

## METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

<b>Project name</b>	Mood of the Nation (Wave 9)
<b>Project reference</b>	NGR 2203003
Research dates:	1st - 6th February 2023
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=1,478 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 +-3% (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?

	1	2
	Heading in the right direction	Heading in the wrong direction
A	Australia	
B	<b>STATE/TERRITORY</b>	
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	Addressing problem gambling with new laws and regulations			
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
Addressing problem gambling with new laws and regulations	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 <b>STATE/TERRITORY</b> 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				

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?

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

To what extent to do you support or oppose the following actions the Federal Government has taken in recent months?

		Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
A	New alcohol restrictions in Alice Springs to address rising crime levels (including takeaway alcohol-free days on Mondays and Tuesdays, bottle shop opening hours restricted to 3PM-7PM on other days and a limit of one transaction per person per day)	1	2	3	4	5
B	Their reforms to reduce gas prices in Australia including a cap on the wholesale price that gas producers can charge their consumers (set at \$12 per gigajoule)	1	2	3	4	5

To what extent do you support or oppose the following potential initiatives that some people have been calling for?

		Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
A	Developing new gas projects to produce gas supply that is reserved for Australian businesses and households	1	2	3	4	5
B	Banning all new gas projects in Australia	1	2	3	4	5
C	Banning all new coal projects in Australia	1	2	3	4	5

The Federal Treasurer, Jim Chalmers, recently wrote an essay about the importance of values in “rethinking the role of capitalism” in Australia. How much, if anything, did you know about this essay?

1	I was unaware that he wrote an essay on this
2	I heard something about this but don't know anything about it
3	I know a little about this essay and what he wrote in it
4	I know a lot about this essay and what he wrote in it

What is your overall feeling about the essay released by Jim Chalmers?

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

How do you feel about the each of following views that were expressed in this essay released by Jim Chalmers?

		Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative
A	That Governments should be more involved in the economy overall	1	2	3	4	5
B	That Governments should strengthen their role in operating and regulating markets	1	2	3	4	5
C	That Government should set national priorities for the economy that are explicitly designed to deliver social and environmental benefits	1	2	3	4	5
D	That greater investment in co-funded Government/Industry programs is a good way bring about positive change for our society	1	2	3	4	5

Some people think that increasing Government involvement in the economy and markets will discourage the amount of private sector investment in new projects. Do you agree or disagree with this point of view?

1	Strongly agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Neither agree nor disagree
4	Somewhat disagree
5	Strongly disagree

Thinking now about your own personal standard of living. To what extent do you believe your own personal standard of living will improve, stay the same or worsen during 2023? *(Select one answer)*

1	Improve a lot
2	Improve a little
3	Stay the same
4	Worsen a little
5	Worsen a lot

Who do you think would make the better Premier of New South Wales?

1	Dominic Perrottet
2	Chris Minns
3	Can't say

The following are a series of issues and factors that may determine who people vote for at the upcoming NSW State Election in March 2023. Please select up to 5 things that will be most important in deciding who you vote for.

1	Climate change and the environment
2	Cost of living
3	Healthcare investment
4	Education infrastructure investment
5	Housing and rental affordability
6	Investment in public transport
7	Investment in roads and motorways
8	Aged care investment
10	Economic management
11	Childcare subsidies
12	Stamp duty reform for first home buyers
13	Reducing the cost of motorway tolls
14	Your opinion of Dominic Perrottet
15	Your opinion of Chris Minns
16	A general desire for change
17	A general desire for stability
18	Poker machine reform
19	Policies on energy security involving gas and coal supply
98	Something else <i>(please specify)</i>

The NSW State Government has recently proposed to reform the use of poker machines. This would mean that players could no longer use cash and would instead need to use a cashless gaming card with spending limits (potentially monthly or annually).

Overall, do you support or oppose the introduction of cashless gaming cards?

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

Why do you (support/oppose) the introduction of cashless gaming cards?

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