Brand (ALP 11.4%)

Location
Southern suburbs of Perth. Brand includes the suburbs of Kwinana, Rockingham, Warnbro and Baldivis.

History
Brand was created in 1984 and has always been held by Labor. Its first member was Wendy Fatin, who transferred from the seat of Canning. Fatin was Minister for Local Government in the last year of the Hawke Government and was subsequently appointed as Arts Minister in the Keating Government, she left the ministry in 1993 and retired in 1996. Fatin was succeeded by Hawke and Keating Government Minister Kim Beazley, who transferred from the seat of Swan. Beazley was elected Labor leader after the 1996 election. After failing to win both the 1998 and 2001 elections, Beazley resigned from the leadership in favour of Simon Crean and moved to the backbench. After Crean failed to make any headway against John Howard, Beazley unsuccessfully challenged him for the leadership in June 2003. Crean resigned in November 2003 and Beazley again contested the leadership, losing narrowly to Mark Latham. In July 2004, Beazley returned to the frontbench as Shadow Defence Minister and, following Latham's election defeat and subsequent resignation, returned to the leadership of the Labor Party. Doubts eventually emerged as to Beazley's ability to be able to lead the party to an election victory and in December 2006 he was challenged for the leadership by Kevin Rudd. Beazley lost the vote and announced that he would retire at the upcoming election. Beazley was succeeded by Gary Gray. Gray was Special Minister of State and then Minister for Resources and Energy under Gillard. Gray retired in 2016 and was succeeded by Madeleine King.

Candidates
Madeleine King- ALP: Before entering parliament, King was a lawyer and the Chief Operating Director of the USAsia Centre in Perth. She is currently Shadow Consumer Affairs Minister.

Jack Pleiter- LIB: Pleiter is the owner of a building company.

Jody Freeman- Greens: Freeman is the former district manager of a retail store.

Travis Carter- One Nation: Carter is a former construction industry worker.

Janine Vander Ven- Australian Christians: Vander Ven is a registered nurse. She was also the Australian Christians' candidate in Canning at the 2016 election.

Karen-Lee Mills- Conservative National (Anning):
Trevor Jones- UAP:

Blake Phelan- Western Australia Party:

Electoral Geography
Labor performs strongly in almost all parts of Brand, especially in Kwinana and Warnbro. The Labor vote ranged from 43.78% at the Wandi Resource Centre in the north east of the electorate to 75.88% at Medina Primary School in Kwinana.

Prognosis
Labor will easily hold Brand.
**Burt (ALP 7.1%)**

**Location**
Southern suburbs of Perth. Burt includes the suburbs of Canning Vale, Thornlie, Gosnells, Southern River and Armadale.

**History**
Burt was created in 2016. Its first and only member is Labor’s Matt Keogh.

**Candidates**
Matt Keogh - ALP: Before entering parliament, Keogh was a prosecutor and commercial litigation lawyer and the President of the Law Society of Western Australia. He was also Labor’s candidate for the 2015 Canning by-election.

David Goode - LIB: Goode is a finance broker and City of Gosnells Councillor.

Simone Collins - Greens: Collins is a small business owner.

Sahil Chawla - UAP:

Warnar Spyker - Australian Christians: Spyker is a lawyer.

Nicole Devincetis - One Nation:
Sarcha Sagisaka - Western Australia Party:

Naomi Nation - Independent:

Peter Raffaelli - Shooters, Fishers and Farmers:

**Electoral Geography**
Labor’s strongest area in Burt is in and around Armadale while the best area for the Liberals is Canning Vale. Labor’s vote ranged from 43.1% at Ranford Primary School in Canning Vale to 69.92% at Challis Community Primary School in Armadale.

**Prognosis**
Labor will easily hold on to Burt.
Canning (LIB 6.8%)

Location
Perth outskirts/South West Western Australia. Canning includes the suburbs and towns of Mandurah, Dawesville, Pinjarra, Byford, Roleystone and surrounding rural areas.

History
Canning was created in 1949. Initially it covered a large portion of Southern Western Australia and was a safe non-Labor seat. It’s first member was the Country Party’s Len Hamilton, who transferred from the seat of Swan. Hamilton held Canning until his retirement in 1961 when the seat was won by Liberal Neil McNeill. McNeill held the seat for one term before being defeated by the Country Party’s John Hallett, who held the seat until he was defeated in 1974 by Liberal Mel Bungey. Bungey held Canning until 1983 when he was defeated by Labor’s Wendy Fatin, by this point Canning was now a seat based on Perth’s outskirts and thus more marginal. Fatin transferred to the new seat of Brand in 1984 and was succeeded by Labor’s George Gear, who had transferred from the seat of Tangney. Gear was Assistant Treasurer from 1993 to 1996, he lost Canning in 1996 to Liberal Ricky Johnston. Johnston only held Canning for one term, losing in 1998 to Labor’s Jane Gerick. Gerick, in turn, was defeated by Liberal Don Randall in 2001. Randall spent his career as an outspoken conservative backbencher, he died in 2015 and the ensuing by-election was won by Liberal Andrew Hastie.

Candidates
Andrew Hastie- LIB: Before entering parliament, Hastie served in the Australian Army and the Special Air Service Regiment (SAS) in Afghanistan. He has been on the backbench since being elected to parliament.

Mellisa Teede- ALP: Teede is a former TAFE director and is currently the CEO of the Peel Development Commission.

Jodie Moffat- Greens: Moffat is a solicitor. She was also the Greens’ candidate for Mandurah at the 2017 state election.

Steve Veevers- UAP:

Jamie Van Burgel- Australian Christians: Van Burgel has been an Australian Christians candidate at state and federal level numerous times since 2010.

Malcolm Heffernan- Conservative National (Anning):

Jason Wreford- One Nation:

Brett Clarke- Western Australia Party:

Electoral Geography
The Liberals perform best in Dawesville, the southern parts of Mandurah and the rural booths, areas closer to Perth are better for Labor as are the central and northern parts of Mandurah. The Liberal vote ranged from 39.67% at Riverside Primary School in Greenfields, near Mandurah, to 73.65% at Pickering Brook Primary School, a rural booth in the far north of the electorate.

Prognosis
Labor will only win Canning if they are on track for a landslide result.
Cowan (ALP 0.7%)

Location
Northern suburbs of Perth. Cowan includes the suburbs of Wanneroo, Landsdale, Girrawheen, Ballajura, Beechboro and part of Kingsley.

History
Cowan was created in 1984 and has always been a marginal seat. Its first member was Labor’s Carolyn Jakobsen, she held Cowan until 1993 when she was defeated by Liberal Richard Evans. Evans served for two terms before being defeated by Labor’s Graham Edwards in 1998. Edwards served as a backbencher until his retirement in 2007 when the seat was won by Liberal Luke Simpkins. Simpkins gained a reputation as an outspoken conservative backbencher; he was defeated in 2016 by Labor’s Anne Aly.

Candidates
Anne Aly- ALP: Before entering parliament, Aly was a professor at Edith Cowan University specialising in counter-terrorism and security, which was also the topic of her PhD thesis. She also ran her own policy consulting firm and the founder of the People Against Violent Extremism organisation.

Isaac Stewart- LIB: Stewart is a Community Development Manager with the West Australian Football Commission.

Mark Cooper- Greens: Cooper is a researcher.

Sheila Mundy- One Nation: Mundy is a self-employed consultant for a major health and nutrition company.

Peter Westcott- UAP: Westcott is a former plumber.

Andre Lebrasse- Australian Christians:

Paul Bedford- Shooters, Fishers and Farmers:

Electoral Geography
Cowan has a very divided electoral geography with the southern parts of the electorates being strong for Labor and the central parts being strong for the Liberals, while the north around Wanneroo is more marginal. The Labor vote ranged from 35.46% at Madeley Primary School to 73.21% at Lockridge Primary School in the south of the electorate.

Prognosis
Despite the tight margin, Labor are favourites to hold on to Cowan.
Curtin (LIB 20.7%)

Location
Western suburbs of Perth. Curtin includes the suburbs of Peppermint Grove, Cottesloe, Floreat, Nedlands, Churchlands and part of Scarborough

History
Curtin was created in 1949 and has never been won by Labor. Its first member was Liberal Paul Hasluck. Hasluck served as Territories, Defence and External Affairs Minister respectively in the Menzies, Holt and Gorton Governments, he resigned in 1969 in order to take up the position of Governor General and was succeeded by Liberal Victor Garland. Garland was Supply Minister in the McMahon Government and held various portfolios in the Fraser Government. He retired in 1981 and the ensuing by-election was won by Liberal Alan Rocher. Rocher served as a shadow minister from 1991 to 1992. Prior to the 1996 election, he lost Liberal endorsement and was re-elected as an independent. Rocher served as an independent for a further term before losing in 1998 to Liberal Julie Bishop.

Incumbent MP
Julie Bishop- LIB: Before entering parliament. Bishop was a lawyer for a number of corporate law firms and a legal adviser to the Western Australian Development Corporation. Bishop was appointed as Minister for Ageing in 2003 and as Minister for Education in 2007. After the 2007 election defeat, she was appointed as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and was Shadow Treasurer and Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister. Bishop was appointed Foreign Affairs Minister in 2013 where she oversaw substantial cuts to Australia’s foreign aid program, including the closure of AusAID. Bishop remained as deputy leader when Abbott was dumped in favour of Malcolm Turnbull. When Turnbull resigned from the leadership in August 2018, Bishop ran for the leadership and came in third place. She resigned from the Ministry and is not contesting this election.

Candidates
Celia Hammond- LIB: Hammond was the Vice-Chancellor of Notre Dame University.

Rob Meecham- ALP:

Cameron Pidgeon- Greens: Pidgeon is a teacher and activist.

Louise Stewart- Independent: Stewart is a business owner.

Deonne Kingsford- Australian Christians: Kingsford is a retired real estate agent.

Joan Lever- UAP:

Bill Edgar- One Nation:

Andrew Mangano- Western Australia Party:

Electoral Geography
The Liberals are strong in all areas of Curtin, especially in the southern parts of the electorate around Cottesloe and Nedlands, the east and far north are slightly less strong. The Liberal vote ranged from 53.71% at Lake Monger Primary School in Wembley in the east of the electorate to 85.57% at Dalkeith Primary School in the south.

Prognosis
The Liberals are heavily favoured but we should keep an eye on Louise Stewart. Her campaign is aimed at traditional Liberal voters who think that Celia Hammond’s views are too far to the right and if her campaign gains traction it could make for an interesting result.
Durack (LIB 11.1%)

Location
West coast and northern Western Australia. Durack covers most of the land area of Western Australia and is the largest electorate in the country and second largest single member electorate in the world. Durack includes the towns of Merredin, Geraldton, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Newman, Karratha, Port Headland, Broome and Kununurra.

History
Durack was created in 2010. Its first MP was Liberal Barry Haase, who had been the member for the abolished seat of Kalgoorlie since 1998. Haase was a backbencher for the entirety of his time in parliament and retired in 2013. He was succeeded by fellow Liberal Melissa Price.

Candidates
Melissa Price- LIB: Before entering parliament, Price was Vice President of Legal and Business Development at Crosslands Resources. She was appointed Assistant Minister for the Environment in 2017 and was promoted to Environment Minister in 2018.

Sharyn Morrow- ALP: Morrow is a higher education coordinator from Karratha.

Scott Bourne- NAT:

Johani Mamid- Greens: Mamid is a Country Manager Coordinator at Nyamba Buru Yawuru.

Gary Mounsey- Western Australia Party: Mounsey is the deputy president of Exmouth Shire.

Brendan Hatton- UAP: Hatton is a fire and rescue officer.

Grahame Gould- One Nation:

Electoral Geography
The Liberals’ strongest area is in the Wheatbelt District south of Geraldton. The mining areas of the Pilbara are more marginal while Labor’s best area is in the Kimberley Region. Labor also performs strongly in the mobile booths that serve Indigenous Communities. Excluding mobile booths, where it is not possible to ascertain the voting locations, the Liberal vote ranged from 29.95% at Halls Creek District High School in the Kimberley to 90.7% at Miling Primary School in the Wheatbelt.

Prognosis
The Liberals are likely to hold on to Durack.
Forrest (LIB 12.6%)

Location
South West Western Australia. Forrest includes the towns of Australind, Bunbury, Capel, Busselton, Margaret River, Augusta, Nannup and Donnybrook.

History
Forrest was created in 1922 and has mostly been held by non-Labor parties. Its first member was the Country Party’s John Prowse. Prowse held the seat until he was defeated in 1943 by Labor’s Nelson Lemmon. Lemmon was Minister for Works and Housing in the Chifley Government and was responsible for the construction of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. He was defeated in 1949 by Liberal Gordon Freeth. Freeth held a number of portfolios in the 1960s under Menzies, Holt and Gorton, including the position of Minister for Foreign Affairs. He was defeated in 1969 by Labor’s Kirwan, who only held the seat for one term, being defeated at the 1972 election by Liberal Peter Drummond. Drummond served as a backbencher until his retirement in 1987. He was succeeded by Liberal Geoff Prosser. Prosser was Small Business Minister in the first year of the Howard Government but was forced to resign over improper business dealings and spent the remainder of his time in parliament on the backbench. Prosser retired in 2007 and was succeeded by Nola Marino.

Candidates
Nola Marino- LIB: Before entering parliament, Marino ran a dairy farm. She has been a Liberal Whip since 2008 and was appointed Chief Government Whip in 2015.

Wayne Sanford- ALP: Sanford has worked in the coal industry and is currently the President of Collie Shire Council.

Nerilee Boshammer- Greens: Boshammer is a resources manager.

Dale Bromley- UAP: Bromley works in human services.

Mark McCall- Shooters, Fishers and Farmers:

Kalven Jamieson- One Nation:

Alexander Marsden- Independent:

Ian Molyneux- Western Australia Party:

Electoral Geography
The Liberals perform strongly in most areas of Forrest, especially in the small rural booths and in Busselton, while Bunbury is more marginal. The Liberal vote ranged from 42.8% at Carey Park Primary School in Bunbury to 86.27% at the Elgin Hall, a rural booth north of Capel.

Prognosis
The Liberals will easily hold on to Forrest.
Fremantle (ALP 7.5%)

Location
Southern suburbs of Perth. Fremantle includes the suburbs of Fremantle, Beaconsfield, Spearwood, Cockburn Central and Hammond Park. Fremantle also includes Rottnest Island.

History
Fremantle has existed since Federation and has been held by Labor for all but three years since 1928. Its most notable member was John Curtin. Curtin first held Fremantle from 1928 until he was defeated in 1931. He won the seat back in 1934 and became Labor leader in 1935. After the Fadden Government fell in 1941 Curtin was appointed Prime Minister. Curtin’s ability to rally the Australian people to the war effort made him very popular, this combined with the disarray on the non-Labor side enabled him to win Labor’s biggest victory to date in the 1943 election. Curtin died in office in 1945 and the ensuing by-election was won by Kim Beazley Sr. Beazley was appointed Education Minister in the Whitlam Government, he retired in 1983 and was succeeded by John Dawkins. Dawkins served in a number of ministerial portfolios in the Hawke and Keating Governments, he retired in 1994 and the ensuing by-election was won by Carmen Lawrence. Lawrence was formerly the Premier of Western Australia and served as a minister in the Keating Government, she was also on the opposition frontbench from 1996 to 2002 and was National President of the ALP from 2004 to 2005. Lawrence retired in 2007 and was succeeded by Melissa Parke. Parke was a parliamentary secretary in the Gillard Government and Minister for International Development in the second Rudd Government. Parke retired in 2016 and was succeeded by Josh Wilson.

Candidates
Josh Wilson- ALP: Before entering parliament, Wilson was a staffer to Melissa Parke and Deputy Mayor of the City of Fremantle. In 2017 it emerged that Wilson had not received confirmation of renunciation of his British citizenship until after nominations for the 2016 elections had closed. After the High Court invalidated ACT Senator Katy Gallagher’s election over a similarly late confirmation of renunciation, Wilson resigned from parliament and re-nominated for the by-election. He was re-elected with a substantially increased majority.

Nicole Robins- LIB: Robins is a maths teacher.

Jesse Hutchinson- Greens: Hutchinson is a teacher.

Janetia Knapp- Western Australia Party:

Brett Weary- One Nation:

Fatima Lever- UAP:

Sam Wainwright- Socialist Alliance:

Laetisia Mulder- Australian Christians:

Electoral Geography
At the 2016 election, Labor performed strongly in most areas of Fremantle, especially in the central parts of the electorate, the Liberals performed better in the far north and south of the electorate. The Labor vote ranged from 36.62% at the Tricoleore Community Centre in East Fremantle to 76.08% at Hilton Primary School south of Fremantle.

At the 2017 by-election. Labor performed strongly in all areas of the electorate. The Liberal Democrats came second after the distribution of preferences. Labor’s vote ranged from 63.55% at the Tricoleore Community Centre to 84.73% at Holton Primary School.

Prognosis
Labor will easily hold on to Fremantle.
Hasluck (LIB 2.1%)

Location
Eastern suburbs of Perth. Hasluck includes the suburbs of Guildford, Midland, Bellevue, Kalamunda, Kenwick and parts of Forrestfield and Middle Swan.

History
Hasluck was created in 2001 and has always been a marginal seat. Its first member was Labor’s Sharryn Jackson, who held the seat for one term before being defeated in 2004 by the Liberals’ Stuart Henry. Henry also only held the seat for a single term, being defeated in 2007 with Jackson reclaiming the seat for Labor. Jackson was defeated in 2010 by Liberal Ken Wyatt.

Candidates
Ken Wyatt- LIB: Before entering parliament, Wyatt was the Director of Aboriginal Education at the WA Department of Education. He was the first indigenous person to be elected to the House of Representatives. Wyatt was Assistant Health Minister from 2015 to 2017 before being appointed as Minister for Indigenous Health and Minister for Aged Care, positions that he currently holds.

James Martin- ALP: Martin is a councillor on Mundaring Shire Council; he also started his own technology development company.

Lee-Ann Miles- Greens: Miles is a small business owner.

Brady Williams- Australian Christians: Williams is Vice President of the Australian Association for Religious Education WA.

Mike Dale- UAP: Dale is an executive manager in the health industry.

Fiona White-Harting- Shooters, Fishers and Farmers:

Stephen Phelan- Western Australia Party:

Tim Orr- One Nation:

Electoral Geography
The Liberals perform strongly in Kalamunda and in the less urban areas in the east of the electorate while Labor performs best in the far south and around Midland. The Liberal vote ranged from 33.2% at Yule Brook College in Maddington in the south of the electorate to 64.81% at the Jack Healy Centre in Kalamunda.

Prognosis
Labor could pick up Hasluck if they perform well in Western Australia.
**Moore (LIB 11.0%)**

**Location**
Northern suburbs of Perth. Moore includes the suburbs of Hillarys, Kallaroo, Ocean Reef, Burns Beach and Joondalup.

**History**
Moore was created in 1949. Up until 1980 it was a safe non-Labor seat that changed hands a number of times between the Liberal and Country Parties. The 1980 redistribution moved Moore into suburban Perth and it was won by Labor’s Allen Blanchard. Blanchard held the seat until 1990 when he was defeated by Liberal Paul Filing and Moore returned to its status as a safe non-Labor seat. Filing was Parliamentary Secretary to Opposition Leader John Hewson but prior to the 1996 election he lost Liberal endorsement. He ran as an independent and held his seat. Filing was defeated in 1998 by Liberal Mal Washer. Washer gained a reputation for being a backbench moderate dissident on issues such as same sex marriage and immigration. Washer retired in 2013 and was succeeded by Ian Goodenough.

**Candidates**
- Ian Goodenough- LIB: Before entering parliament, Goodenough was a businessman and ministerial adviser before serving on Wanneroo City Council. He has been on the backbench throughout his time in parliament and has been a vocal conservative.
- Tony O’Gorman- ALP: O’Gorman was the Member for Joondalup in the Western Australian State Parliament from 2001 to 2013.
- Daniel Vujcich- Greens: Vujcich is a youth program coordinator.
- Tyler Walsh- One Nation: Walsh is an electrical engineering student.
- Ziggi Murphy- Independent: Murphy is a nurse.
- Rex Host- Australian Christians: Host is an electrical engineer.
- Rod Chilcott- UAP: Chilcott was the manager of the Ballajura Indoor Sports Stadium.
- Jen Jacobs- Western Australia Party:

**Electoral Geography**
The Liberals perform strongly in most parts of Moore, especially in the southern parts while Labor performs better in the centre of the electorate. The Liberal vote ranged from 43.74% at Eddystone Primary School in Heathridge to 78.42% at Sacred Heart College in Sorrento in the south of the electorate.

**Prognosis**
The Liberals are likely to hold on to Moore.
O’Connor (LIB 15.0%)

Location
Southern Western Australia. O’Connor includes the towns of Collie, Manjimup, Denmark, Albany, Katanning, Narrogin, Esperance and Kalgoorlie.

History
O’Connor was created in 1984. Its first MP was Liberal Wilson Tuckey. Tuckey was on the Liberal frontbench in the 1980s and was one of the party’s most conservative and controversial members. Tuckey was sacked from the frontbench in 1989 after boasting publicly about his role in John Howard’s downfall but was reinstated after the 1993 election. Tuckey was appointed as Forestry Minister in 1998 and was made Regional Services Minister in 2001, he was forced to stand down after it emerged that he had written a letter on a ministerial letterhead requesting that the South Australian Police Minister intervene to overturn his son’s traffic conviction. Tuckey remained on the backbench until he was unexpectedly defeated by the Nationals’ Tony Crook in 2010, a defeat that he was extremely bitter and ungracious about. Crook held O’Connor for one term before retiring, he was succeeded by Liberal Rick Wilson.

Candidates
Rick Wilson- LIB: Before entering parliament, Wilson was a farmer. He has been a backbencher since being elected.
Shelley Payne- ALP: Payne is a councillor on Esperance Shire Council.
John Hassell- NAT: Hassell is a farmer from Pingelly.
Nelson Blake Gilmour- Greens: Gilmour is a casual worker from Albany.
Ian t’Hart- Australian Christians: t’Hart is a Christian school teacher.
Anthony Fels- UAP: Fels is a former Liberal member of the Western Australia Legislative Council and a former Shadow Minister. Fels has also been a member of a number of other parties including Family First, Katter’s Australian Party, One Nation, and the Non-Custodial Parents Party.
Peter Swift- Western Australia Party:
Dean Smith- One Nation:
Nicholas Robinson- Great Australian Party:

Electoral Geography
The Liberals have a strong vote in most areas in O’Connor, particularly in the small rural booths of the Wheatbelt. Labor has a strong vote in Collie but won few other booths. The Liberal vote ranged from 31.18% at North Collie Hall to 91.4% at Harrismith Community Hall, a rural booth in the Wheatbelt.

Prognosis
The Liberals will likely hold on to O’Connor but the Nationals could poll well here.
Pearce (LIB 3.6%)

Location
Northern suburbs of Perth and surrounding rural areas. Pearce includes the suburbs and towns of Mindarie, Butler, Carramar, West Swan, Ellenbrook, Northam and York.

History
Pearce was created in 1990 and has always been held by the Liberal Party. Its first member was former Senator and Fraser Government Minister Fred Chaney. Chaney was also deputy Liberal leader from 1989 to 1990. Chaney retired in 1993 and was succeeded by Judi Moylan. Moylan was a member of the shadow ministry and was Minister for Family Services from 1996 to 1998. After being removed from the ministry, she became a vocal backbench dissident regarding John Howard’s immigration policies. Moylan retired in 2013 and was succeeded by Christian Porter.

Candidates
Christian Porter- LIB: Before entering parliament, Porter was a lawyer with Clayton Utz and was then elected to the Western Australian State Parliament, where he served as Attorney General in the Barnett Government. Porter was appointed Social Services Minister by Malcolm Turnbull in 2015 and was promoted to his current portfolio of Attorney General in 2017.

Kim Travers- ALP: Travers is a mental health advocate and a former police superintendent.

Steve Blyth- NAT: Blyth is a biosecurity officer.


Sandra Old- One Nation: Old owns a hairdressing business.

Magdaleen Strauss- Australian Christians: Strauss is a physiotherapist.

Robert Forster- UAP: Forster is a former Mundaring Shire Councillor.

Michael Calautti- Western Australia Party:

Ross Williamson- Shooters, Fishers and Farmers:

Colin Butland- Independent:

Electoral Geography
The Liberal perform strongest in the rural areas of the electorate while Labor’s best results are in Perth’s suburbs. The Liberal vote ranged from 42.37% at Clarkson Community High School in the northern suburbs to 78.72% at the Dale River Tennis Club in West Dale, a rural booth in the south east of the electorate.

Prognosis
If Labor do well in Western Australia, they will likely win Pearce.
Perth (ALP 3.3%)

Location

History
Perth has existed since Federation. For the first eighty years of its existence it was a marginal seat that changed hands multiple times, prominent members include the UAP’s Walter Nairn, who was speaker during the 1930s and 1940s, Liberal Fred Chaney Sr., Minister in the Menzies Government and Labor’s Joe Berinson, Minister in the Whitlam Government. Berinson was defeated in 1975 by Liberal Ross Mclean, who held the seat until he was defeated in 1983 by Labor’s Ric Charlesworth. After this election, Perth became a reliable Labor seat. Charlesworth served as a backbencher until his retirement in 1993, he was succeeded by Stephen Smith. Smith served on the opposition frontbench and was appointed Foreign Minister in the Rudd Government; he became Defence Minister in the Gillard Government. Smith retired in 2013 and was succeeded by Alannah MacTiernan. MacTiernan served for one term before retiring in 2016, she was succeeded by Tim Hammond. Hammond only served for two years before retiring for family reasons in 2018. The ensuing by-election was won by Patrick Gorman.

Candidates
Patrick Gorman- ALP: Before entering parliament, Gorman was an adviser to Kevin Rudd and was also Secretary of the WA Labor Party.

Jim Grayden- LIB: Grayden is a business owner.
Caroline Perks- Greens: Perks is a sustainability officer with the City of Perth. She was the Greens’ candidate at the 2018 Perth by-election.

Gary Davies- Science Party: Davies is a software engineer.

Gabriel Harfouche- People’s Party: Harfouche has a background in education, management and law.

Jane Boxall- Western Australia Party:

Charles Hopkins- UAP: Hopkins is an auctioneer and owner of a furniture business.

Mel Lownds- One Nation:

Curtis Greening- Voteflux.org:

Electoral Geography
At the 2016 election, Labor performed best around Highgate and in parts of the east while the Liberals performed strongly in East and West Perth and around Leederville. The Labor vote ranged from 37.36% at Coolbinia Primary School to 65.11% at Eden Hill Primary School in the east of the electorate.

At the 2018 by-election Labor performed strongly in all areas and the Greens came second. The Labor vote ranged from 51.56% at the City of Perth Council House to 76.35% at Hampton Senior High School in Morley.

Prognosis
Labor should hold on to Perth without too much difficulty.
Stirling (LIB 6.1%)

Location
Northern suburbs of Perth. Stirling includes the suburbs of North Beach, Karrinyup, Carine, Balcatta, Balga, Mirrabooka, Nollamara, Dianella and part of Scarborough.

History
Stirling was created in 1955 and has changed hand between Labor and the Liberals multiple times. Its first MP was Labor’s Harry Webb who held it until his defeat in 1958 at the hands of Liberal Doug Cash. Webb won the seat back in 1961 and held it until he was defeated in 1972 by Liberal Ian Viner. Viner was a minister in the Fraser government holding the Industrial Relations and then the Education portfolios. Viner was defeated in 1983 by Labor’s Ron Edwards, who was Deputy Speaker from 1991 to 1993. Edwards was defeated in 1993 by Liberal Eoin Cameron. Cameron served for two terms, losing in 1998 to Labor’s Jan McFarlane. McFarlane held Stirling until she was defeated in 2004 by Liberal Michael Keenan.

Incumbent MP
Michael Keenan- LIB: Before entering parliament, Keenan was a property consultant and an adviser to Senator Amanda Vanstone. Keenan was promoted to the opposition frontbench after the 2007 election and was appointed Justice Minister in 2013. Keenan became Human Services Minister in 2017 as well as becoming Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation. Keenan lost the Human Services portfolio when Scott Morrison became Prime Minister and he is retiring at this election.

Candidates
Vince Connelly- LIB: Connelly is a former member of the armed forces and has also worked in the mining industry in emergency and crisis management roles.

Melita Markey- ALP: Markey works for the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia.

Judith Cullity- Greens: Cullity is a retired scientist.

Kevin Host- Australian Christians: Host is a plumber. He was also the Australian Christians’ candidate for Perth at the 2013 election.

Dorothy Hutton- UAP: Hutton has worked in accounting and sales.

Angus Young- One Nation:

Elizabeth Re- Western Australia Party:

Electoral Geography
The strongest area in Stirling for the Liberals is in the western part of the electorate along the coast, the south-eastern parts are more marginal while Labor performs strongly in Balga and Mirrabooka. The Liberal vote ranged from 30.72% at Dryandra Primary School in Mirrabooka to 73.13% at North Beach Community Centre.

Prognosis
Labor could win Stirling if they are on track for a sizeable majority.
Swan (LIB 3.6%)

Location
Southern suburbs of Perth. Swan includes the suburbs of South Perth, Como, Victoria Park, Belmont, High Wycombe and Cannington.

History
Swan has existed since Federation. Up until 1949 it was a rural seat that was safe for the conservative side of politics with Labor only winning the seat at a 1918 by-election, largely due to vote splitting between the Nationalists and the Country Party (this result prompted the Hughes Government to introduce preferential voting), and again in 1943 when Labor won all seats in Western Australia. Its most prominent member during this time was former Western Australia Premier and Cabinet Minister John Forrest who held it from Federation until his death in 1918. After 1949, Swan was radically redrawn, becoming a suburban marginal. The Liberals’ Bill Grayden won the seat in 1949 and was defeated in 1954 by Labor’s Harry Webb. The Liberals reclaimed the seat in 1955 when Webb transferred to the seat of Stirling and Richard Cleaver held the seat until his defeat in 1969 at the hands of Labor’s Adrian Bennett. Bennett held Swan until he was defeated in 1975 by Liberal John Martyr, who served until 1980 when he was defeated by Labor’s Kim Beazley. Beazley was Defence Minister in the Hawke Government from 1984 to 1990 and held a number of portfolios in the Keating Government. He was also Deputy Prime Minister from 1995 to 1996. Beazley transferred to the seat of Brand in 1996 and Swan was won by Liberal Don Randall. Randall served as member for Swan for one term before being defeated by Labor’s Kim Wilkie (he would later become member for Canning). Wilkie held the seat until 2007 when he was defeated by Liberal Steve Irons.

Candidates
Steve Irons- LIB: Before entering parliament, Irons was a football player and then the owner of an air conditioning company. He has been a backbencher for the whole of his term in parliament.

Hannah Beazley- ALP: Beazley has been employed senior management roles and has been a ministerial advisor. She is also the daughter of Kim Beazley and the granddaughter of Kim Beazley Sr.

Liberty Cramer- Greens: Cramer is a university educator and activist.

Steve Klomp- Australian Christians: Klomp has a background in business, media and education.

Peter McLernon- UAP: McLernon is a small business owner.

Virginia Thomas-Wurth- Animal Justice:

Carmel Addink- Conservative National (Anning):

Sharon Hawkins Zeeb- Western Australia Party:

Tshung-Hui Chang- One Nation:

Michael Chehoff- Australia First:

Electoral Geography
Swan has a fairly divided electoral geography, with the western parts being strong for the Liberals, the central parts being marginal and Labor polling well in the east and south east. The Liberal vote ranged from 38.78% at the Nations Church in Belmont to 70.97% at South Perth Primary School.

Prognosis
Swan is the Liberals’ second most marginal seat Western Australia and will likely fall if Labor polls well in the state.
Tangney (LIB 11.1%)

Location
Southern Suburbs of Perth. Tangney includes the suburbs of Bicton, Alfred Cove, Applecross, Bateman, Mount Pleasant, Willetton and Riverton.

History
Tangney was created in 1974. It was initially a marginal seat but became safe for the Liberals in the 1980s. Its first member was Labor’s John Dawkins. Dawkins held the seat until he was defeated in 1975 by Liberal Peter Richardson, Dawkins would later be elected to the seat of Fremantle. Richardson only held the seat for one term, in 1977 he defected to the libertarian Progress Party and unsuccessfully ran for the Senate. Tangney was won by Liberal Peter Shack. Shack held Tangney until 1983 when he was defeated by Labor’s George Gear. Gear transferred to the seat of Canning in 1984 and Shack reclaimed Tangney for the Liberals and it has remained in Liberal hands since. Shack was succeeded in 1993 by Darryl Williams, who was Attorney General in the Howard Government from 1996 to 2003. Williams retired in 2004 and was succeeded by Dennis Jensen. Jensen was a controversial conservative backbencher and vocal climate change denier. Jensen lost local preselection ballots in 2007 and 2010 but was renominated both times after intervention from the WA Liberal state executive. In 2016 Jensen lost another preselection ballot and this time, the state executive did not intervene. Jensen ran for re-election as an independent and lost to Liberal candidate Ben Morton.

Candidates
Ben Morton- LIB: Before entering parliament, Morton was an adviser to the Howard Government and was also an advisor to BGC builders. He was also a state director of the Liberal Party in Western Australia.

Marion Boswell- ALP: Boswell is a teacher. She was also Labor’s candidate for Tangney in the 2016 election.

Martin Spencer- Greens:

Mark Staer- Australian Christians: Staer hold qualifications in science and technology. He is also a frequent candidate for the Australian Christians.

Jillian Horton- Independent: Horton is a psychologist.

Scott Rafferty- One Nation:

Paul Waddy- Independent:

Chris Fernandez- UAP:

Gavin Waugh- Western Australia Party:

Electoral Geography
The Liberals are strong in most areas in Tangney, especially in the suburbs along the Swan River such as Applecross and Alfred Cove. Labor does reasonably well in the far east of the electorate. The Liberal vote ranged from 43.1% at Bannister Creek Primary School in Lynwood in the east to 75.46% at Applecross Primary School.

Prognosis
The Liberals should easily hold on to Tangney.