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Coffee beans have Liberals by a nose

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Alan Carpenter and Colin Barnett hit the hustings earlier today on a last-ditch effort to reel in swinging voters before tomorrow's State election.

As the last day of campaigning kicked off, Mr Carpenter attended a school assembly at the Tapping Primary School before participating on arts and crafts with Year 3 students.



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He continued to drive home his message that there was a clear choice for tomorrow and urged voters to not take the risk with the Liberal Party.

Speaking at the Liberal Party room at State Parliament, Mr Barnett outlined the party's major policy positions and re-affirmed his argument that Labor had wasted the State's mining boom and were a government lacking in integrity.

He said the Liberal Party faced a difficult task to win government, needing an extra eight seats.

The WA election campaign has been relatively low-key, with more media attention being paid today to the astonishing turn of events in New South Wales politics, where Premier Morris Iemma resigned asfter he was rolled by his party's powerful right faction.

Political analyst Harry Phillips said the turmoil within the NSW Labor party would have minimal impact on WA voters, but in the long-term

could be indicative of the new balance of State and Federal politics.

“With a Federal Labor Government, it is common for swing voters to lean towards the opposition,” he said.

“But, I think the impact in WA will be so minimal it will not affect voting.”

Mr Phillips said the election was too close to call.

“I think it’s fair to say everything counts today,” Mr Phillips said.

“There is interestingly no point of obvious differentiation between major policies, like there was in the Federal election.

“It seems Labor are making a late bid for green preferences and it’s likely they will emphasis that again today. Barnett on the other hand isn’t going to attempt any new announcements today and should emphasis their law and order position and major energy projects.”

But according to 41,465 coffee beans, it will be the Liberal Party by a nose at tomorrow’s State election.

The famous Miss Maud Coffee Bean Poll has been predicting State and Federal election results since 1996 and despite its simplistic methods, has proven to be an accurate indicator of community feeling.

While Liberal and Labor thrashed it out with 34.3 per cent and 32.9 per cent respectively, the big mover and shaker in this year’s poll was the 15.5 per cent take by the Greens party.


Official results: Liberal 34.3 per cent, Labor 32.9 per cent, Greens 15.5 per cent, National 5.5 per cent, Democrats 4.5 per cent, others 7.3 per cent.

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