

Electoral District of Northern Tablelands



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NORTHERN TABLELANDS

The Electoral District

Location:

From the Queensland border in the north to Nowendoc National Park in the south; and from Mount Kaputar National Park in the west to Guy Fawkes River National Park in the east.

Area:

44,674 square kilometres.

Local Government Areas within District:

Glen Innes, Severn, Guyra, Gwydir, Inverell, Uralla and parts of Armidale Dumaresq, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield and Walcha.

Localities:

Aberfoyle, Armidale, Ashford, Backwater, Bald Nob, Bannockburn, Ben Lomond, Bingara, Black Mountain, Black Swamp, Boonoo Boonoo, Brackendale, Bukkulla, Bundarra, Bungulla, Brushgrove, Caroda, Cherry Tree Hill, Cobbadah, Coolatai, Corner Camp, Crooble, Croppa Creek, Deepwater, Delungra, Dinoga, Dinton Vale, Dumaresq, Dundee, Ebor, Elsmore, Emmaville, Enmore, Furracabac, Gilgai, Glencoe, Glen Elgin, Glen Innes, Glen Morrison, Gravesend, Graman, Guyra, Hillgrove, Inverell, Jeogla, Keera, Kentucky, Kentucky South, Kingstown, Koloona, Leechs Gully, Little Plain, Llangothlin, Matheson, Mount Russell, Mungle, North Star, Nowendoc, Nullamanna, Oakwood, Red Range, Rocky River, Saddle Camp, Sandy Flat, Sapphire, Shannon Vale, Stanborough, Stannifer, Stannum, Steinbrook, Stonehenge, Strathbogie, Sunnyside, Tenterfield, Tent Hill, Tia, Tilbuster, Tingha, Torrington, Upper Bingara, Upper Horton, Uralla, Walcha, Walcha Road, Wallangra,

Wandera, Wandsworth, Wards Mistake, Warialda, Wellingrove, Wollun, Woolbrook, Wollomombi, Yagobe, Yarrowitch, Yarrowyck, Yetman.

Demographic Rating:

Rural.

District Composition:

From the former district of Barwon: 3,892 electors (8.0%)

From the former district of Northern Tablelands: 42,724 electors (87.4%)

From the former district of Tamworth: 2,274 electors (4.6%)

Predicted Enrolled Electors:

48,890

Historical Pattern

1920 – 1927	Alfred McCLELLAND	Australian Labor Party
1981 – 1987	William John Patrick McCARTHY	-
1987 – 1999	Raymond Francis CHAPPELL	National Party
1999 – Present	(Richard) George Richard TORBAY	Independent

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2003 Election Results - Legislative Assembly

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Total Number of Electors Enrolled:	42,886
Total Number of Votes Polled:	39,882
Percentage of Votes to Enrolment:	93.0%

First Preference Votes

	Votes	Per cent
Total Formal Votes	39,468	99.0%
Informal Votes	414	1.0%
Total Ordinary Votes	32,439	81.3%
Total Absent Votes	2,592	6.5%
Total Declared Institution Votes	245	0.6%
Total Postal Votes	1,794	4.5%
Total Pre-poll Votes	2,698	6.8%
Total Section Votes	114	0.3%

First Preference Votes by Candidate

Candidate	Party	Votes
Strutt	CDP	829
Torbay	IND	28,149
Perrin	GNS	1,632
Irvine	IND	457
Fogarty	CLP	1,870
Donald	ONN	455
Bailey	NP	6,076

Preferential Count

Candidates	First Preference	DONALD 455 Excl		IRVINE 478 Excl		STRUTT 869 Excl		PERRIN 1,682 Excl		FOGARTY 2,201 Excl		% Total votes
		Votes	Total	Votes	Total	Votes	Total	Votes	Total	Votes	Total	
STRUTT	829	20	849	20	869							
TORBAY	28,149	83	28,232	148	28,380	337	28,717	736	29,453	1,238	30,691	82.4
PERRIN	1,632	12	1,644	14	1,658	24	1,682					
IRVINE	457	21	478									
FOGARTY	1,870	12	1,882	22	1,904	23	1,927	274	2,201			
DONALD	455											
BAILEY	6,076	59	6,135	51	6,186	205	6,391	46	6,437	132	6,569	17.6
Total Votes in Count	39,468	207	39,220	255	38,997	589	38,717	1,056	38,091	1,370	37,260	100.0
Exhausted		248	248	223	471	280	751	626	1,377	831	2,208	
Informal	414		414		414		414		414		414	
Total Votes	39,882	455	39,882	478	39,882	869	39,882	1,682	39,882	2,201	39,882	

Two Party Preferred Votes

	Votes	Per cent
Australian Labor Party	7,373	36.9%
Liberal Party/Nationals	12,591	63.1%

Percentage Swing to Change Party

30.1% to National

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Statistical Profile – from 2001 Australian Bureau of Statistics census by State Electoral District¹ based on the 2004 District Boundary Redistribution

Population and Mobility	Number	Per cent	NSW
Total Persons	71,121	-	6,371,745
Total Persons counted at home	66,735	93.8%	95.2%
Total Visitors from Australia	4,017	5.7%	3.9%
Total Overseas Visitors	369	0.5%	1.0%
Same address 1 year ago	54,532	76.7%	76.4%
Same address 5 years ago	37,024	52.1%	49.1%
Total persons aged 18 years or over	51,868	72.9%	75.0%
Population density	1.5 ppl/km ²		7.9 ppl/km ²

Age	Number	Per cent	NSW
0-17	18,884	26.7%	25.0%
18-39	19,503	27.6%	31.4%
40-64	22,367	31.6%	30.5%
65+	9,998	14.1%	13.1%
Total	70,752	100.0%	100.0%
Median Age	36 years		35 years

Birthplace	Number	Per cent	NSW
Australia	62,623	93.1%	75.1%
Born Overseas	4,649	6.9%	24.9%
Total	67,272	100.0%	100.0%
Top 3 birthplaces other than Australia			
(1) United Kingdom	1,620	2.4%	4.6%
(2) New Zealand	520	0.8%	1.8%
(3) Germany	243	0.4%	0.5%

Religion (5 highest recordings)	Number	Per cent	NSW
(1) Anglican	25,438	39.8%	26.1%
(2) Catholic	16,625	26.0%	31.7%
(3) No Religion	6,718	10.5%	12.8%
(4) Presbyterian and Reformed	5,238	8.2%	4.1%
(5) Uniting Church	4,321	6.8%	5.8%
Total	63,897	100.0%	100.0%

Language Spoken at Home	Number	Per cent	NSW
Speaks English only	66,196	97.6%	80.0%
Speaks other language	1,634	2.4%	20.0%
Total	67,830	100.0%	100.0%
Top 5 languages other than English			
(1) German	173	0.3%	0.4%
(2) Italian	172	0.3%	1.6%
(3) Cantonese	119	0.2%	2.0%
(4) Mandarin	83	0.1%	1.1%
(5) Japanese	63	0.1%	0.2%

Weekly Gross Individual Income	Number	Per cent	NSW
Negative or Nil	3,460	6.7%	7.3%
\$1 - \$499	32,781	63.9%	52.3%
\$500 - \$999	11,438	22.3%	27.0%
\$1,000 - \$1,499	2,597	5.1%	8.3%
\$1,500 or more	1,006	2.0%	5.1%
Total	51,282	100.0%	100.0%
Median Weekly Individual Income	\$294		\$300-\$399

¹Totals and percentages exclude data for "Overseas Visitors", "Not Stated", "Not Applicable" and "Inadequately Described".

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Highest Level of Schooling Completed	Number	Per cent	NSW
Year 10 or equivalent or below	28,883	56.5%	47.8%
Year 11 or Year 12 or equivalent	20,079	39.3%	47.3%
Still at school	1,897	3.7%	3.6%
Did not go to school	286	0.5%	1.3%
Total	51,145	100.0%	100.0%

Non-school Qualifications	Number	Per cent	NSW
Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate and Postgraduate Degree	1,881	11.5%	9.4%
Bachelor Degree	3,923	23.9%	28.0%
Advanced Diploma, Diploma and Certificate	10,585	64.6%	62.6%
Total	16,389	100.0%	100.0%

Labour Force Status	Number	Per cent	NSW
Employed	28,305	91.4%	92.8%
Unemployed	2,666	8.6%	7.2%
Total	30,971	100.0%	100.0%
In the labour force	30,971	58.2%	62.2%
Not in the labour force	22,282	41.8%	37.8%
Total	53,253	100.0%	100.0%

Housing - Residents	Number	Per cent	NSW
One	6,813	26.2%	23.4%
Two	9,339	35.9%	32.5%
Three	3,710	14.3%	16.4%
Four	3,534	13.6%	16.3%
Five	1,815	7.0%	7.7%
Six or more	788	3.0%	3.7%
Total	25,999	100.0%	100.0%
Mean Household Size	3.2 persons		2.6 persons

Industry (5 highest recordings)	Number	Per cent	NSW
(1) Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5,942	21.6%	3.4%
(2) Retail Trade	3,924	14.2%	14.5%
(3) Education	3,250	11.8%	6.9%
(4) Health and Community Services	2,792	10.1%	9.6%
(5) Property and Business Services	1,743	6.3%	12.4%
Total	17,651	64.0%	46.8%
Industry Total	27,550	100.0%	100.0%

Occupation (5 highest recordings)	Number	Per cent	NSW
(1) Managers and Administrators	5,134	18.5%	9.7%
(2) Professionals	4,385	15.8%	19.5%
(3) Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	3,877	14.0%	16.9%
(4) Labourers and Related Workers	3,431	12.4%	8.1%
(5) Tradespersons and Related Workers	3,173	11.4%	12.2%
Total	20,000	72.1%	66.4%
Occupation Total	27,745	100.0%	100.0%