

From your editor

I am delighted to report the healthy state of the journal, because of our Conference and the decision to publish the best papers from the ANZACATT courses on Parliamentary law, practice and procedure. In addition the ‘parliamentary reports’ have started to appear, albeit slowly. However I still need more articles especially on political issues where parliament itself or its committees have played a relevant role.

As NSW is my home I will report briefly that the Labor government was returned to office despite poor economic performance and failed policies in major areas, especially transport. The infamous Cross City Tunnel is up for sale. Eight days before the election Sydney’s trains came to a virtual stop for a number of hours; a few weeks earlier the entire city transport system failed as a result of the Government’s having failed to plan for the visit of the two great ‘Queens’ – the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth into Sydney harbour.

To be fair, the majority Labor held was so great that defeat was almost impossible. Moreover the Opposition had almost no resources. Antony Green will be analysing the election for the November edition.

The federal election at the end of the year should be an exciting one. ▲

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