

# Convicted Australian Politicians

Australian politicians convicted of crimes

## Federal

[Michael Cobb](#) – NSW federal National Party MP fined \$14,000 and given a two-year suspended jail term after being found guilty of rorting travel expenses.

[Pauline Hanson](#) – One Nation co-founder sentenced to three years' jail for electoral fraud, but was subsequently acquitted and found to have been jailed wrongly.

[Andrew Theophanous](#) – ALP politician sentenced in 2002 to 6 years' jail for bribery and fraud

## New South Wales

Name	Year	Party	Offence	Sentence	Notes
<a href="#">Rex Jackson</a>	1987	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	accepting bribes	10 years	former Minister for Corrective Services; increased from 7½ years on appeal
<a href="#">Tony Packard</a>	1993	<a href="#">Liberal Party</a>	unlawful use of listening devices	convicted, fined \$1000	
<a href="#">Barry Morris</a>	1996	<a href="#">Liberal Party</a>	making death threats	1 year	decreased from 2½ years on appeal
<a href="#">Milton Orkopoulos</a>	2008	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	30 offences including child sex and drugs	13 years and 11 months (min. 9y3m)	appealed March 2009
<a href="#">Richard Face</a>	2009	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Making a false statement to the ICAC	fined \$2500, three-year good behaviour bond	

## Queensland

Name	Year	Party	Offence	Sentence	Notes
<a href="#">Brian Austin</a>	1990	<a href="#">National Party</a>	misappropriating public funds	15 months	
<a href="#">Leisha Harvey</a>	1990	<a href="#">National Party</a>	misappropriating public funds	12 months	7 months served in home detention

<a href="#">Don Lane</a>	1990	<a href="#">National Party</a>	misappropriating public funds	12 months	
<a href="#">Geoff Muntz</a>	1990	<a href="#">National Party</a>	misappropriating public funds	12 months	
<a href="#">Keith Wright</a>	1993	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	child sex offences	8 years (non-parole period 4 years)	Former Leader of the Opposition
<a href="#">Bill D'Arcy</a>	2000	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	child sex offences	11 years (non-parole period 7 years)	
<a href="#">Merri Rose</a>	2005	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Blackmail	1½ years	
<a href="#">Gordon Nuttall</a>	2009	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Corruption, receiving secret commissions	7½ years (non-parole period 2½ years)	
<a href="#">Karen Struthers</a>	2007	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Drink driving	\$1000 fine and loss of licence for 10 months	

#### Tasmania

Name	Year	Party	Offence
<a href="#">Brenton Best</a>	2002	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Drink driving

#### Victoria

Name	Year	Party	Offence	Sentence
<a href="#">Carolyn Hirst</a>	2005	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Drink driving	\$600 and driving ban of 6 months
<a href="#">Andrew Olexander</a>	2005	<a href="#">Liberal Party</a>	Drink driving	
<a href="#">Carolyn Hirst</a>	2006	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Drink driving and driving whilst disqualified	\$600 and driving ban of 1 year
<a href="#">Adem Somyurek</a>	2009	<a href="#">Labor Party</a>	Driving whilst disqualified	\$300 and 1 month suspended jail sentence

#### Western Australia

Name	Year	Party	Offence	Sentence	Notes
Brian Burke	1994	Labor Party	misappropriating public funds	7 months	former state Premier
Ray O'Connor	1995	Liberal Party	stealing a cheque from Bond Corporation	18 months	former state Premier
David Parker	1996	Labor Party	perjury	18 months	former state Deputy Premier paroled after six months
Wayde Smith	1998	Liberal Party	perjury	18 months	paroled after six months
Noel Marlborough	2006	Labor Party	Lying to the Corruption and Crime Commission	Fined \$12,500	former minister