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# How parliaments share power when no one party has majority control

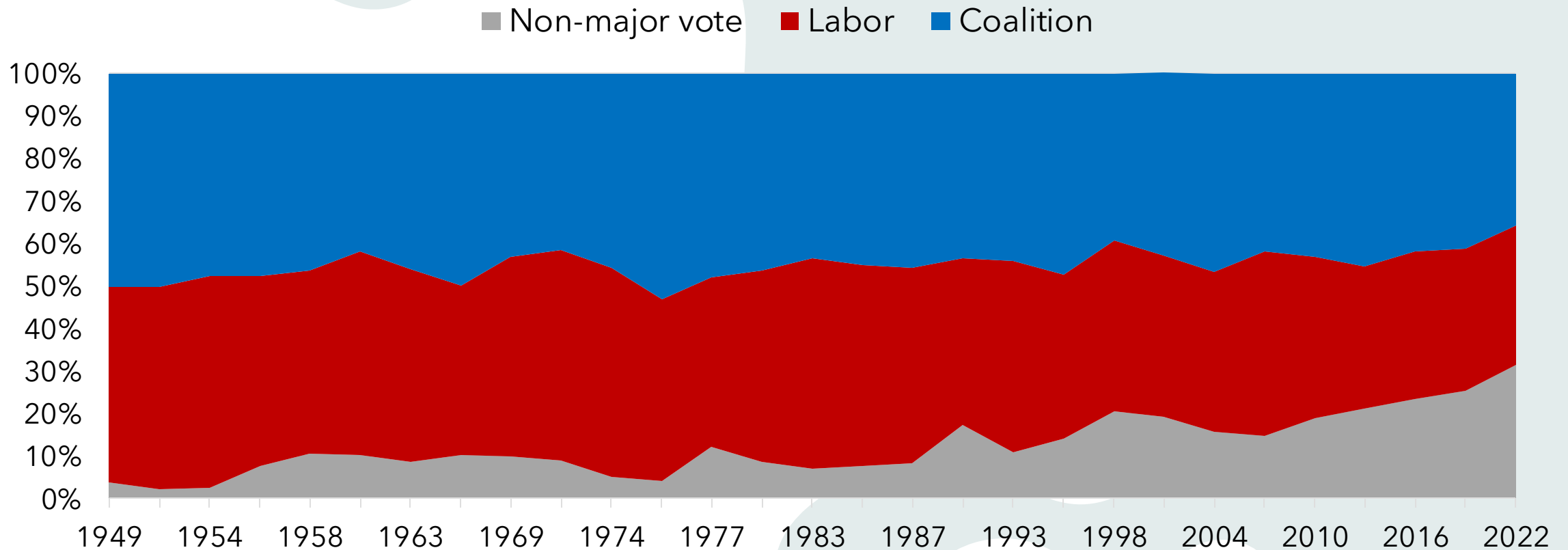
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# Federal vote going to major parties and other



*Adapted from Ben Raue, The Tally Room*



***“Indeed, one measure of the success of the minority government formed by Julia Gillard was its legislative agenda, with record numbers of bills passed during her term.”***

Former Liberal Opposition Leader John Hewson



***“It is very likely that Tasmania will continue to elect minority governments.”***

Rebecca White, then Labor Opposition Leader

Fred Chaney, former deputy leader of the Liberal Party, wrote in 2000:

***The thing to remember is that any single Liberal, National or Labor senator could be pivotal in the case of a close vote. In the 1970s, when senators on the conservative side were less bound by party discipline, they often used their power across the floor to achieve the same apparent dominance in the decision making process as Colston and Harradine.***





***“That’s what we have in a democracy ... and it means you work closely with the independents [and] with the crossbench to get legislation through and if what you’re doing is right, you can bring parliamentarians on the journey.”***

Dominic Perrottet, then Premier of NSW

***“The Parliament has been effective and productive since the election”***

Liberal Premier Jeremy Rockliff



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