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As promised we are about to observe some interesting events unravel over the next few weeks and then be startled with additional revelations that will open up a Pandora's box. As a dear friend once commented to me: "WATCH THIS SPACE"



## 10 GOOD REASONS WHY MARY WOOLRIDGE SHOULD NOT CONSIDER HAWTHORN

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1. Mary Woolridge is a smart politician who will not want to look foolish to be seen jumping from one moving train to another during a looming State election
2. Mary Woolridge has had her opportunities on a number of occasions to transfer to the lower house but was outsmarted by Matthew Guy and his crew.
3. Mary Woolridge will be surrounded by the same sycophants and recalcitrant crew that brought poor old Ted Baillieu down and does not wish to be a leader in opposition.
4. Mary Woolridge has left her run far too late and she will consider her family first
5. Mary Woolridge is now at a stage of her political life where stability is the key and taking on additional responsibilities will not be in her favour.
6. Mary Woolridge will be expected to repay those who support her with lucrative positions and roles if she decides to ahead with it.
7. Mary Woolridge can see the writing on the wall that the Ted Baillieu alliance is in tatters and supporters are leaving the a 'leaking' ship
8. Mary Woolridge has enough on her plate without the additional responsibilities of being the titular leader of a political alliance that disintegrating fast.
9. Mary Woolridge does not have the leadership attributes and parliamentary support to become a future leader.
10. Mary Woolridge stepping into Ted Baillieu's shoes will ignite a political battle to rival that of "desert Storm"

Ted Baillieu's decision to step down at this crucial juncture is being seen by some Liberals as somewhat akin to 'treachery' and it's his way of getting back at his detractors. Whatever the case may be and for all his faults, his decision could not have come a bad time for the Denis Napthine government.

There is a renewed push within Liberal party senior Liberals pursuing Mary Woolridge to contest the seat of Hawthorn recently vacated by the Former Premier, Ted Baillie. I could be wrong but I am of the opinion that it is a bad move for Mary based on the 10 good reasons displayed left.

Labor with all their misdemeanours is fast becoming the favourite to win without having to do anything. It now appears that although the leaked BaillieuGate tape was the action of the Labor party, it did not do their campaign any harm. Victorians it so seems relish in the idea that one political party was able to outwit another and it also appears that Victorian voters expect their respective political parties to do exactly that.



Mary Woolridge  
80% odds in favour



John Roskam  
60% odd in favour



John Pesutto  
75 % odd in favour

Where does that leave John Pesutto, John Roskam and Mary Woolridge in this merry go round of political sand storms? While it is well known that Ted Baillieu and a few others support Mary Woolridge to step into Hawthorn, this assumption, unfortunately is based on anecdotal and historical evidence and cannot be taken as gospel. The odds above in percentages are my own opinion and not based on any oral or other quantitative survey. I would still prefer John Pesutto.

I am of the opinion that at this very moment as we speak, Mary Woolridge will be considering her short and long term future with the party and her continued involvement with her parliamentary colleagues. That is not to say that Mary Woolridge will not contest the seat, it means that she will look at all her options with a critical eye and take the best option that will give her the best of the best (pardon the military pun) political advantage. An advantage that will provide her with a bevy of supporters should she decide to go for the leader of the Liberal parliamentary party. She will also have to consider the political leadership ambitions of Matthew Guy and Michael O'Brien, two prince's waiting in the royal wings waiting to be tapped on the shoulder and elevated to the position of leader.

Leaving the position open and handing it to John Pesutto will gain Mary Woolridge more clout as John will feel obligated to return the favour in the same manner that Matthew Guy has to return the favour to Eddie Gawonda and Keith Wolahan for their support in obtaining the seat of Bulleen and at the same time outwitting Mary Woolridge. On the other hand, passing the baton to John Roskam may not be in her best interests given that he has now been allegedly tainted by supporting Andrew Bolt and others to make changes to the Racial and Discrimination Act clause 18C. John Roskam like John Pessuto are both political animals so to speak and will be an asset to the Liberal parliamentary wing should either of them be supported by Mary Woolridge.

## THE AUSTRALIAN NEWSPOLL

Despite Daniel Andrews political rhetoric he knows when he is on a good wicket and intends to remain behind the crease to avoid any further enigmas like the BaillieuGate leaked tape. Pressure over the next three months will intensify and both sides will be shoring up their defences to ensure that all holes have been patched up and political armoury replenished for the final battle in late November 2014. In the meantime the Battle for the Hawthorn continues to unravel unabated. See below for Newspoll by the Australian.

**VICTORIA: PRIMARY VOTE**

%	2010		2013			2014	
	Election Nov 27	May- Jun	Jul- Aug	Sep- Oct	Jan- Feb	May- Jun	Jul- Aug
<b>Coalition</b>	44.8	43	41	39	38	37	35
Liberal	38	40	37	36	35	33	32
Nationals	6.8	3	4	3	3	4	7
<b>Labor</b>	36.2	35	38	38	39	38	37
Greens	11.2	12	13	14	13	16	16
Others	7.8	10	8	9	10	9	12

**Question:** If a state election for the lower house were held today, which one of the following would you vote for? If uncommitted, to which one of these do you have a leaning?

**TWO-PARTY-PREFERRED\***

%	2010		2013			2014	
	Election Nov 27	May- Jun	Jul- Aug	Sep- Oct	Jan- Feb	May- Jun	Jul- Aug
<b>Coalition</b>	51.6	51	49	47	47	46	45
<b>Labor</b>	48.4	49	51	53	53	54	55

\* Based on preference flow at November 2010 state election

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers among voters throughout Victoria. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution of Victoria. The latest survey is based on 1170 interviews among voters. The maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Copyright at all times remains with Newspoll. More poll information available at [www.newspoll.com.au](http://www.newspoll.com.au)

**NAPHTHINE'S PERFORMANCE**

%	2013			2014		
	May- Jun	Jul- Aug	Sep- Oct	Jan- Feb	May- Jun	Jul- Aug
<b>Satisfied</b>	53	53	42	43	44	40
<b>Dissatisfied</b>	26	31	36	35	40	43
<b>Uncommitted</b>	21	16	22	22	16	17

**Question:** Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way

**ANDREWS'S PERFORMANCE**

%	2013			2014		
	May- Jun	Jul- Aug	Sep- Oct	Jan- Feb	May- Jun	Jul- Aug
<b>Satisfied</b>	35	38	35	32	35	32
<b>Dissatisfied</b>	34	32	31	33	37	41
<b>Uncommitted</b>	31	30	34	35	28	27

**Question:** Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Daniel Andrews is doing his job as Leader of the Opposition?

**BETTER PREMIER**

%	2013			2014		
	May- Jun	Jul- Aug	Sep- Oct	Jan- Feb	May- Jun	Jul- Aug
<b>Naphtine</b>	49	47	41	39	42	41
<b>Andrews</b>	26	25	27	28	29	31
<b>Uncommitted</b>	25	28	32	33	29	28

**Question:** Who do you think would make the better premier?

Despite the above poll and gloomy media reports, regarding the Denis Naphtine Government, Victorians are not fools and can see through the foliage of deception created by the opposition and the political schemes of creating an environment of uncertainty and negativity of the present Liberal government. Therefore Daniel Andrews should not be wringing their hands in glee until the final vote has been counted. Voters know what is in their best interests and will vote accordingly, that is unless another debacle like the BaillieuGate affair does not rear its ugly head. Denis Naphtine, Tony Snell and the Victorian State Director Damien Mantach should not be underestimated as all three are seasoned political warriors in the trenches.



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**ANDREWS PLAYS DOWN VIC POLL BOOST**

AAP 25 August, 2014. Victorian Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews has played down a poll result that predicts a landslide election win for Labor on November 29. The latest Newspoll for Victoria has the Liberal Party on a primary vote of 32 per cent, and the Coalition total on 35 per cent.

Labor leads the government on a two-party-preferred basis, 55 per cent to 45 per cent. Mr Andrews said the polling would tighten in the run-up to the state election. "There are polls almost every week and this will be a close election," he told reporters on Monday. "This will be a close election and I take absolutely nothing for granted."

<http://www.9news.com.au/national/2014/08/25/02/55/labor-easily-leads-coalition-in-vic-poll>



## **NAPHTHINE'S COALITION GOVERNMENT SET FOR VICTORIAN ELECTION DEFEAT.**

Oliver Milman The guardian 25 August 2014. Photograph: Joe Castro AAP. Newspoll shows Labor leader Daniel Andrews on course to replace Denis Naphthine as premier, as Liberal party's primary vote falls to 32%

Victorian opposition leader Daniel Andrews is set to be the new premier when the state heads to the polls on 29 November. Victoria's Coalition government is on course for a comprehensive defeat in the November state election, which would make it the first one-term government since 1955, according to a new poll. The Liberal party's primary vote is just 32%, with a combined Coalition total of 35%, according to Newspoll. This is 10% down on the Coalition's support in 2010. On a two-party-preferred basis, Labor is ahead 55% to 45%, meaning that Labor leader Daniel Andrews is set to replace Denis Naphthine as premier when Victorians head to the polling booths on 29 November.

For the first time, more Victorians are dissatisfied than satisfied with Naphthine's performance as premier, although he still leads Andrews as preferred leader by 41% to 31%. The poll, which follows a Herald Sun/Galaxy poll from last week which showed a narrower Labor lead, suggests the opposition hasn't been hurt by allegations that some of its staffers stole a Fairfax journalist's dictaphone in order to use its contents to discredit the Coalition. Labor has been ahead of the Coalition since mid-2012, according to Newspoll. However, the party's popularity is only slightly higher than the last election, with the Greens showing the most progress – up 5% to 16% in the latest poll.

The past 18 months have been troubling for the Coalition, with Naphthine taking the Liberal leadership from Ted Baillieu in March last year. Renegade Liberal MP Geoff Shaw then departed the party, leaving the parliament locked at 43 MPs each, plus the speaker. Baillieu has announced he will leave parliament at the election, with several leading conservative figures jostling for position to take his prized seat of Hawthorn. John Roskam, director of libertarian think-tank the Institute of Public Affairs, is considered a contender, telling Fairfax on Sunday that he is "very encouraged by the grassroots support I have received".

Other contenders include former Carlton Football Club president John Elliott and John Pesutto, Naphthine's legal counsel. Meanwhile, conservatives are faring better in NSW, in a separate poll released on Monday. The Coalition leads Labor 55% to 45% on a two-party-preferred basis, a 2% improvement on its position in May, according to the latest Galaxy/Daily Telegraph poll. Mike Baird's government holds a healthy polling lead despite a series of corruption scandals that have seen several Liberal MPs stand down.

[http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/aug/25/naphthines-coalition-government-set-for-victorian-election-defeat-newspoll-shows?cmp=soc\\_568](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/aug/25/naphthines-coalition-government-set-for-victorian-election-defeat-newspoll-shows?cmp=soc_568)



## NAPHTHINE FACES BIG VIC ELECTION LOSS

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The latest Newspoll shows Victoria's Coalition government is set to be swept from power at November's election. The poll, conducted for *The Australian* newspaper, shows the Liberal Party's primary vote is just 32 per cent and the combined Coalition figure is 35 per cent, nearly 10 points below the 2010 general poll.

Premier Denis Naphthine's net satisfaction rating has dropped into negative territory, as Labor leads 55 to 45 per cent on a two party-preferred basis. If the result is replicated at the November 29 election, the Coalition will become the first one-term administration since the 1950s.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/latest/naphthine-faces-big-vic-election-loss/story-e6frg90f-1227035300870>