

OPPOSITION LEADERS

From 1898

On 30 August 1898 the Australian Labor Party (ALP) accepted the official position of Parliamentary Opposition in the Queensland Parliament. Prior to 1898, loose coalitions of interests were opposed to the Governments of the day. Because of their changeable voting patterns, it is difficult to categorise them as a definitive Parliamentary Opposition. It will be noted that the ALP has had a continuous history as a party, whether in Government or Opposition. However, the non-Labor parties demonstrate a history of changing titles or changing alignments. Where the non-Labor Opposition leader has remained the same, but the party or alignment has altered, the pertinent dates of service are given.

30.08.1898 - 12.05.1899	GLASSEY, T	ALP
12.05.1899 - 01.12.1899	DAWSON, A	ALP
01.12.1899 - 07.12.1899	PHILP, R	Ministerialist
07.12.1899 - 16.07.1900	DAWSON, A	ALP
16.07.1900 - 17.09.1903	BROWNE, WH	ALP
17.09.1903 - 28.06.1904	PHILP, R	Opposition
28.06.1904 - 27.08.1904	RUTLEDGE, A	Opposition
19.09.1904 - 19.11.1907	PHILP, R	Opposition
19.11.1907 - 15.02.1908	KIDSTON, W	Ministerialist
15.02.1908 - 29.10.1908	PHILP, R	Opposition
16.11.1908 - 06.09.1912	BOWMAN, D	ALP
06.09.1912 - 22.05.1915	RYAN, TJ	ALP
24.06.1915 - 08.09.1915	MACARTNEY, E	Liberal
08.09.1915 - 27.06.1917	TOLMIE, J	Liberal
27.06.1917 - 15.02.1918	TOLMIE, J	National
15.02.1918 - 28.01.1920	MACARTNEY, E	National
28.01.1920 - 28.07.1920	VOWLES, WJ	National
28.07.1920 - 11.07.1923	VOWLES, WJ	Country
11.07.1923 - 09.04.1924	TAYLOR, C	QUP
09.04.1924 - 12.05.1925	MOORE, AE	QUP/Country
12.05.1925 - 15.12.1925	MOORE, AE	CPP
15.12.1925 - 11.05.1929	MOORE, AE	CPNP
27.05.1929 - 11.06.1932	SMITH, WF	ALP
15.08.1932 - 15.07.1936	MOORE, AE	CPNP, Country
15.07.1936 - 21.05.1941	MAHER, EB	Country
21.05.1941 - 23.10.1945	NICKLIN, GFR	Country-National*
23.10.1945 - 03.08.1957	NICKLIN, GFR	Country
15.08.1957 - 29.03.1958	WOOD, LA	ALP
14.04.1958 - 18.08.1958	DONALD, J	ALP
18.08.1958 - 11.10.1966	DUGGAN, JE	ALP
12.10.1966 - 01.07.1974	HOUSTON, JW	ALP
01.07.1974 - 07.12.1974	TUCKER, PJ	ALP
19.12.1974 - 28.11.1978	BURNS, TJ	ALP
28.11.1978 - 20.10.1982	CASEY, ED	ALP
20.10.1982 - 29.08.1984	WRIGHT, KW	ALP
29.08.1984 - 02.03.1988	WARBUTON, NG	ALP
02.03.1988 - 02.12.1989	GOSS, WK	ALP
02.12.1989 - 09.12.1991	COOPER, TR	National
10.12.1991 - 19.02.1996	BORBIDGE, RE	National
19.02.1996 - 26.06.1998	BEATTIE, PD	ALP
29.06.1998 - 02.03.2001	BORBIDGE, RE	National
02.03.2001 - 04.02.2003	HORAN, MJ	National

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04.02.2003 - 14.09.2006	SPRINGBORG, LJ	National
14.09.2006 - 29.01.2008	SEENEY, JW	National
29.01.2008 - 09.09.2008	SPRINGBORG, LJ	National
09.09.2008 - 02.04.2009	SPRINGBORG, LJ	LNP
03.04.2009 - 22.03.2011	LANGBROEK, J-PH	LNP
23.03.2011 - 23.03.2012	SEENEY, JW	LNP
30.03.2012 - 13.02.2015	PALASZCZUK, A [#]	ALP
20.02.2015 – 05.05.2016	SPRINGBORG, LJ	LNP
06.05.2016 – 11.12.2017	NICHOLLS, TJ	LNP

* Not to be confused with the Country and Progressive National Party, which ceased to exist on 6 April 1936. This particular Country-National Party was formed in April 1941, when parliamentary members of the Country Party, without the consent of the Country Party organisation, joined with members of the National Party to create a working coalition in the Parliament. However, on 8 April 1941, a Country Party conference voted to continue as a separate organisation and repudiated the previous fusion.

[#] First female leader of the Opposition.