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The Coalition lost in Victoria and looks like doing less well than expected in Queensland and New South Wales. Peter Clarke discusses why, and what it says about the Liberal Party, with Brian Costar, Sally Young and Peter Brent

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The Coalition’s loss of government in Victoria after a single term upended conventional wisdom about Australian elections. With two more state elections looming, and the federal government languishing in the polls, political scientists Brian Costar, Sally Young and Peter Brent discuss the underlying issues with Inside Story’s Peter Clarke.

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