
BEN CARROLL SWORN IN AS AUSTRALIAN STATE OF VICTORIA'S 50TH PREMIER AFTER LABOR LEADERSHIP UPHEAVAL

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Ben Carroll was sworn in as the 50th premier of the Australian state of Victoria on Tuesday, following the resignation of Jacinta Allan and a turbulent Labor Party caucus meeting that briefly threatened to trigger a contested leadership battle, ABC News reported.

Carroll, who had served as deputy premier, will now lead the governing Victorian Labor Party into the state's November election after securing unanimous backing from party lawmakers.

His appointment followed a dramatic 24-hour period in which Allan initially indicated she would contest a leadership ballot before announcing her resignation ahead of an expected challenge.

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