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Australia leadership changes

After a decade of political turmoil, rule changes within the two main parties means that whoever wins the general election should be the first prime minister since 2007 to serve a full term



Kevin Rudd – Dec 3, 2007

Opposition Labor Party sweeps to power with landslide victory over **John Howard**, who was in power for 11 years



Julia Gillard – Jun 24, 2010

Rudd ousted in party coup by his deputy **Julia Gillard**, who becomes Australia's first female prime minister



Kevin Rudd – Jun 27, 2013

Rudd returns as prime minister after stunning party coup on Gillard, with support for Labor plummeting less than three months before general election



Tony Abbott – Sep 18, 2013

Landslide election victory for Liberal-National Coalition, led by **Tony Abbott**



Malcolm Turnbull – Sep 15, 2015

Communications Minister **Malcolm Turnbull** replaces Abbott after successful leadership challenge. Retains power in 2016 election



Scott Morrison – Aug 24, 2018

Turnbull steps aside after unsuccessful right-wing challenge within LP, allowing finance minister **Scott Morrison** to take over as prime minister

May 18, 2019 – Morrison seeks third term for coalition against Labor leader Bill Shorten



Labor

NEW RULES

Liberals: Two-thirds majority required to change elected leader

Labor: 75% majority required to topple sitting leader, or 60% majority while in opposition

