

Independents in Australia's lower houses

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An asterisk indicates members who are sitting as at 1 August 2007

An (R) denotes a regional or rural seat

Member	Terms	Dates	Constituency	Fate
Federal				
King O'Malley	1	1901	Darwin, Tas (R)	Joined ALP 1901
James Wilkinson	1	1901–03	Moreton, Qld (R)	Re-joined ALP 1903
Alex Paterson	1	1901–03	Capricornia, Qld (R)	Retired
Sydney Sampson	1	1906–10	Wimmera, Vic (R)	Joined Protectionists
George Fairbairn	2	1906–10	Fawkner, Vic (City)	Joined Lib 1910
George Wise	1	1914–17	Gippsland, Vic (R)	Joined Nat 1917
Francis Frederick	1	1919–22	Henty, Vic (City)	Joined Nat 1922
William Watson	3	1922–28	Fremantle, WA (R)	Defeated
Lewis Nott	2	1925–28 1949–51	Herbert, Qld (R) ACT (City)	Defeated (Twice)
Bill McWilliams	1	1928–29	Franklin, Tas (R)	Died
Littleton Groom	1	1931–34	Darling Downs, Qld (R)	Joined UAP 1934
Adair Blain	4	1934–49	Northern Territory (R)	Defeated

Percy Spender	1	1937–40	Warringah, NSW (City)	Joined UAP
Alex Wilson#	3	1937–46	Wimmera, Vic (R)	Retired
Arthur Coles	2	1940–46	Henty, Vic (City)	Resigned
Doris Blackburn	2	1946–49	Bourke, Vic (City)	Defeated
Sam Benson	1	1966–69	Batman, Vic (City)	Retired
Ted Mack	2	1990–96	North Sydney, NSW (City)	Retired
Phil Cleary	2	1992–96	Wills, Vic (City)	Defeated
Graeme Campbell	1	1996–98	Kalgoorlie, WA (R)	Defeated
Alan Rocher	1	1996–98	Curtin, WA (City)	Defeated
Paul Filing	1	1996–98	Moore, WA (City)	Defeated
Pauline Hanson##	1	1996–98	Oxley, Qld (R)	Defeated
*Peter Andren	4	1996–	Calare, NSW (R)	
*Bob Katter	2	2001–	Kennedy, Qld (R)	
*Tony Windsor	2	2001–	New England, NSW (R)	

Australian Capital Territory

Michael Moore	4	1989–01	Molonglo (City)	Retired
Helen Szuty	1	1992–95	ACT (City)	Defeated
Paul Osborne	2	1995–01	Brindabella (City)	Defeated
Dave Rugendyke	1	1998–01	Ginninderra (City)	Defeated

New South Wales

Harold Coates	4	1965–76	Hartley/Blue Mountains (R)	Defeated
Joe Lawson	2	1968–73	Murray (R)	Died
John Hatton	7	1973–95	South Coast (R)	Retired
Ted Mack	3	1981–88	North Shore (City)	Retired
Bruce Duncan	1	1984–88	Lismore (R)	Retired
Frank Arkell	2	1984–91	Wollongong (R)	Defeated

Alex Wilson won Wimmera as a Victorian Country Party member by defeating the Australian Country Party candidate. His vote helped to bring down the Fadden government.

Pauline Hanson was the official Liberal Party candidate for Oxley in 1996 but was disendorsed before polling day – too late to remove her party affiliation from the ballot paper. She campaigned as an independent.

Dawn Fraser	1	1988–91	Balmain (City)	Defeated
*Clover Moore	5	1988–	Bligh (City)	
George Keegan	1	1988–91	Newcastle (R)	Defeated
Ivan Welsh	1	1988–91	Swansea (R)	Defeated
Robyn Read	1	1988–91	North Shore (City)	Defeated
Tony Windsor	3	1991–2001	Tamworth (R)	Federal parliament
Peter Macdonald	2	1991–99	Manly (City)	Retired
Tony McGrane	2	1999–04	Dubbo (Rural/regional)	Died
David Barr	2	1999–06	Manly (City)	Defeated
*Richard Torbay	2	1999–	Nth Tablelands (R)	
*Peter Draper	2	2003–	Tamworth (R)	
*Robert Oakeshott	2	2003–	Port Macquarie (R)	
*Elizabeth Fardell	2	2004–	Dubbo (R)	
Alex McTaggart	1	2005–07	Pittwater (R)	Defeated
*Greg Piper	1	2007–	Lake Macquarie (R)	

Northern Territory

Dawn Lawrie	3	1974–83	Nightcliff (City)	Defeated
Ron Withnall	1	1974–77	Port Darwin (City)	Defeated
Cecilia Noel Padgham-Purich	3	1987–97	Koolpinyah (City) /Nelson (Regional /rural)	Defeated
Denis Collins	2	1987–94	Sadadeen/Greatorex (R)	Defeated
*Lorraine Braham	2	2001–	Braitling (R)	
*Gerry Wood	2	2001–	Nelson (R)	

Queensland

Tom Aikens	12	1944–60 1960–77	Mundingburra (R) Townsville Sth (R)	Defeated
Arthur Adair	2	1963–69	Cook (R)	Retired
Arthur Coburn	5	1950–69	Burdekin (R)	Retired
Ed Casey	2	1972–77	Mackay (R)	Re-joined ALP 1977
Lindsay Hartwig	1	1983–86	Callide (R)	Retired
*Liz Cunningham	5	1995–	Gladstone (R)	
*Peter Wellington	4	1998–	Nicklin (R)	

Ray Hopper	1	2001	Darling Downs (R)	Joined NPA 2001
Lex Bell	1	2001–04	Surfers Paradise (City)	Defeated
John Kingston	1	2001–03	Maryborough (R)	Retired
*Dorothy Pratt	3	2001–	Nanango (R)	
*Chris Foley	2	2003–	Maryborough (R)	
Elisa Roberts	1	2004–06	Gympie (R)	Defeated

South Australia

Edward Connolly	1	1975–77	Pirie (R)	Defeated after re-joining LPA
Keith Russack	1	1977–79	Goyder (R)	Re-joined LPA 1979
Norm Peterson	4	1979–93	Semaphore (City)	Retired
Martyn Evans	3	1984–93	Elizabeth (City)	Re-joined ALP 1993
Stan Evans	1	1985–86	Davenport (City)	Re-joined LPA 1986
*Rory McEwen	2	1997–	Mt Gambier (R)	
Mitch Williams	1	1997–	MacKillop (R)	Re-joined LPA 1999
*Bob Such	1	2000–	Fisher (City)	
Peter Lewis	2	2002–06	Hammond (R)	Retired
*Kris Hanna	1	2006–	Mitchell (City)	

Tasmania

Reginald ("Spot") Turnbull	1	1959–61	Bass (R)	Federal parliament
Bill Wedd	2	1948–53; 1959–64	Denison (City)	Defeated
Bob Brown	4	1983–89	Denison (City)	Federal parliament
Bruce Goodluck	1	1996–98	Franklin (R)	Retired

Victoria

Jack Mutton	4	1967–79	Coburg (City)	Defeated
Russell Savage	4	1996–06	Mildura (R)	Defeated
Susan Davies	2	1997–02	Gippsland West (R)	Defeated
*Craig Ingram	3	1999–	Gippsland East (R)	

Western Australia

*Liz Constable	4	1991–	Floreat/Churchlands (City)	
Phillip Pandal	2	1996–05	South Perth (City)	Retired
Ernie Bridge	1	1996–2000	Kimberley (R)	Retired
#*Janet Woollard	2	2002–	Alfred Cove (City)	
Larry Graham	1	2002–05	Pilbara (R)	Retired

Independent Liberal

Note: These tables only include members who have been elected or re-elected as independents, not those who have become independent after resigning from a party mid-term. All federal independents are listed, but for the states and territories the lists begin with members who sat in the 1960s.