



Perthnow, Miss Mauds polls say Labor

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A PERTHNOW poll - and the traditional Miss Maud's coffee bean poll - has Labor winning the State election.

Perthnow asked readers: Who do you think will win the 2008 election?, with 48 per cent of more than 4500 people nominating Labor as the likely winner.

The Liberals attracted 32 per cent of the vote, and Green a healthy 12 per cent of the vote.

With Greens preferences going to Labor, that indicated a strong victory for Mr Carpenter's incumbent Labor Government.

Miss Maud's Coffee Bean poll

A 15 per cent vote for the Greens in Western Australia will help Labor cross the line tomorrow if the Miss Maud's coffee bean poll is anything to go by.

The Swedish restaurant chain has counted 31,000 coffee beans posted by customers over the last three weeks in 17 locations in Perth.

The Liberal Party polled 34.3 per cent, the Labor party 32.9 per cent and the Greens 15.5 per cent.

Held for most state and federal elections since 1996, the poll has often been viewed as an early test of voting behaviour.

"If you feel you have an impact, or you know you're involved, then you are happier," restaurant owner Maud Edmiston said today.

"So really by having the coffee bean stations ... people could share views ... because you could actually see what people were voting in your community.

"Up in some of the northern suburbs ... the Liberals were very strong while Labor was stronger in the city of Perth and down (at) Cockburn.

"(The) Greens were so strong in the Belmont area, they must have a headquarters down there," Mrs Edmiston said laughing.

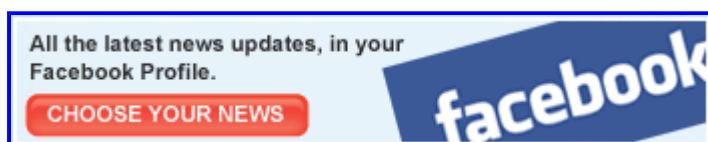
Of the other minor parties, the Nationals polled 5.5 per cent, the Democrats 4.5 per cent and other parties and independents 7.3 per cent.

In a poll of 1000 voters in a Perth restaurant, 31 per cent of respondents put health as the most important issue, 21 per cent nominated education and 17 per cent identified law and order.

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