

METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Research dates:	5th - 10th October 2022
Target population:	The target population for the research was Australian residents (all states and territories) aged 18+.
Research methodology:	The research comprised of a 15-minute self-complete online survey with n=1,207, sourced from an ISO accredited market research panel.
Weighting approach:	The data was weighted using ABS Census population statistics on age, gender, location and occupation to match the estimated population of all Australian residents aged 18+. The total effective sample size after weighting was approximately 73%, equating to a margin of error of approximately $\pm 2.9\%$ (at the 95% confidence interval).
Research questions:	A combination of single choice, multiple choice and open-ended (text response) questions were used in the research. All questions and response options were displayed in full during interviews.

This research was conducted in accordance with the Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards which can be viewed here: <https://www.australianpollingcouncil.com/>

Published questions:

Q. What are the main issues facing Australians that are most important to you right now – the specific cares, concerns, or priorities that you typically talk about with friends or family?

Q. Overall, do you think Australia, <insert state>, and your local area are heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	1	2	
	Heading in the right direction	Heading in the wrong direction	Select 1
A	Australia		
B	STATE/TERRITORY		
C	Your local area		

Q. Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in your local area?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor

Q. In this question we will show you a series of 36 things that some people believe are important for Australia's future. We know it's a long list, but the results will provide important information to Australia's leaders. How important are these things to you personally?

	1	2	3	4
	Extremely important	Quite important	Slightly important	Not important at all
1	Reducing personal taxes			
2	Strengthening pensions, welfare payments and support for vulnerable people			
3	Improving representation and conditions for women in the workplace			
4	Promoting diversity, inclusion, and respect for minority groups			
5	Strengthening our economy			

6	Investing more in programs to boost jobs and address unemployment
7	Supporting small businesses and encouraging entrepreneurship
8	Addressing Aboriginal disadvantage and promoting reconciliation
9	Acting decisively on climate change and transitioning to renewables
10	Increasing our local manufacturing capacity
11	Strengthening our defence capabilities
12	Strengthening our borders against illegal immigration
13	Increasing migration to fill workplace shortages
14	Expanding and strengthening public services
15	Investing more to ensure quality affordable healthcare for all Australians
16	Investing more to ensure access to affordable University and TAFE education
17	Investing more to improve the quality of primary and high schools in all local communities
18	Investing more in new transport and other infrastructure projects
19	Investing more to improve the aged care sector
20	Improving the preparedness and support for fires, floods and other disasters
21	Reducing government debt
22	Improving pay and conditions for workers
23	Effectively managing the COVID pandemic recovery
24	Improving the treatment of asylum seekers
25	Preserving freedom of speech and rejecting excessive political correctness
26	Keeping interest rates low
27	Reducing cost increases for household bills and other essential expenses
28	Providing opportunities for more people to own their own home
29	Increasing the availability of affordable rental housing

30	Protecting the natural environment, habitats and wildlife
31	Creating favourable conditions and opportunities for people to build personal wealth
32	Strengthening international alliances to counteract aggression from other countries
33	Strengthening our response to violence against women
34	Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour
35	Investing more to increase the availability of affordable childcare services
36	Improving and securing international trade and supply chains

Q. Next please select the 3 of these things that are most important to you personally.

	Select 3
Reducing personal taxes	1
Strengthening pensions, welfare payments and support for vulnerable people	2
Improving representation and conditions for women in the workplace	3
Promoting diversity, inclusion, and respect for minority groups	4
Strengthening our economy	5
Investing more in programs to boost jobs and address unemployment	6
Supporting small businesses and encouraging entrepreneurship	7
Addressing Aboriginal disadvantage and promoting reconciliation	8
Acting decisively on climate change and transitioning to renewables	9
Increasing our local manufacturing capacity	10
Strengthening our defence capabilities	11
Strengthening our borders against illegal immigration	12
Increasing migration to fill workplace shortages	13
Expanding and strengthening public services	14

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Q. How do you think the Australian economy will change over the following time frames?

		It will get a lot worse	It will get a little worse	It will stay the same	It will get a little better	It will get a lot better
A	In 3 months	5	5	5	5	5
B	In 12 months	5	5	5	5	5
C	In 3 years	5	5	5	5	5

Q. Please select all the emotions that best describe how you have been feeling over the last few weeks?

Happy
Grateful
Calm
Content
Inspired
Confident
Optimistic
Loved
Excited
Ambitious
Proud
Brave
Energised
Joyful
Angry
Annoyed
Anxious
Envious

Bored
Confused
Pessimistic
Sad
Scared
Stressed
Lonely
Depressed
Exhausted
Disappointed
Rushed
Overwhelmed
Included
Valued

Q. Overall, how would you rate the performance of the following governments?

1	2	3	4	5	6	99
Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor	Don't know
The <INSERT STATE/TERRITORY> Government						
The Federal Government						

Q. Thinking now about cost of living. How concerned, if at all, are you about the following cost of living issues?

Extremely concerned	Quite concerned	Slightly concerned	Not concerned	This cost isn't relevant to me
Petrol prices				
Gas bills				
Grocery prices				
Electricity bills				
Rent				
Mortgage repayments				
Insurance premiums				

Q. The Federal Government is planning to hold a referendum to update the Australian Constitution and create an "Indigenous Voice" representing the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. This would be a permanent advisory body to the Federal Parliament on issues relevant to Indigenous people but would not have the power to create or approve laws.

To what extent do you support or oppose the creation of an Indigenous Voice to Parliament?

Strongly support
Somewhat support
Neither support nor oppose
Somewhat oppose
Strongly oppose

Q. Some people think that Australia should no longer be a constitutional monarchy and should become a republic instead. Making this change would require a national referendum and a change to the Australian constitution. To what extent do you support or oppose Australia becoming a republic?

Strongly support
Somewhat support
Neither support nor oppose
Somewhat oppose
Strongly oppose

Q. Thinking now about the war in Ukraine. How do you feel about the current amount of support that Australia's Federal Government is providing to the Ukrainian Government?

They should be providing more support
They are providing an appropriate amount of support
They are providing too much support

Q. Thinking now about child care subsidies. The Federal Government is planning to increase childcare subsidies from July 2023 to make childcare more affordable. Changes include:

- Lifting the maximum Child Care Subsidy rate to 90% for families earning \$80,000 or less
- Making all families earning less than \$530,00 eligible for childcare subsidies
- Increasing the subsidies for around 96% of families earning less than \$530,000

The plan would cost approximately \$5.4 billion per year from July 2023.

To what extent do you support or oppose this plan?

1	Strongly support
2	Somewhat support
3	Neither support nor oppose
4	Somewhat oppose
5	Strongly oppose

Q. Some people think that the Federal Government should bring forward the start date of the new childcare subsidy scheme to January 2023 instead of July 2023. This would cost the Government an estimated extra \$1 billion.

To what extent do you support or oppose bringing forward the start date of the new childcare subsidies to January 2023? *(Select one answer)*

1	Strongly support
2	Somewhat support
3	Neither support nor oppose
4	Somewhat oppose
5	Strongly oppose

Q. Recently, the Queensland Government announced a new energy plan for the state. This plan includes:

- A new renewable energy target of 70% by 2032 and 80% by 2035
- Two new pumped hydro projects - Borumba and Pioneer-Burdekin
- A pathway to build the new Queensland SuperGrid, which will connect solar, wind, battery and hydrogen projects across the state and unlock new capacity and storage
- Converting all of Queensland's publicly-owned coal-fired power stations into clean energy hubs by 2035, backed by a Job Security Guarantee for workers.

To what extent do you support or oppose this energy plan?

Strongly support
Somewhat support
Neither support nor oppose
Somewhat oppose
Strongly oppose

Q. Currently, many businesses in Australia are experiencing a shortage of workers. To what extent do you support or oppose the Government introducing the following initiatives to address this shortage?

Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
Accelerating visa processing to clear the backlog of visa requests				
Increasing Australia's permanent migration levels from 160,000 to 195,000 in the current financial year				
Increasing the age limit for Working Holiday Maker visas from 31 to 50 years old				
Increasing the amount of money that age pensioners can earn before their pension payments are reduced				
Allowing international students to work in Australia for an extra 2 year post-study in areas of skills shortages				
Providing fee-free TAFE courses				
Funding additional apprenticeships				
Expand pathways to permanent residency for temporary skilled sponsored workers				

Q. Now imagine you were applying for a new job. How important would the following things be to you in deciding to apply for a job?

Extremely important	Quite important	Slightly important	Not important at all
The pay			
Career progression opportunities			
Ability to work from home			
Training opportunities			
Being interesting work			
Being easy work			
Company culture			
Company ethics			
Work-life balance			
Flexible working hours			
Company purpose			
Ability to work from anywhere in the world			

Q. In the next 3 years, how likely are you to leave your current job and work overseas in a new job?

I definitely will
I probably will
I may or may not
I probably won't
I definitely won't
I'm not working / this doesn't apply to me

Q. In the next 3 years, how likely are you to keep your current job but move overseas and work from there instead?

I definitely will
I probably will
I may or may not
I probably won't
I definitely won't
I'm not working / this doesn't apply to me

Q. Why do you think you will work overseas in the next 3 years?

Q. Have you ever had any personal digital data "hacked" or stolen from you?

1	Yes, this has definitely happened to me
2	I think this may have happened to me but I'm not sure
3	No, I'm not aware of this ever happening to me

Q. Have you done any of the following in the past month?

Yes/done	No/not done
Changed any of your online passwords	
Set up two-factor authentication	
Cancelled an online subscription because of security concerns	
Sought out information on how to protect your security online	

Q. How concerned are you about being personally impacted by each of these over the next 12 months?

Extremely concerned	Quite concerned	Slightly concerned	Not concerned
Bushfires			
Floods			

Q. Now turning to the cost of living. Which of the following do you think would be the best party to manage the cost of living?

The Liberal and Nationals Coalition
The Labor Party
Neither / someone else
Can't say