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UK General Election 2024

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A historic UK general election has brought about a change of government in London after 14 years of Conservative rule.

As Labour forms government under Sir Keir Starmer, what will this mean for the UK, and for Australia's relations with the UK?



How, if at all, will Labour differ in its foreign policy in Europe and the Indo-Pacific? What does it mean for relations with France, Germany and the EU, as well as the US, NATO and AUKUS?

And how influential will the Reform Party (and Nigel Farage, finally an MP on the eighth attempt) be in shaping policy?

Recently-returned from the UK and Europe, Ben Wellings will analyse the results of the election and what this might mean for Australia.



Associate Professor Ben Wellings is an expert on the politics of nationalism in the United Kingdom and contemporary Europe, and the part played by national identity in the political polarisation within and between nations and states. His current research focuses on nationalism and disintegration in the UK and the EU, and the politics of the Anglosphere. He comments regularly on national and international television and radio for the ABC, Channel 10, Bloomberg, and on international TV and radio, as well as contributing op-eds for major newspapers and via online media.

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