				

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Party Name		NSW		VIC		QLD		WA		SA		TAS		ACT		NT		TOTAL		TOTAL
		F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Australian Democrats		1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	6	12	18
Australian Fishing and Lifestyle Party		-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Australian Greens		4	2	4	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	2	-	2	17	11	29
Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2
Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)		3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	6
Australian Labor Party (Northern Territory Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2
Australian Labor Party (South Australian Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland)		-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4
Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch)		-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4
Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Carers Alliance		4	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	11
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)		1	4	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	13
Citizens Electoral Council of Australia		1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	6	8	14
Climate Change Coalition		1	1	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	8	12
Conservatives for Climate and Environment Incorporated		-	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	6
Democratic Labor Party (DLP) of Australia		-	2	1	5	-	2	-	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	14	16
Family First Party		1	1	4	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	13	10	23
Hear Our Voice		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Independent		3	1	-	3	1	5	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	12	18
Liberal Party (W.A. Division) Inc.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	6
Liberal Party of Australia - ACT Division		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2
Liberal Party of Australia - Queensland Division		-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Liberal Party of Australia - Tasmanian Division		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division)		-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Liberty and Democracy Party		-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	13	14
National Party of Australia - N.S.W.		-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
National Party of Australia - Victoria		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

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Senate nominations																				
Party Name	NSW		VIC		QLD		WA		SA		TAS		ACT		NT		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		U**
National Party of Australia (Queensland)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
National Party of Australia (S.A.) Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
National Party of Australia (WA) Inc	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non Affiliated	1	5	3	5	2	6	1	7	-	4	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	9	32
Non-Custodial Parents Party (Equal Parenting)	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Northern Territory Country Liberal Party	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nuclear Disarmament Party of Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
One Nation	1	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
One Nation Western Australia	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Pauline's United Australia Party	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Senator On-Line	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Socialist Alliance	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Socialist Equality Party	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
The Australian Shooters Party	-	3	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
The Fishing Party	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
What Women Want (Australia)	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Total	31	48	29	39	21	44	19	35	13	32	1	11	17	8	8	3	8	135	231	367
Total 2007 Federal Election																				
Seats being contested	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	40
Historic Comparison																				
Total Senate nominations 2004 Federal Election	21	57	19	46	15	35	12	28	21	26	8	18	5	8	6	5	107	223		330

** Denotes that details of gender were not provided.

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Nominations by state/territory											
Senate					House of Representatives						
		Half-Senate Elections									
State/Territory	No. of Seats	2007	2004	2001	State/Territory	No. of Seats 2007	2007	No. of Seats 2004	2004	No. of Seats 2001	2001
NSW	6	79	78	65	NSW	49	344	50	382	50	395
VIC	6	68	65	52	VIC	37	242	37	257	37	225
QLD	6	65	50	40	QLD	29	216	28	205	27	179
WA	6	54	40	46	WA	15	125	15	124	15	116
SA	6	46	47	26	SA	11	74	11	76	12	71
TAS	6	28	26	29	TAS	5	31	5	25	5	27
ACT	2	16	13	14	ACT	2	11	2	10	2	13
NT	2	11	11	13	NT	2	11	2	12	2	13
TOTAL	40	367	330	285	TOTAL	150	1054	150	1091	150	1039

Nominations overview

- A total of **1421** candidates have nominated for the 2007 federal election.
- The same number of candidates have nominated as for the 2004 federal election.
- At this election **407** female candidates and **1013** male candidates have nominated. At the 2004 election 406 female candidates and 1014 male candidates nominated. At both the 2004 and 2007 elections, gender information was not supplied by one candidate.
- For the 2007 federal election **46** parties are fielding candidates. There were 53 registered political parties as at Tuesday 16 October 2007. For a complete list of registered political parties see *Electoral Newsfile* No. 133, 'Federal Election 2007 - Information Guide'. This compares with 56 parties who fielded candidates at the 2004 federal election.

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