



PRIME MINISTER

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THE VICTORIAN ELECTIONS

Liberals everywhere will be disappointed that nearly three decades of Liberal government in Victoria have come to an end. It has been a long and impressive innings. All Victorians can be proud of this State's achievements under Liberal policies.

The Liberal Government in Victoria was the third longest serving government in Australia's history. We all know that there have been problems over the last three or four years, and Lindsay Thompson has made a courageous attempt to turn it around, but he did not have the time.

I would like to thank Lindsay Thompson and his wife, Joan, for everything they have done for the Liberal Party, particularly over this recent difficult period. Lindsay Thompson made a valiant fight of it.

I congratulate Mr Cain on his victory in this election.

I am sure that Liberals in Victoria will start immediately to prepare the ground for winning back government at the next election. This is an opportunity to renew our energies for the task ahead.

With a Labor government in Victoria, it is more important than ever for the Federal Liberal Government to provide stable government in the interests of all Australians at the national level. This is our greatest responsibility and nothing will stop us from carrying it out.

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