



**Executive Council of
Australian Jewry**

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Australian Federal election results

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), the elected peak representative body of the Australian Jewish community, situated at the apex of more than 200 Jewish organisations across Australia, has warmly congratulated Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Coalition parties on being returned to power following the May 18 Federal election.

The Prime Minister described the result as a “miracle”, and it certainly went against the predictions of every published opinion poll over a long period of time.

The ECAJ thanks Prime Minister Morrison and his government for the consistent support they have given to the Australian Jewish community and to Israel. We wish the new government every success. We offer our hopes and prayers that our government leaders will be blessed with wisdom and righteousness in leading our beloved country, meeting its challenges and expanding opportunities for all.

We look forward to working with the new government and parliament on a range of issues that are critical for our community, including:

- increased security funding assistance;
- combating antisemitism and other forms of racism;
- maintaining support for Israel and checks on Iran; and
- preserving existing legal protections for religious freedom.

Finally, we extend our best wishes to the Australian Labor party as it takes stock and heeds the voice of the Australian people. In particular, we thank outgoing Opposition Leader, Bill Shorten, his wife Chloe and their family. He has been a true friend of the Australian Jewish community and of Israel, and still has much to offer Australia as a member of parliament. We wish him well in his future career.

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