

Speech of the P.M.

even  
of 80,000 square.

electors

~~THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA HAVE SPOKEN CLEARLY AND DECISIVELY  
IN SUPPORT OF THEIR GOVERNMENT.~~

Then

~~THEIR VOICE HAS BEEN PARTLY MUFFLED BY THE PECULIARITIES  
OF THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM.~~

The 126 Labor candidates  
won as many votes as the other

NEVERTHELESS, SOME CLEAR FACTS EMERGE.

37% candidates  
continued.

~~POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT IS MARKEDLY HIGHER  
THAN THE VOTE WE ACHIEVED IN DECEMBER 1972, AND WHICH BROUGHT  
US INTO OFFICE.~~ secured a  
percentage  
of votes on 18 May 1974 than on 2  
The combined Lib, Country Parties + DLP  
vote was lower than in 1972.

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OVER THE COALITION PARTIES IS FAR HIGHER THAN THAT RECORDED  
IN 1972.

~~MASSIVE~~ SWINGS TO THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN ALL  
THE AREAS OF GREATEST CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE MANDATE OF 1972 HAS BEEN RENEWED AND  
~~STRENGTHENED~~ IN SO FAR AS THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM ALLOWS AN ACCURATE  
EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S WILL.

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DEMOCRACY, IN AUSTRALIA.~~

Australia is an  
Then the electorates must  
urgently be distributed to give a more accurate  
reflection of the wishes of the people. In NSW  
Victoria, Qld & SA there are some electorates with  
an enrolment of only 50,000 & others with an enrolment

of 80,000 voters  
Senate  
Lib-CP

	ALP	Lib-CP
N	5.75	4.66
V	5.22	5.37
Q	4.81	
S	5.40	
W	5.03	

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PROPERLY BE STRUCTURED TO GIVE A MORE ACCURATE  
REFLECTION OF THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE. THE  
OVERALL 2A there are some electoral will  
an electorate of only 20,000 voters will be essential

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT SHOULD BE REALISED AT HOME AND ABROAD THAT WHATEVER THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN TERMS OF SEATS MAY BE, ITS POSITION IN THE NATION IS ONE OF STRONG AND CONTINUING SUPPORT.

Henty  
 Isaacs  
 Tangney  
 Law

Home  
 Mitchell  
 Wide Bay  
 Billie

Eden-M  
 Cook  
 Riverina  
 Diamond Valley  
 Dawson

745

~~Opposition~~

Stirling  
 Para  
 Bendigo  
 Seaton

1972 ÷ 1974	- .9%
N	+ 1.4
V	+ .3
Q	- 5.3
S	- .3
W	+ 1.9
T	- 2.5

	65%	
	49.8%	1972
Lib	33	} 45.2
CP	12.2	
DLP	1.5	5.25
AP	1.9	2.42
Or	1.3	