

Julia Gillard timeline



■ **Jun 2010:** Successfully challenges Premier **Kevin Rudd** for leadership, becoming Australia's first female prime minister

■ **Aug:** General election results in hung parliament – Gillard forms minority government with independents and Greens

■ **Feb 2012:** Defeats Rudd for second time in leadership vote

■ **Jan 2013:** Announces general election date of September 14

■ **Mar 21:** Declares party leadership “conclusively settled” after Rudd declines to challenge in wake of poll showing him twice as popular with voters

PREFERRED LABOR PARTY LEADER

Kevin Rudd

62%

Julia Gillard

31%

Nielsen telephone survey of 1,400 people, Mar 14-16. No margin of error given