

Barton Deakin Brief: Victorian Shadow Ministry Reshuffle

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On 24 September 2017, the Victorian Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Matthew Guy, announced a reshuffle of the Liberal Nationals Shadow Ministry in the Victorian Parliament. This Barton Deakin Brief details the changes made.

Background

Ahead of next year's election, the Victorian Shadow Ministry has been reshuffled. Opposition Leader Matthew Guy announced last week that the revised Shadow Cabinet will present opportunity to focus on infrastructure and transport, electricity, and population decentralisation heading into an election year.

Elections for Victorian State Parliament are held on the last Saturday in November every four years. The next Victorian State election will be on 24 November 2018.

Changes to the Victorian Shadow Ministry

Key changes to the Shadow Ministry are as follows:

- Deputy Liberal Leader David Hodgett will become Shadow Minister for Roads and Infrastructure and Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight;
- David Davis will become Shadow Minister for Public Transport, alongside his responsibilities as Shadow Minister for Planning and Shadow Minister for Equality;
- Deputy Leader of the Nationals Steph Ryan will assume the Water portfolio in addition to her current role as Shadow Minister for Training, Skills and Apprenticeships and Shadow Minister for Young Victorians;
- Brad Battin will become Shadow Minister for the Building Industry alongside responsibilities as Shadow Minister for Emergency Services;
- Ryan Smith will assume the role of Shadow Minister of Cost of Living as well as Shadow Special Minister of State. In this capacity he will lead coordination between the parliamentary party and the Liberal Party organisation for the 2018 election campaign;
- Nick Wakeling will become Shadow Minister for the Environment;
- Tim Smith will become Shadow Minister for Education and Scrutiny of Government;
- Danny O'Brien will be responsible for Coalition's Population Policy taskforce;



- Emma Kealy will assume additional responsibilities in the Health portfolio as Shadow Minister for Country Health, Mental Health, Senior Victorians, and Women;
- David Morris has the added responsibility of Local Government as well as Shadow Cabinet Secretary;
- Robert Clark will assume role as Shadow Minister for Counter Terrorism in addition to his role as Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations;
- Dee Ryall will assume the role of Shadow Assistant Minister for Economic Development, and;
- Margaret Fitzherbert will become Shadow Assistant Minister to the Leader.

Further Information

Mr. Guy's statement regarding the changes and a full list of Shadow Cabinet and Shadow Assistant Ministers can be read [here](#).

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