



PRIME MINISTER

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The hammering handed out to the Liberal Party on Saturday by electors in rural Victoria must be of real concern to Mr. Peacock and his State counterpart.

The Liberal Party saw its support haemorrhage not only in the Wannon By-Election, but also in two State By-Elections, Swan Hill, which the Liberal Party lost to the National Party, and Warrnambool, the outcome of which will be decided on preferences.

Despite the nomination in Wannon for the first time in almost thirty years of a National Party candidate the ALP was still able to all but maintain its March 5 vote.

By contrast, support for the Liberal Party was down an incredible 17%.