

ACT Election Result

Overview

The Labor ACT Government is set to be re-elected in minority government following the ACT General Election on the 17th of October 2020. Labor's Chief Minister Andrew Barr claimed victory on the night and is negotiating minority government in a Labor-Greens coalition. Thirteen seats are required to form Government in the ACT's unicameral Legislative Assembly.

Party	Seat won in 2020	Changing seats	Swing
ACT Labor	10	-2	-0.4 per cent
Act Liberals	8	-3	-3.2 per cent
ACT Greens	5	+3	+3.3 per cent
Still in doubt	2		

The Chief Minister has said Labor Deputy Leader Yvette Berry would start negotiating an agreement with Greens Leader Shane Rattenbury once the election outcome became clearer. Barr has ruled out Rattenbury becoming Deputy Chief Minister, or allowing the Greens to "dictate" which portfolios they received. Greens leader Shane Rattenbury has called for a policy "reset" in their negotiations following a significant increase in electoral support for the Party.

Barr is expected to announce a new Ministry this week. It is understood the Chief Minister is unlikely to retain the role of Treasurer.

Labor election policy platform

Health

- Build five new nurse-led walk-in centres to expand existing network and ease pressure on emergency departments
- Recruit 400 new hospital staff
- Increase number of surgeries over next four years by 60,000
- Complete the Canberra Hospital expansion, which has been delayed

Education

- Recruit 400 new teachers
- \$99 million school infrastructure renewal program
- Construction of new and expanded schools in Woden and Molonglo
- Low-interest loans for non-government school to invest in renewable energy
- Trial a free breakfast and lunch program in schools

Rates

- Cap residential and commercial rate rises at 3.75 per cent for five years from 2021-22

Transport

- Build light rail to Woden
- 90 electric buses to replace diesel buses
- Build more cycle paths and upgrade footpaths to encourage walking and cycling

Environment

- Create a network of renewable batteries across the ACT, increasing the territory's battery capacity from 60 megawatts to 250 megawatts, costing \$100 million over five years
- Provide interest-free loans of \$2000-\$15,000 to households to cover the cost of installing solar panels, batteries and hot water pumps
- Target of net zero emissions by 2045

Greens election policy platform

Economy

- A green jobs package to create 4500 jobs in building affordable housing, retrofitting sustainability measures, building cycling corridors, and other measures

Transport

- Extend light rail to Mawson as part of stage 2
- Introduce light rail express services
- Integrate light rail and bus networks
- Build seven large-scale cycling corridors
- Allocating a minimum 20% of the roads and parking capital upgrade budget to walking and cycling infrastructure

Environment

- \$20 million to help homes and businesses shift to from gas to electric, phasing out gas entirely by 2040



- Target of 90 per cent of new cars to be zero emission by 2030
- \$50 million for financial incentives for zero emissions vehicle purchases
- Transitioning to zero emission public transport, taxis and rideshare vehicles by 2035

Education

- Accelerating the roll out of 15 hours a week of universal early childhood education for all 3 year olds in the ACT by the 2021 school year

Housing

- \$200 million investment to build at least 400 new social housing properties over four years
- \$200 million for around 600 new community/affordable housing units over four years
- Funding boost of 20 per cent for homelessness services
- Strengthening tenants' rights by ending no-cause evictions
- Improve the quality and sustainability of new construction
- Prevent development in ecologically sensitive areas and focus more on infill