

Nahan smashes Beazley

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Member for Riverton Mike Nahan retained the Liberal seat of Riverton with 56.51 per cent of valid votes for the electorate and increased his hold by 7.17 per cent in the 2013 state election.

With voting to continue until later in the week, the Liberal Party was expected to pick up 39 seats and Labor just 19 in the WA parliament.

Riverton was marked as a key seat in the weekend's election with Dr Nahan holding the seat by two per cent but following the election results Dr Nahan's hold on the seat increased to 9.17 per cent.

As at 2.15pm on March 11 the elections WA website had reported 82.66 per cent of votes had been counted of which Mr Nahan had the majority, followed by Labor candidate Hannah Beazley on 35.45 per cent.

Greens candidate Marcus Atkinson received 5.85 per cent of votes and Independent candidate Joe Delle Donne received 2.18 per cent of votes.

In the two candidate preferred Dr Nahan received 59.17 per cent of votes and Ms Beazley received 40.83 per cent.

Dr Nahan thanked the people who supported him through the election.

"My campaign was very much a community effort and I want to thank everyone who helped me to win this seat for a second term," he said.

"We ran a very clean campaign, we

focused on the community and we announced fully-funded policies in tune with the demands of the community.

"Riverton has gone from being the most marginal seat in WA, which I won in 2008 by just 64 votes, to a margin of over 4000 votes this election. This is an unprecedented change and it has come because of the strong endorsement I have received for the work I have done.

"The Labor candidate worked full-time for 12 months, had substantial funding and the full support and resources of the wider Labor movement, including the unions.

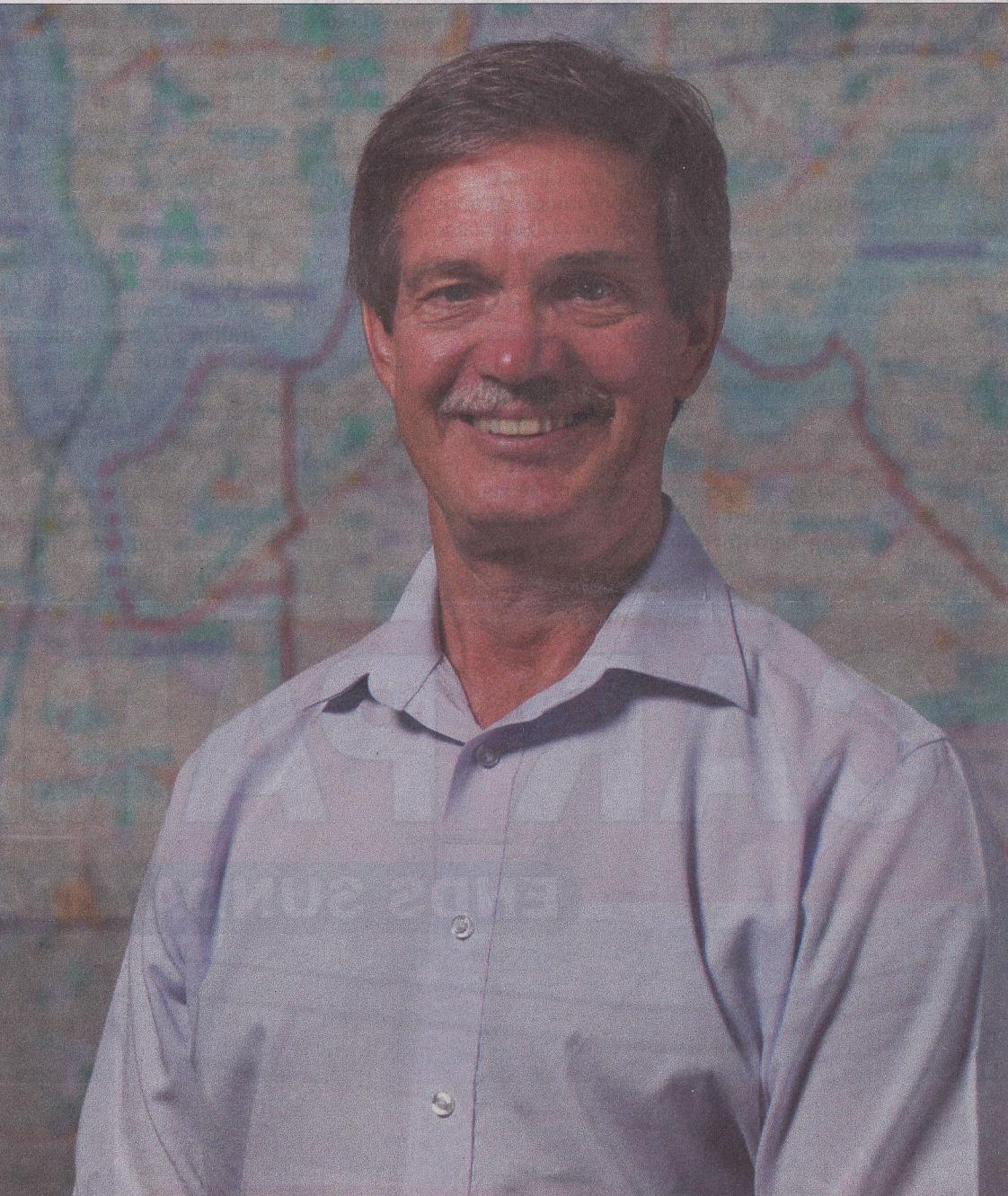
"Despite that she had an 8.58 per cent swing against her in this electorate and that is a substantially larger swing against her than the overall average.

"The Labor candidate also had support of the Green's candidate and the City of Canning's suspended mayor Joe Delle Donne, who was running as an independent, feeding their preferences to her and she still only received 35 per cent of the vote.

"I will continue to use my strong skills, leadership and experience to work hard for the local community and to strongly represent them in state parliament."

Dr Nahan said he was vigorously seeking a senior ministry in Colin Barnett's new government.

Hannah Beazley was contacted by *The Examiner* but did not respond by deadline.



Member for Riverton Mike Nahan was elected for another four years in the 2013 state election.
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