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STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, THE
HON. DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P. ON THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS

The issues in the Millicent by-election which must now take place, are clear and simple.

Firstly, whether the people of Millicent can retain as their member Des Corcoran, a gifted and able Parliamentarian who has given outstanding service to his district and his work has brought very real benefit to the people of Millicent and the district.

Secondly, and in this, the eyes of the whole of Australia will be on Millicent, whether the people of South Australia will retain the opportunity to change the Government at any time during the rest of this century by ensuring that the proposals of the L.C.L. to put through a further gerrymander of electorates are thwarted. If the Liberals were to succeed in Millicent, it will mean the end of elective representative Government in South Australia as they have made it plain that they will alter the boundaries so as to remain in office regardless of how the people voted.

They cannot achieve this result without 20 members on the floor of the House. If Millicent retains its Labor member then we can ensure a reasonable compromise to end the present iniquitous electoral system.