

METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Project name	Mood of the Nation (Wave 8)
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Research dates:	9th - 15th November 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 20-minute self-complete online survey with n=1,472 participants including a boost in the New South Wales sample, 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 +/-2.6% (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

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?

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

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

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

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
Investing more to ensure quality affordable healthcare for all Australians	15
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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	1	2	3	4	5
B	In 12 months	1	2	3	4	5
C	In 3 years	1	2	3	4	5

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

		Select all that apply
1	Happy	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Grateful	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Calm	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Content	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Inspired	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Confident	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Optimistic	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Loved	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Excited	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Ambitious	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Proud	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Brave	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Energised	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Joyful	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Angry	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Annoyed	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Anxious	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Envious	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Bored	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Confused	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Pessimistic	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Sad	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Scared	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Stressed	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Lonely	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Depressed	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Exhausted	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Disappointed	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Rushed	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Overwhelmed	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Included	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Valued	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
A	The STATE/TERRITORY Government						
B	The Federal Government						

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

	1	2	3	4	5
	Extremely concerned	Quite concerned	Slightly concerned	Not concerned	This cost isn't relevant to me
A	Petrol prices				
B	Gas bills				
C	Grocery prices				
D	Electricity bills				
E	Rent				
F	Mortgage repayments				
G	Insurance premiums				
H	Motorway tolls				

Now turning to the recent Federal Budget, which was handed down by the Federal Government in late October. Were you aware of the budget and, if so, how much do you know about it?

1	I was unaware of the recent Federal Budget
2	I heard there was a Federal Budget but don't know anything about it
3	I know a little about the recent Federal Budget and the measures in it
4	I know a lot about the recent Federal Budget and the measures in it

To what extent do you feel positive or negative about the measures announced by the Government in the recent Federal Budget?

1	Very positive
2	Somewhat positive
3	Neither positive nor negative
4	Somewhat negative
5	Very negative

The following are a series of priorities that the NSW State Government could potentially allocate additional funding to. Please select the 3 that you think are most important and rank them from 1 (most important funding priority) to 3 (3rd most important funding priority).

Education	—
Affordable housing	—
Healthcare	—
Public transport	—
Road infrastructure	—
The environment	—
Cost of living subsidies	—

Thinking just about the healthcare system in New South Wales. Please select the 3 potential funding priorities that you think are most important and rank them from 1 (most important funding priority) to 3 (3rd most important funding priority).

Hospital bed availability	—
Number of GP's	—

Number of nurses	—
Hospital emergency departments	—
Surgery wait times	—
Regional hospitals	—

Do you agree or disagree that the following groups are responsible for fixing the current cost-of-living issues?

		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	99
A	The Federal Government						
B	The STATE/TERRITORY Government						
C	Large businesses						
D	Each individual Australian						

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Overall, do you feel positive or negative about Australia transitioning its electricity generation to renewables like solar, wind and hydro and moving away from coal and other fossil fuels?

Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative
1	2	3	4	5

In Australia, do you think the transition to renewable energy like solar, wind and hydro is currently moving...

Far too quickly	A bit too quickly	At an appropriate pace	A bit too slowly	Far too slowly
1	2	3	4	5

To what extent, if at all, do you think the following things are contributing to rising electricity prices in Australia?

	Large contributor	Medium contributor	Small contributor	Not a contributor	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	99
A	Actions or inaction of the current Federal Government				
B	Actions or inaction of the previous Federal Government				
C	Actions or inaction of the STATE Government				
D	The war in Ukraine				
E	Rising gas and coal fuel prices				
F	Costs associated with the transition to renewable energy				
G	Coal-fired power stations being retired too quickly				
H	Breakdowns at older coal-fired power stations				
G	Electricity generators restricting electricity supply				
I	Rising costs of building electricity transmission infrastructure				
L	Lack of competition in the electricity retail market				
M	The privatisation of the electricity network				

Do you support or oppose the following actions related to energy in Australia?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
	1	2	3	4	5
A	The Federal Government committing to "Net zero carbon emissions" by 2050 (meaning that carbon pollution released will be balanced by carbon storage or other offsets)				
B	The Federal Government's target to reduce carbon emissions by 43% by 2030 (compared to 2005 levels)				
C	Australian governments seriously investigating the potential use of nuclear power in Australia				
D	The Government setting aside domestic "gas reservations" to guarantee that a certain amount of Australian gas is available for domestic customers and not exported				
E	Increasing spending on Australia's electricity transmission network so more large-scale renewable energy projects like solar and wind farms can be connected to the electricity grid				
F	Increasing spending on Australia's electricity distribution network to ensure people can export excess renewable energy to the electricity grid from their solar panels, batteries and/or electric vehicles				
G	Improving energy efficient building standards for new homes and major renovations				
H	Programs to improve the energy efficiency of existing homes				
I	Relaxing the usual regulatory and community planning approvals process for renewables and electricity transmission projects, in order to have more renewable energy available more quickly				
J	Developing new large-scale offshore wind farms				
K	Australian governments developing new publicly owned gas projects for domestic gas supply				
L	The Government investing significantly in new green hydrogen projects				
M	Greater tax or other financial incentives to make ownership of Electric Vehicles more affordable				

The energy network is currently transitioning away from fossil fuels to more renewable energy sources like solar, wind and hydro. What effect do you think the shift to renewables will have on electricity prices in the short and long term?

		It will be good for prices and help keep them down	Have no impact on energy prices	It will be bad for energy prices and contribute to prices rises	Don't know
A	In the short term - i.e. the next few years	1	2	3	4
B	In the long term - 5 years and beyond	1	2	3	4

To what extent do you support or oppose the following options that some people believe could reduce energy prices for consumers?

		Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
		1	2	3	4	5
A	Putting new price caps on the electricity and gas prices that consumers pay per kWh (a standard unit of energy)					
B	Placing a windfall tax on gas companies that would fund direct subsidies on energy bills to consumers					
C	Direct subsidies to consumers to help pay energy bills, funded by new government debt					

D	A code of conduct for gas producers to direct them to make more gas available for domestic gas consumption
E	Limiting the amount of gas being exported overseas, through an export "trigger"
F	Federal and State Governments taking back control of power generation from private companies
G	Banning new gas and coal projects
H	Accelerating the shift to renewable energy
I	Taking no direct action because of concerns it would increase debt, increase inflation or interfere with investment certainty which could put long-term pressure on energy prices
J	Fast tracking the development of new gas projects in Australia

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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?

1	The Liberal and Nationals Coalition
2	The Labor Party
3	Neither / someone else
99	Can't say

Please select up to 5 of the following issues that are most important to you in deciding who to vote for at the NSW State Election in March 2023.

1	Climate change and the environment
2	Cost of living
3	Healthcare investment
4	Education infrastructure investment
5	Housing and rental affordability
6	Transport infrastructure investment
7	Aged care investment
8	Economic management
9	Reforming teacher salaries so high performing teachers can earn more
10	Childcare subsidies
11	Stamp duty reform for first home buyers
12	Reducing the cost of motorway tolls
98	Something else (<i>please specify</i>)