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## **Key findings**

#### The transition to renewable energy

Australians are very supportive of the transition to renewable energy. As can be seen in figure 68, 84 per cent say they support producing more energy from solar (just four per cent oppose), 65 per cent onshore wind (12 per cent oppose) and 62 per cent offshore wind (13 per cent oppose). These all lead other possible energy sources. Natural gas is the next most popular, with 53 per cent supportive of additional energy from this source (14 per cent oppose), with 51 per cent saying they support renewable gasses (seven per cent oppose). Nuclear is less popular, with 35 per cent saying they support more energy from this source (32 per cent oppose); however, it is still more popular than coal, for which only 28 per cent support as a source for increased energy (with 39 per cent opposed; the only source with more opposition than support).

When asked how they would rate the performance of the Federal Government on the transition to renewable energy only 14 per cent of Australian voters said good or very good, while 36 per cent said poor or very poor. Shown in figure 6, half said the government's performance was neither good nor poor.

Labor voters, those aged 18-34, those in higher income households, and those not under financial stress, were all more likely to rate the government's performance highly. Conversely, university educated voters were more likely to rate the government's performance both good and poorly.

#### The energy priorities of Australian voters

The transition to renewable energy sources faces a number of headwinds in Australia. The most significant of these is cost.

When asked to rank three energy priorities — lower costs, maintaining reliability and faster emissions reductions — cost is the priority, followed by reliability and then faster emissions reduction less. As figure 8 shows, lowering costs was ranked first by 59 per cent, second by 25 per cent and third by 12 per cent. Maintaining energy reliability was ranked first by 22 per cent, second by 55 per cent and third by 19 per cent. Faster emissions reduction was the lowest of the three priorities; ranked first by 15 per cent, second by 16 per cent and third by 64 per cent. Four per cent said they were not sure, or none of these.

Faster emissions reductions was obviously a higher priority for Labor and Greens supporters compared to others; although even here it was ranked first by 20 per cent and 36 of these voters, respectively (shown in figure 9).

It was also a priority of those aged 18-34, those in the inner and middle suburbs of major metropolitan areas, the university educated, those with higher incomes and less financial stress (see also figure 10). However, it was generally only a quarter to a third of voters in these groups who rated the transition to renewable energy as their top priority of the three.

Conversely, roughly half to two-thirds of almost all major political and social groups rated lowering energy costs as their top priority of the three, as is shown in figures 13 and 14.

#### Cost of living as the dominant issue in Australian politics

That lowering costs dominates Australians' energy priorities should not be a surprise. Cost of living generally is the dominant issue in Australian politics, with 67 per cent listing this as the issue the Federal Government should focus on (see figure 1). This is a bi-partisan opinion, shared by 65 per cent of those who say they would give Labor their first preference vote if a federal election were held today, 69 per cent of Coalition supporters and 59 per cent of Greens voters (see figure 2). Cost of living is well ahead of the next issue, housing attainability, which was listed as the top issue for just 10 per cent of voters.

The transition to renewable energy, climate change and the environment are not priorities for any group. Across the whole population, five per cent rate climate change as the top issue, two per cent the transition to renewables, and one per cent the environment. Even among those who say they will vote for the Greens, just 10 per cent list climate change as their top priority, four per cent rate the transition to renewable energy and the environment.

#### Has the energy system gotten better or worse?

Australians are positive about the increased availability of renewable energy options. Fifty-seven per cent say these have gotten much or somewhat better over the past five years, compared to 20 per cent who say they have gotten somewhat or much worse (figure 15). Opinions are more mixed on the cost of renewable energy options, with 33 per cent saying this had gotten better and 41 per cent saying this had gotten worse.

Australians generally believe that the reliability of the electricity system has improved over the past five years. Forty-three per cent say it has gotten somewhat or much better compared to 35 per cent saying it had gotten somewhat or much worse (shown in figure 15). However, while they were generally positive about the change in reliability, they were less so about change in price. Just 11 per cent say the cost of electricity **from all sources** has gotten somewhat or much worse (49 per cent of these say much worse).

Massive majorities among all major political and social groups say the cost of electricity from all sources has gotten worse. There are none where a majority say the cost has gotten better.

#### **Cutting carbon emissions**

Voters are sceptical about the Australian government's ability to meet its emissions reduction targets. As shown in figure 33, when asked whether they thought it could achieve a 43 per cent reduction below 2005 levels by 2030, just 24 per cent say they agree or strongly agree, while 40 per cent disagree or strongly disagree. A large 36 per cent are unsure. As might be expected, there is a considerable difference between Labor and Coalition voters on this. However, even among Labor voters just 37 per cent expect the government to reach its targets, while for Coalition supporters this was 16 per cent.

While Australians reported cost as a key issue (noted above), few plan to reduce consumption as a way of personally cutting carbon emissions. How they say they plan to change their behaviour to reduce their emissions over the next three years is shown in figure 37.

The most common way Australians say they will reduce carbon emissions is to invest in solar panels, with 31 per cent stating this is something they expect to do in the next three years. Interestingly, it is those aged 18-34 who are most likely to say they will invest in solar panels (47 per cent; see figure 44). Twenty per cent also say they will use public transport more often, while 19 per cent expect to purchase a home battery and 18 per cent buy an electric vehicle. Just 15 per cent intend to reduce their consumption of meat, 11 per cent say they will cut back on air travel and three per cent will take other actions.

More than a third of Australians (36 per cent) say they will not do any of these things. In particular, more than half of those aged 65 and older do not intend to do anything (52 per cent; see figure 52). This was also the case with almost half of Coalition voters (44 per cent), as it was with those who would vote for minor parties and independent candidates (47 per cent).

The expectation that none of these would be done is slightly higher in rural and regional areas: 41 per cent in provincial cities and rural communities, versus 28 per cent in the inner and middle suburbs. Those with lower incomes were more likely to say they will not take carbon mitigation measures, with 47 per cent of those who have weekly household incomes below \$1,000 saying this, compared with 25 per cent for those on \$3,000 or more (figure **??**{ig:recode\_C7r8\_demos}). However, those who own their own home outright were also more likely to say this (45 per cent).

#### The biggest risk to the renewable energy transition

As documented above, most Australians are sceptical that the government will meet its emissions reduction targets. They believe the greatest risk to the transition to renewable energy is the cost involved, with 33 per cent saying this (see figure 30). Part of the reason for this is that most Australians expect the transition to cleaner energy sources to increase their energy bills over the next five years (as shown in figure 35). Thirty-three per cent say they expect the change to significantly increase and 28 per cent slightly increase their bills. Just 13 per cent say they expect this to reduce their bills. Coalition voters, those aged 65 and older, those with higher incomes and who own their home outright were more likely to say they think the transition would increase their energy bills (figure 31). However, in none of the major social or political groups we examined did more say they believe their bills would be reduced than increased.

As noted, Australians are price sensitive and concerned about cost of living. This includes for the sourcing of electricity from renewable sources. So, although most say they support the use of renewables, this appears to only be the case if it means little or no cost increase for the end consumer. To test the impact of different cost increases on consumers willingness to shift to renewable energy sources, an experiment was conducted towards the end of the survey. Respondents were asked whether they would pay more to shift to 100 per cent renewables, with the monthly price increase randomised so that a quarter of the sample each received a prompt of \$50, \$100, \$250 and \$500 increases for the question.

As figure 54 shows, just 23 per cent of those who were asked if they would pay \$50 more per month say they are willing to pay to shift to all renewable, compared with 16 per cent of those who were asked if they would be willing to spend \$100 more per month, eight per cent for \$250 and seven per cent for \$500.

The second largest risk is maintaining electricity reliability, with 29 per cent saying this. These rank orderings are consistent between Labor, Greens and Coalition voters, those in different states and metropolitan, and rural and regional areas. The concern about reliability is evident, with 69 per cent of Australians saying they believe blackouts are very or somewhat likely during the energy transition in the next few years, and just

19 per cent saying they were not likely (see figure 70). This included a majority of Labor and Greens voters. Older Australians and those living in rural and regional areas were the most predisposed to say blackouts were likely.

Other possible risks, such as residents opposed to the development of energy infrastructure in their community (11 per cent), environmental impacts (7 per cent) and delivering electricity transmission (five per cent) were much less likely to be selected as the largest impediment to the transition to renewables.

### Who is responsible for the reliability and affordability of the system?

Overwhelmingly, responsibility for the cost and reliability of the electricity network is seen as a matter for the government generally, and the federal government specifically.

A plurality of Australians see the federal government as being most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the electricity system (see figure 24). This is consistent across all major political and social groups, with for instance 39 per cent of Labor voters, 49 per cent of Coalition supporters and 41 per cent of those who would vote for the Greens saying the federal government was most responsible. Conversely, 31 per cent said the energy retailers themselves were most responsible, while 21 per cent said it was their state government.

### The role of gas

Australians agree their state government should focus on a mix of energy sources, including solar, wind and gas (85 per cent agree or strongly agree with this; see figure 26). They support the use of gas as part of the energy mix. Fifty-two per cent support new gas projects if this means the faster retirement of coal-fired power stations (just 21 per cent oppose). The use of gas to replace coal is a relatively bipartisan views seen across most major social groups. Fifty-eight per cent of Labor voters support or strongly support new gas projects if it means the faster retirement of coal, as do 54 per cent of both Coalition and Greens supporters (figure 28).

## Methodology

The fieldwork was conducted between 30 January and 6 February. The sample of N = 2,008 Australian citizens aged 18 and older who were enrolled to vote was recruited over online panel to fill quotas based on age, gender, location (AEC region), education and vote at the 2022 federal election. Rim weighting was used to apply interlocking weights for age, gender, education and location. The efficiency of these weights was 92 per cent, providing an effective sample size of 1837.

Based on this effective sample size, the margin of error (95 per cent confidence interval) for a 50 per cent result on the full sample is  $\pm 2.3$  per cent.

This is larger for subsets of the data, such as age or language spoken at home, and results based on these and similar breakdowns should be interpreted conservatively.

Detailed findings and question wording are contained in the following sections.

### Question text

Which of the following do you think is the most important issue for the Federal Government to focus on right now?

Single select; random reverse 1-9

- 1. Cost of living
- 2. Health
- 3. Housing attainability
- 4. Climate change
- 5. Infrastructure
- 6. The transition to renewable energy
- 7. Education
- 8. Environment
- 9. Jobs
- 10. Other



Figure 1: Share of voters who say each issue is the most important for the Australian Government to focus on right now.



**Figure 2:** The most important issue for the Federal Government to focus on, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Cost of living | Housing<br>attainability | Health | Climate<br>change | The<br>transition to<br>renewable<br>energy | Infrastructure | Education | Environment | Jobs | Other<br>(specify) |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|---|----------------|-----------|-------------|------|--------------------|
| All voters                       | 67             | 10                       | 7      | 5                 | 2   | 2              | 2         | 1           | 1    | 3                  |
| Vote intention                   |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| Labor                            | 65             | 12                       | 5      | 8                 | 2   | 2              | 2         | 1           | 2    | 1                  |
| Coalition                        | 69             | 9                        | 9      | 2                 | 1   | 2              | 1         | 1           | 2    | 4                  |
| Greens                           | 59             | 13                       | 5      | 10                | 4   | 2              | 1         | 4           | 0    | 2                  |
| Other parties and candidates     | 68             | 10                       | 7      | 4                 | 2   | 2              | 2         | 1           | 1    | 3                  |
| Age                              |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| -<br>Aged 18-34                  | 70             | 11                       | 3      | 4                 | 2   | 2              | 3         | 2           | 2    | 1                  |
| 35-49                            | 69             | 9                        | 6      | 5                 | 2   | 2              | 1         | 1           | 2    | 3                  |
| 50-64                            | 72             | 8                        | 8      | 4                 | 2   | 2              | 1         | 1           | 0    | 2                  |
| 65 and older                     | 56             | 14                       | 11     | 6                 | 3   | 1              | 2         | 2           | 1    | 4                  |
| Gender                           |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| Women                            | 68             | 11                       | 8      | 4                 | 2   | 1              | 2         | 1           | 1    | 2                  |
| Men                              | 65             | 10                       | 6      | 6                 | 3   | 3              | 1         | 2           | 2    | 2                  |
| State                            |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| New South Wales                  | 70             | 9                        | 5      | 5                 | 2   | 1              | 2         | 2           | 1    | 3                  |
| Victoria                         | 66             | 9                        | 7      | 5                 | 3   | 3              | 2         | 1           | 2    | 2                  |
| Queensland                       | 69             | 11                       | 5      | 4                 | 1   | 3              | 1         | 1           | 1    | 4                  |
| All other states and territories | 60             | 14                       | 13     | 5                 | 2   | 1              | 1         | 2           | 1    | 1                  |
| Location                         |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 62             | 12                       | 7      | 6                 | 3   | 2              | 2         | 2           | 2    | 2                  |
| Outer suburbs                    | 67             | 12                       | 7      | 5                 | 1   | 2              | 1         | 1           | 2    | 2                  |
| Provincial cities                | 66             | 9                        | 7      | 4                 | 2   | 2              | 2         | 2           | 1    | 5                  |
| Rural communities                | 71             | 8                        | 7      | 5                 | 3   | 1              | 1         | 1           | 1    | 2                  |

**Table 1:** The most important issue for the Federal Government to focus on, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



**Figure 3:** The most important issue for the Federal Government to focus on, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Cost of living | Housing<br>attainability | Health | Climate<br>change | The<br>transition to<br>renewable<br>energy | Infrastructure | Education | Environment | Jobs | Other<br>(specify) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|---|----------------|-----------|-------------|------|--------------------|
| All voters                  | 67             | 10                       | 7      | 5                 | 2   | 2              | 2         | 1           | 1    | 3                  |
| Education                   |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| Less than year 12           | 71             | 11                       | 9      | 3                 | 2   | 0              | 1         | 0           | 1    | 2                  |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 69             | 11                       | 6      | 4                 | 1   | 2              | 1         | 2           | 2    | 2                  |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 67             | 10                       | 8      | 4                 | 1   | 2              | 2         | 1           | 2    | 3                  |
| University degree           | 63             | 9                        | 6      | 8                 | 4   | 2              | 2         | 2           | 1    | 3                  |
| Household income            |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 68             | 10                       | 4      | 6                 | 2   | 3              | 2         | 1           | 2    | 2                  |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 67             | 11                       | 6      | 5                 | 2   | 2              | 1         | 2           | 2    | 2                  |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 64             | 10                       | 7      | 6                 | 3   | 2              | 2         | 2           | 2    | 2                  |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 68             | 13                       | 7      | 4                 | 1   | 1              | 1         | 0           | 1    | 4                  |
| Prefer not to say           | 67             | 8                        | 12     | 3                 | 2   | 2              | 0         | 2           | 0    | 4                  |
| Home ownership              |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| Does not own                | 66             | 16                       | 4      | 6                 | 2   | 1              | 1         | 1           | 1    | 2                  |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 74             | 6                        | 5      | 3                 | 2   | 3              | 2         | 2           | 1    | 2                  |
| Owned outright              | 60             | 10                       | 11     | 6                 | 2   | 2              | 2         | 2           | 2    | 3                  |
| Financial stress            |                |                          |        |                   |   |                |           |             |      |                    |
| A great deal of stress      | 77             | 10                       | 4      | 2                 | 1   | 1              | 1         | 0           | 1    | 3                  |
| Some stress                 | 70             | 9                        | 6      | 5                 | 1   | 2              | 2         | 1           | 2    | 2                  |
| Not much stress             | 59             | 12                       | 9      | 7                 | 4   | 1              | 1         | 3           | 2    | 2                  |
| No stress at all            | 48             | 11                       | 13     | 11                | 4   | 3              | 3         | 1           | 2    | 4                  |

Table 2: The most important issue for the Federal Government to focus on, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

## Living costs

### **Question text**

ASK IF most important issue = 'Cost of living'

Which cost of living pressure is causing you the most concern?

Single select; random reverse 1-7

- 1. Mortgage or rental costs
- 2. Electricity bills
- 3. Gas bills
- 4. Groceries
- 5. Petrol prices
- 6. Council rates
- 7. Education costs
- 8. Something else

# The cost of living pressures causing Australians the most concern



Figure 4: The cost of living pressures causing Australians the most concern, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Groceries | Mortgage or  | Electricity | Petrol | Council | Education | Gas bills | Something |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  |           | rental costs | bills       | prices | rates   | costs     |           | else      |
| All voters                       | 41        | 34           | 10          | 6      | 4       | 1         | 1         | 3         |
| Vote intention                   |           |              |             |        |         |           |           |           |
| Labor                            | 43        | 38           | 7           | 5      | 4       | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| Coalition                        | 41        | 28           | 13          | 9      | 3       | 1         | 2         | 3         |
| Greens                           | 38        | 45           | 8           | 5      | 1       | 2         | 0         | 1         |
| Other parties and candidates     | 43        | 28           | 13          | 6      | 6       | 0         | 0         | 4         |
| Age                              |           |              |             |        |         |           |           |           |
| Aged 18-34                       | 37        | 47           | 4           | 5      | 3       | 2         | 0         | 2         |
| 35-49                            | 38        | 45           | 8           | 3      | 3       | 1         | 0         | 2         |
| 50-64                            | 42        | 31           | 13          | 6      | 5       | 0         | 1         | 2         |
| 65 and older                     | 49        | 7            | 17          | 13     | 7       | 0         | 2         | 5         |
| Gender                           |           |              |             |        |         |           |           |           |
| Women                            | 42        | 35           | 9           | 5      | 4       | 1         | 1         | 3         |
| Men                              | 40        | 33           | 10          | 8      | 4       | 1         | 1         | 3         |
| State                            |           |              |             |        |         |           |           |           |
| New South Wales                  | 36        | 39           | 13          | 6      | 3       | 1         | 0         | 2         |
| Victoria                         | 42        | 33           | 8           | 6      | 3       | 1         | 3         | 4         |
| Queensland                       | 47        | 30           | 8           | 5      | 6       | 1         | 0         | 3         |
| All other states and territories | 41        | 32           | 8           | 9      | 4       | 1         | 1         | 4         |
| Location                         |           |              |             |        |         |           |           |           |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 35        | 44           | 9           | 5      | 3       | 1         | 0         | 3         |
| Outer suburbs                    | 40        | 34           | 10          | 7      | 3       | 2         | 2         | 2         |
| Provincial cities                | 47        | 31           | 12          | 5      | 2       | 0         | 1         | 2         |
| Rural communities                | 45        | 27           | 8           | 8      | 7       | 0         | 1         | 4         |

 Table 3:
 The cost of living pressures causing Australians the most concern, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

# The cost of living pressures causing Australians the most concern



**Figure 5:** The cost of living pressures causing Australians the most concern, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Groceries | Mortgage or rental costs | Electricity<br>bills | Petrol<br>prices | Council<br>rates | Education<br>costs | Gas bills | Something<br>else |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| All voters                  | 41        | 34                       | 10                   | 6                | 4                | 1                  | 1         | 3                 |
| Education                   |           |                          |                      |                  |                  |                    |           |                   |
| Less than year 12           | 44        | 17                       | 16                   | 10               | 6                | 1                  | 2         | 4                 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 45        | 31                       | 10                   | 7                | 3                | 1                  | 1         | 2                 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 39        | 36                       | 10                   | 6                | 5                | 0                  | 0         | 4                 |
| University degree           | 40        | 43                       | 6                    | 4                | 3                | 1                  | 1         | 2                 |
| Household income            |           |                          |                      |                  |                  |                    |           |                   |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 35        | 47                       | 8                    | 5                | 1                | 2                  | 1         | 1                 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 36        | 46                       | 8                    | 4                | 3                | 1                  | 0         | 2                 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 42        | 35                       | 10                   | 5                | 4                | 1                  | 1         | 2                 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 45        | 20                       | 12                   | 10               | 7                | 0                  | 2         | 4                 |
| Prefer not to say           | 45        | 26                       | 11                   | 8                | 5                | 0                  | 0         | 5                 |
| Home ownership              |           |                          |                      |                  |                  |                    |           |                   |
| Does not own                | 42        | 41                       | 8                    | 4                | 1                | 2                  | 0         | 2                 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 32        | 52                       | 6                    | 3                | 4                | 0                  | 1         | 2                 |
| Owned outright              | 52        | 5                        | 16                   | 13               | 7                | 1                  | 1         | 5                 |
| Financial stress            |           |                          |                      |                  |                  |                    |           |                   |
| A great deal of stress      | 37        | 44                       | 10                   | 2                | 3                | 1                  | 1         | 2                 |
| Some stress                 | 40        | 37                       | 9                    | 6                | 4                | 1                  | 0         | 3                 |
| Not much stress             | 46        | 25                       | 9                    | 12               | 4                | 1                  | 1         | 2                 |
| No stress at all            | 48        | 11                       | 14                   | 12               | 4                | 2                  | 2         | 7                 |

Table 4: The cost of living pressures causing Australians the most concern, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

# The Federal Government's performance on the transition to renewable energy

### Question text

How would you rate the performance of the **Federal Government** on the transition to renewable energy?

### Single select; random reverse

- 1. Very good
- 2. Good
- 3. Neither good nor poor
- 4. Poor
- 5. Very poor

# How Australians rate the Federal Government's performance on the transition to renewable energy



**Figure 6:** How Australians rate the Federal Government's performance on the transition to renewable energy, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Very good | Good | Neither<br>good nor<br>poor | Poor | Very poor |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------|
| All voters                       | 1         | 13   | 50                          | 21   | 15        |
| Vote intention                   |           |      |                             |      |           |
| Labor                            | 3         | 25   | 53                          | 17   | 2         |
| Coalition                        | 0         | 8    | 45                          | 22   | 25        |
| Greens                           | 1         | 13   | 49                          | 26   | 11        |
| Other parties and candidates     | 0         | 7    | 45                          | 28   | 20        |
| Age                              |           |      |                             |      |           |
| -<br>Aged 18-34                  | 1         | 18   | 48                          | 24   | 9         |
| 35-49                            | 1         | 11   | 55                          | 19   | 14        |
| 50-64                            | 2         | 12   | 48                          | 23   | 15        |
| 65 and older                     | 1         | 11   | 48                          | 16   | 24        |
| Gender                           |           |      |                             |      |           |
| Women                            | 1         | 12   | 55                          | 20   | 12        |
| Men                              | 2         | 15   | 45                          | 21   | 17        |
| State                            |           |      |                             |      |           |
| New South Wales                  | 1         | 11   | 52                          | 18   | 18        |
| Victoria                         | 1         | 17   | 46                          | 21   | 15        |
| Queensland                       | 2         | 13   | 48                          | 24   | 13        |
| All other states and territories | 1         | 12   | 55                          | 22   | 10        |
| Location                         |           |      |                             |      |           |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 1         | 13   | 51                          | 20   | 15        |
| Outer suburbs                    | 1         | 13   | 52                          | 21   | 13        |
| Provincial cities                | 1         | 16   | 50                          | 18   | 15        |
| Rural communities                | 1         | 12   | 47                          | 24   | 16        |

 Table 5: How Australians rate the Federal Government's performance on the transition to renewable energy, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

# How Australians rate the Federal Government's performance on the transition to renewable energy



**Figure 7:** How Australians rate the Federal Government's performance on the transition to renewable energy, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Very good | Good | Neither  | Poor | Very poor |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----------|
|                             |           |      | good nor |      |           |
|                             |           |      | poor     |      |           |
| All voters                  | 1         | 13   | 50       | 21   | 15        |
| Education                   |           |      |          |      |           |
| Less than year 12           | 1         | 7    | 60       | 13   | 19        |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 2         | 14   | 53       | 20   | 11        |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 1         | 14   | 49       | 19   | 17        |
| University degree           | 1         | 15   | 45       | 27   | 12        |
| Household income            |           |      |          |      |           |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 1         | 15   | 48       | 28   | 8         |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 0         | 15   | 55       | 17   | 13        |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 1         | 14   | 44       | 25   | 16        |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 2         | 11   | 51       | 17   | 19        |
| Prefer not to say           | 1         | 10   | 58       | 15   | 16        |
| Home ownership              |           |      |          |      |           |
| Does not own                | 1         | 13   | 53       | 19   | 14        |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 1         | 13   | 51       | 23   | 12        |
| Owned outright              | 1         | 14   | 46       | 20   | 19        |
| Financial stress            |           |      |          |      |           |
| A great deal of stress      | 1         | 8    | 48       | 24   | 19        |
| Some stress                 | 1         | 13   | 53       | 19   | 14        |
| Not much stress             | 1         | 15   | 49       | 21   | 14        |
| No stress at all            | 3         | 23   | 46       | 23   | 5         |

**Table 6:** How Australians rate the Federal Government's performance on the transition to renewable energy, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

# The energy priorities of Australian voters

### Question text

Rank in order, your energy priorities

Ranking tool; randomise 1-3

- 1. Faster emission reductions
- 2. Maintaining energy reliability
- 3. Lowering energy costs
- 4. Not sure
- 5. None of these

## Top 3 energy priorities of Australian voters



**Figure 8:** The energy priorities of Australian voters. Each respondent was asked to rank three different priorities, with the most important ranked first. NOTE: rows sum to 96 per cent, with four per cent answering that they were either not sure or did not rank any of these as their energy priority.

## Faster emission reductions

Note: the following figures report the share of respondents who ranked these three items, leaving out the four per cent answering that they were either not sure or did not rank any of these as their energy priority.



Faster emission reductions as an energy priority

Figure 9: Faster emission reductions as an energy priority, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All voters                       | 16     | 17     | 67     |
| Vote intention                   |        |        |        |
| Labor                            | 20     | 22     | 58     |
| Coalition                        | 7      | 12     | 81     |
| Greens                           | 36     | 23     | 41     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 12     | 13     | 75     |
| Age                              |        |        |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 20     | 25     | 55     |
| 35-49                            | 14     | 20     | 66     |
| 50-64                            | 14     | 14     | 72     |
| 65 and older                     | 14     | 9      | 77     |
| Gender                           |        |        |        |
| Women                            | 15     | 19     | 66     |
| Men                              | 16     | 15     | 69     |
| State                            |        |        |        |
| New South Wales                  | 16     | 17     | 67     |
| Victoria                         | 14     | 18     | 68     |
| Queensland                       | 14     | 15     | 71     |
| All other states and territories | 18     | 19     | 63     |
| Location                         |        |        |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 22     | 19     | 59     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 12     | 20     | 68     |
| Provincial cities                | 14     | 16     | 70     |
| Rural communities                | 14     | 12     | 74     |

 Table 7: Faster emission reductions as an energy priority, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Faster emission reductions as an energy priority



Figure 10: Faster emission reductions as an energy priority, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All voters                  | 16     | 17     | 67     |
| Education                   |        |        |        |
| Less than year 12           | 6      | 12     | 82     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 13     | 19     | 68     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 14     | 17     | 69     |
| University degree           | 24     | 18     | 58     |
| Household income            |        |        |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 18     | 22     | 60     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 17     | 16     | 67     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 16     | 18     | 66     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 13     | 17     | 70     |
| Prefer not to say           | 14     | 11     | 75     |
| Home ownership              |        |        |        |
| Does not own                | 18     | 22     | 60     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 14     | 17     | 69     |
| Owned outright              | 14     | 13     | 73     |
| Financial stress            |        |        |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 11     | 20     | 69     |
| Some stress                 | 15     | 18     | 67     |
| Not much stress             | 18     | 15     | 67     |
| No stress at all            | 20     | 16     | 64     |

 Table 8: Faster emission reductions as an energy priority, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

## Maintaining energy reliability



### Maintaining reliability as an energy priority

Figure 11: Maintaining reliability as an energy priority, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All voters                       | 23     | 57     | 20     |
| Vote intention                   |        |        |        |
| Labor                            | 20     | 54     | 26     |
| Coalition                        | 30     | 58     | 12     |
| Greens                           | 15     | 51     | 34     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 21     | 65     | 14     |
| Age                              |        |        |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 16     | 53     | 31     |
| 35-49                            | 18     | 59     | 23     |
| 50-64                            | 25     | 60     | 15     |
| 65 and older                     | 32     | 57     | 11     |
| Gender                           |        |        |        |
| Women                            | 20     | 57     | 23     |
| Men                              | 25     | 58     | 17     |
| State                            |        |        |        |
| New South Wales                  | 23     | 55     | 22     |
| Victoria                         | 23     | 59     | 18     |
| Queensland                       | 24     | 58     | 18     |
| All other states and territories | 21     | 57     | 22     |
| Location                         |        |        |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 21     | 55     | 24     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 19     | 59     | 22     |
| Provincial cities                | 28     | 55     | 17     |
| Rural communities                | 26     | 58     | 16     |

 Table 9: Maintaining reliability as an energy priority, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Maintaining reliability as an energy priority

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Figure 12: Maintaining reliability as an energy priority, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All voters                  | 23     | 57     | 20     |
| Education                   |        |        |        |
| Less than year 12           | 25     | 65     | 10     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 20     | 58     | 22     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 24     | 58     | 18     |
| University degree           | 23     | 52     | 25     |
| Household income            |        |        |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 21     | 57     | 22     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 22     | 60     | 18     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 24     | 55     | 21     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 23     | 57     | 20     |
| Prefer not to say           | 24     | 60     | 16     |
| Home ownership              |        |        |        |
| Does not own                | 21     | 53     | 26     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 18     | 61     | 21     |
| Owned outright              | 30     | 57     | 13     |
| Financial stress            |        |        |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 14     | 63     | 23     |
| Some stress                 | 20     | 59     | 21     |
| Not much stress             | 31     | 50     | 19     |
| No stress at all            | 34     | 56     | 10     |

Table 10: Maintaining reliability as an energy priority, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

## Lowering energy costs

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

Rank 1 Rank 2 Rank 3

### Lowering costs as an energy priority

Figure 13: Lowering costs as an energy priority, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All voters                       | 62     | 26     | 12     |
| Vote intention                   |        |        |        |
| Labor                            | 60     | 24     | 16     |
| Coalition                        | 63     | 30     | 7      |
| Greens                           | 49     | 26     | 25     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 68     | 22     | 10     |
| Age                              |        |        |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 64     | 22     | 14     |
| 35-49                            | 68     | 21     | 11     |
| 50-64                            | 61     | 26     | 13     |
| 65 and older                     | 54     | 34     | 12     |
| Gender                           |        |        |        |
| Women                            | 65     | 24     | 11     |
| Men                              | 58     | 27     | 15     |
| State                            |        |        |        |
| New South Wales                  | 61     | 28     | 11     |
| Victoria                         | 64     | 23     | 13     |
| Queensland                       | 61     | 27     | 12     |
| All other states and territories | 61     | 24     | 15     |
| Location                         |        |        |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 57     | 26     | 17     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 69     | 21     | 10     |
| Provincial cities                | 58     | 29     | 13     |
| Rural communities                | 60     | 30     | 10     |

 Table 11: Lowering costs as an energy priority, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.
#### Lowering costs as an energy priority



Figure 14: Lowering costs as an energy priority, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Rank 1 | Rank 2 | Rank 3 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All voters                  | 62     | 26     | 12     |
| Education                   |        |        |        |
| Less than year 12           | 69     | 24     | 7      |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 68     | 23     | 9      |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 63     | 25     | 12     |
| University degree           | 53     | 29     | 18     |
| Household income            |        |        |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 60     | 22     | 18     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 61     | 25     | 14     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 61     | 27     | 12     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 64     | 26     | 10     |
| Prefer not to say           | 62     | 28     | 10     |
| Home ownership              |        |        |        |
| Does not own                | 61     | 25     | 14     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 68     | 22     | 10     |
| Owned outright              | 56     | 30     | 14     |
| Financial stress            |        |        |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 75     | 17     | 8      |
| Some stress                 | 65     | 24     | 11     |
| Not much stress             | 51     | 35     | 14     |
| No stress at all            | 46     | 28     | 26     |

 Table 12:
 Lowering costs as an energy priority, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Perceptions of changes to cost, availability and reliability of electricity

#### Question text

Compared to five years ago, have the following gotten better or worse?

Grid; single select Questions; randomise

- A. The cost of electricity from all sources
- B. The reliability of the electricity system
- C. The availability of renewable energy options
- D. The cost of renewable energy options

Response options; single select; random reverse 1-4

- 1. Much better
- 2. Somewhat better
- 3. Somewhat worse
- 4. Much worse
- 5. Not sure

Compared to five years ago, have the following gotten better or worse?



**Figure 15:** How Australians feel about the renewable energy options, and the cost and reliability of electricity, compared to five years ago.

#### The cost of electricity from all sources

Has the cost of electricity from all sources gotten better or worse



Figure 16: Has the cost of electricity from all sources gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Much better | Somewhat | Somewhat | Much  | Not sure |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|----------|
|                                  |             | better   | worse    | worse |          |
| All voters                       | 2           | 9        | 34       | 49    | 6        |
| Vote intention                   |             |          |          |       |          |
| Labor                            | 3           | 13       | 40       | 38    | 6        |
| Coalition                        | 2           | 8        | 30       | 57    | 3        |
| Greens                           | 1           | 11       | 35       | 43    | 10       |
| Other parties and candidates     | 1           | 5        | 29       | 60    | 5        |
| Age                              |             |          |          |       |          |
| Aged 18-34                       | 4           | 14       | 38       | 36    | 8        |
| 35-49                            | 2           | 9        | 29       | 53    | 7        |
| 50-64                            | 1           | 7        | 29       | 59    | 4        |
| 65 and older                     | 2           | 7        | 37       | 50    | 4        |
| Gender                           |             |          |          |       |          |
| Women                            | 1           | 8        | 33       | 50    | 8        |
| Men                              | 3           | 11       | 34       | 48    | 4        |
| State                            |             |          |          |       |          |
| New South Wales                  | 2           | 9        | 33       | 49    | 7        |
| Victoria                         | 2           | 10       | 32       | 51    | 5        |
| Queensland                       | 2           | 9        | 32       | 50    | 7        |
| All other states and territories | 2           | 10       | 36       | 46    | 6        |
| Location                         |             |          |          |       |          |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 3           | 10       | 37       | 43    | 7        |
| Outer suburbs                    | 2           | 11       | 32       | 50    | 5        |
| Provincial cities                | 2           | 8        | 31       | 50    | 9        |
| Rural communities                | 1           | 8        | 33       | 53    | 5        |

**Table 13:** Has the cost of electricity from all sources gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Has the cost of electricity from all sources gotten better or worse



Figure 17: Has the cost of electricity from all sources gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Much better | Somewhat<br>better | Somewhat<br>worse | Much<br>worse | Not sure |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| All voters                  | 2           | 9                  | 34                | 49            | 6        |
| Education                   |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Less than year 12           | 2           | 7                  | 33                | 52            | 6        |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 2           | 10                 | 36                | 44            | 8        |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 2           | 10                 | 33                | 50            | 5        |
| University degree           | 3           | 10                 | 31                | 50            | 6        |
| Household income            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 3           | 9                  | 34                | 50            | 4        |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 0           | 13                 | 33                | 50            | 4        |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 3           | 8                  | 37                | 46            | 6        |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 1           | 11                 | 29                | 52            | 7        |
| Prefer not to say           | 1           | 8                  | 33                | 48            | 10       |
| Home ownership              |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Does not own                | 2           | 11                 | 35                | 43            | 9        |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 3           | 8                  | 31                | 53            | 5        |
| Owned outright              | 2           | 9                  | 35                | 50            | 4        |
| Financial stress            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| A great deal of stress      | 1           | 4                  | 24                | 65            | 6        |
| Some stress                 | 2           | 9                  | 33                | 49            | 7        |
| Not much stress             | 2           | 12                 | 42                | 38            | 6        |
| No stress at all            | 4           | 17                 | 37                | 38            | 4        |

**Table 14:** Has the cost of electricity from all sources gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### The reliability of the electricity system

Has the reliability of the electricity system gotten better or worse



Figure 18: Has the reliability of the electricity system gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Much better | Somewhat | Somewhat | Much  | Not sure |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|----------|
|                                  |             | better   | worse    | worse |          |
| All voters                       | 6           | 37       | 25       | 10    | 22       |
| Vote intention                   |             |          |          |       |          |
| Labor                            | 7           | 50       | 18       | 4     | 21       |
| Coalition                        | 6           | 30       | 31       | 16    | 17       |
| Greens                           | 6           | 44       | 20       | 4     | 26       |
| Other parties and candidates     | 5           | 30       | 32       | 11    | 22       |
| Age                              |             |          |          |       |          |
| Aged 18-34                       | 8           | 46       | 21       | 6     | 19       |
| 35-49                            | 6           | 36       | 22       | 11    | 25       |
| 50-64                            | 4           | 32       | 29       | 13    | 22       |
| 65 and older                     | 6           | 33       | 28       | 13    | 20       |
| Gender                           |             |          |          |       |          |
| Women                            | 5           | 33       | 25       | 11    | 26       |
| Men                              | 7           | 41       | 25       | 10    | 17       |
| State                            |             |          |          |       |          |
| New South Wales                  | 6           | 34       | 25       | 10    | 25       |
| Victoria                         | 4           | 36       | 27       | 13    | 20       |
| Queensland                       | 6           | 37       | 23       | 11    | 23       |
| All other states and territories | 8           | 43       | 25       | 8     | 16       |
| Location                         |             |          |          |       |          |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 6           | 39       | 23       | 8     | 24       |
| Outer suburbs                    | 6           | 39       | 24       | 12    | 19       |
| Provincial cities                | 6           | 33       | 27       | 10    | 24       |
| Rural communities                | 6           | 34       | 28       | 11    | 21       |

**Table 15:** Has the reliability of the electricity system gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Has the reliability of the electricity system gotten better or worse



Figure 19: Has the reliability of the electricity system gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Much better | Somewhat<br>better | Somewhat<br>worse | Much<br>worse | Not sure |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| All voters                  | 6           | 37                 | 25                | 10            | 22       |
| Education                   |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Less than year 12           | 6           | 36                 | 26                | 13            | 19       |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 5           | 39                 | 24                | 8             | 24       |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 7           | 35                 | 27                | 12            | 19       |
| University degree           | 6           | 38                 | 23                | 9             | 24       |
| Household income            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 6           | 42                 | 22                | 9             | 21       |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 6           | 40                 | 28                | 7             | 19       |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 7           | 36                 | 27                | 9             | 21       |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 7           | 38                 | 23                | 14            | 18       |
| Prefer not to say           | 5           | 28                 | 23                | 14            | 30       |
| Home ownership              |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Does not own                | 5           | 40                 | 22                | 8             | 25       |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 6           | 36                 | 26                | 11            | 21       |
| Owned outright              | 6           | 36                 | 27                | 12            | 19       |
| Financial stress            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| A great deal of stress      | 5           | 32                 | 26                | 17            | 20       |
| Some stress                 | 6           | 37                 | 26                | 10            | 21       |
| Not much stress             | 7           | 38                 | 24                | 8             | 23       |
| No stress at all            | 7           | 45                 | 18                | 6             | 24       |

**Table 16:** Has the reliability of the electricity system gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### The availability of renewable energy options

Has the availability of renewable energy options gotten better or worse



Figure 20: Has the availability of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Much better | Somewhat | Somewhat | Much  | Not sure |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|----------|
|                                  |             | better   | worse    | worse |          |
| All voters                       | 9           | 48       | 13       | 7     | 23       |
| Vote intention                   |             |          |          |       |          |
| Labor                            | 12          | 57       | 10       | 4     | 17       |
| Coalition                        | 7           | 44       | 17       | 10    | 22       |
| Greens                           | 13          | 54       | 13       | 4     | 16       |
| Other parties and candidates     | 9           | 40       | 13       | 8     | 30       |
| Age                              |             |          |          |       |          |
| Aged 18-34                       | 14          | 54       | 13       | 4     | 15       |
| 35-49                            | 8           | 46       | 14       | 8     | 24       |
| 50-64                            | 5           | 47       | 14       | 8     | 26       |
| 65 and older                     | 9           | 42       | 13       | 8     | 28       |
| Gender                           |             |          |          |       |          |
| Women                            | 8           | 42       | 13       | 7     | 30       |
| Men                              | 10          | 53       | 15       | 6     | 16       |
| State                            |             |          |          |       |          |
| New South Wales                  | 11          | 46       | 13       | 6     | 24       |
| Victoria                         | 9           | 50       | 13       | 7     | 21       |
| Queensland                       | 7           | 46       | 16       | 6     | 25       |
| All other states and territories | 8           | 50       | 11       | 8     | 23       |
| Location                         |             |          |          |       |          |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 12          | 47       | 12       | 7     | 22       |
| Outer suburbs                    | 8           | 48       | 13       | 7     | 24       |
| Provincial cities                | 7           | 50       | 14       | 8     | 21       |
| Rural communities                | 8           | 46       | 16       | 6     | 24       |

 Table 17: Has the availability of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

# Has the availability of renewable energy options gotten better or worse



Figure 21: Has the availability of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Much better | Somewhat<br>better | Somewhat<br>worse | Much<br>worse | Not sure |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| All voters                  | 9           | 48                 | 13                | 7             | 23       |
| Education                   |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Less than year 12           | 5           | 37                 | 16                | 8             | 34       |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 7           | 48                 | 15                | 6             | 24       |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 10          | 48                 | 13                | 7             | 22       |
| University degree           | 11          | 51                 | 12                | 6             | 20       |
| Household income            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 11          | 51                 | 11                | 5             | 22       |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 10          | 54                 | 13                | 6             | 17       |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 10          | 47                 | 17                | 6             | 20       |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 8           | 47                 | 12                | 8             | 25       |
| Prefer not to say           | 6           | 39                 | 13                | 9             | 33       |
| Home ownership              |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Does not own                | 8           | 47                 | 13                | 6             | 26       |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 10          | 48                 | 14                | 7             | 21       |
| Owned outright              | 8           | 47                 | 13                | 8             | 24       |
| Financial stress            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| A great deal of stress      | 8           | 38                 | 17                | 13            | 24       |
| Some stress                 | 9           | 51                 | 13                | 6             | 21       |
| Not much stress             | 10          | 51                 | 11                | 4             | 24       |
| No stress at all            | 11          | 46                 | 10                | 4             | 29       |

 Table 18:
 Has the availability of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### The cost of renewable energy options

Has the cost of renewable energy options gotten better or worse



Figure 22: Has the cost of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Much better | Somewhat | Somewhat | Much  | Not sure |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|----------|
|                                  |             | better   | worse    | worse |          |
| All voters                       | 4           | 29       | 24       | 17    | 26       |
| Vote intention                   |             |          |          |       |          |
| Labor                            | 7           | 36       | 25       | 7     | 25       |
| Coalition                        | 3           | 24       | 26       | 27    | 20       |
| Greens                           | 6           | 34       | 23       | 13    | 24       |
| Other parties and candidates     | 2           | 29       | 20       | 18    | 31       |
| Age                              |             |          |          |       |          |
| Aged 18-34                       | 6           | 37       | 22       | 11    | 24       |
| 35-49                            | 3           | 30       | 23       | 17    | 27       |
| 50-64                            | 3           | 26       | 25       | 18    | 28       |
| 65 and older                     | 4           | 23       | 24       | 24    | 25       |
| Gender                           |             |          |          |       |          |
| Women                            | 4           | 25       | 20       | 18    | 33       |
| Men                              | 5           | 32       | 27       | 17    | 19       |
| State                            |             |          |          |       |          |
| New South Wales                  | 4           | 27       | 25       | 16    | 28       |
| Victoria                         | 5           | 29       | 24       | 20    | 22       |
| Queensland                       | 4           | 30       | 23       | 18    | 25       |
| All other states and territories | 4           | 32       | 22       | 16    | 26       |
| Location                         |             |          |          |       |          |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 6           | 29       | 23       | 16    | 26       |
| Outer suburbs                    | 5           | 30       | 25       | 17    | 23       |
| Provincial cities                | 2           | 29       | 22       | 18    | 29       |
| Rural communities                | 2           | 28       | 24       | 19    | 27       |

**Table 19:** Has the cost of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



Figure 23: Has the cost of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Has the cost of renewable energy options gotten better or worse

|                             | Much better | Somewhat<br>better | Somewhat<br>worse | Much<br>worse | Not sure |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| All voters                  | 4           | 29                 | 24                | 17            | 26       |
| Education                   |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Less than year 12           | 3           | 19                 | 24                | 22            | 32       |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 3           | 28                 | 23                | 16            | 30       |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 4           | 30                 | 24                | 18            | 24       |
| University degree           | 6           | 33                 | 23                | 15            | 23       |
| Household income            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 6           | 33                 | 24                | 16            | 21       |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 4           | 31                 | 25                | 17            | 23       |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 5           | 30                 | 23                | 17            | 25       |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 3           | 29                 | 24                | 20            | 24       |
| Prefer not to say           | 3           | 20                 | 22                | 17            | 38       |
| Home ownership              |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| Does not own                | 4           | 28                 | 23                | 15            | 30       |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 3           | 31                 | 26                | 16            | 24       |
| Owned outright              | 5           | 28                 | 23                | 21            | 23       |
| Financial stress            |             |                    |                   |               |          |
| A great deal of stress      | 3           | 20                 | 24                | 27            | 26       |
| Some stress                 | 4           | 31                 | 24                | 17            | 24       |
| Not much stress             | 5           | 33                 | 24                | 12            | 26       |
| No stress at all            | 9           | 30                 | 19                | 10            | 32       |

**Table 20:** Has the cost of renewable energy options gotten better or worse, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

# Who is most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system

#### Question text

Who do you believe is the most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system?

Single select; randomise 1-3

- 1. The <pipe respondent state> Government
- 2. The Federal Government
- 3. Energy Retailers
- 4. Other

# Who is most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system



**Figure 24:** Who is most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | The State  | The Federal | Energy    | Other |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------|
|                                  | Government | Government  | Retailers |       |
| All voters                       | 21         | 44          | 31        | 4     |
| Vote intention                   |            |             |           |       |
| Labor                            | 23         | 39          | 35        | 3     |
| Coalition                        | 22         | 49          | 27        | 2     |
| Greens                           | 19         | 41          | 36        | 4     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 21         | 52          | 25        | 2     |
| Age                              |            |             |           |       |
| Aged 18-34                       | 25         | 45          | 26        | 4     |
| 35-49                            | 18         | 47          | 29        | 6     |
| 50-64                            | 21         | 44          | 31        | 4     |
| 65 and older                     | 22         | 41          | 36        | 1     |
| Gender                           |            |             |           |       |
| Women                            | 21         | 43          | 32        | 4     |
| Men                              | 22         | 46          | 29        | 3     |
| State                            |            |             |           |       |
| New South Wales                  | 17         | 49          | 30        | 4     |
| Victoria                         | 19         | 45          | 32        | 4     |
| Queensland                       | 26         | 41          | 30        | 3     |
| All other states and territories | 26         | 39          | 30        | 5     |
| Location                         |            |             |           |       |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 24         | 43          | 28        | 5     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 22         | 48          | 27        | 3     |
| Provincial cities                | 18         | 43          | 35        | 4     |
| Rural communities                | 20         | 41          | 34        | 5     |

**Table 21:** Who is most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Who is most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system



**Figure 25:** Who is most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | The State<br>Government | The Federal<br>Government | Energy<br>Retailers | Other |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| All voters                  | 21                      | 44                        | 31                  | 4     |
| Education                   |                         |                           |                     |       |
| Less than year 12           | 24                      | 40                        | 33                  | 3     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 22                      | 46                        | 29                  | 3     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 21                      | 44                        | 31                  | 4     |
| University degree           | 21                      | 45                        | 31                  | 3     |
| Household income            |                         |                           |                     |       |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 20                      | 50                        | 29                  | 1     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 18                      | 48                        | 29                  | 5     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 26                      | 43                        | 28                  | 3     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 19                      | 42                        | 36                  | 3     |
| Prefer not to say           | 21                      | 38                        | 32                  | 9     |
| Home ownership              |                         |                           |                     |       |
| Does not own                | 22                      | 46                        | 27                  | 5     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 20                      | 45                        | 31                  | 4     |
| Owned outright              | 23                      | 42                        | 33                  | 2     |
| Financial stress            |                         |                           |                     |       |
| A great deal of stress      | 19                      | 50                        | 25                  | 6     |
| Some stress                 | 22                      | 43                        | 31                  | 4     |
| Not much stress             | 24                      | 40                        | 33                  | 3     |
| No stress at all            | 17                      | 48                        | 33                  | 2     |

**Table 22:** Who is most responsible for the reliability and affordability of the energy system, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### State governments should focus on a mix of energy sources

#### Question text

#### Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The <pipe state> Government should not put all its energy eggs in the one basket and needs a mix of energy, including solar, wind and gas

Single select; random reverse 1-4

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Disagree
- 4. Strongly disagree
- 5. Unsure



# State governments should focus on a mix of energy sources

Figure 26: State governments should focus on a mix of energy sources, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly<br>disagree | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| All voters                       | 37             | 48    | 6        | 2                    | 7      |
| Vote intention                   |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Labor                            | 35             | 50    | 7        | 2                    | 6      |
| Coalition                        | 41             | 45    | 7        | 2                    | 5      |
| Greens                           | 36             | 49    | 8        | 1                    | 6      |
| Other parties and candidates     | 37             | 48    | 5        | 3                    | 7      |
| Age                              |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 35             | 52    | 5        | 1                    | 7      |
| 35-49                            | 29             | 54    | 6        | 2                    | 9      |
| 50-64                            | 43             | 43    | 5        | 3                    | 6      |
| 65 and older                     | 40             | 43    | 8        | 3                    | 6      |
| Gender                           |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Women                            | 36             | 49    | 5        | 1                    | 9      |
| Men                              | 36             | 48    | 8        | 2                    | 6      |
| State                            |                |       |          |                      |        |
| New South Wales                  | 34             | 50    | 7        | 2                    | 7      |
| Victoria                         | 38             | 47    | 6        | 2                    | 7      |
| Queensland                       | 37             | 49    | 6        | 2                    | 6      |
| All other states and territories | 39             | 45    | 6        | 2                    | 8      |
| Location                         |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 36             | 47    | 7        | 2                    | 8      |
| Outer suburbs                    | 36             | 50    | 5        | 2                    | 7      |
| Provincial cities                | 35             | 47    | 7        | 2                    | 9      |
| Rural communities                | 39             | 48    | 6        | 1                    | 6      |

 Table 23:
 State governments should focus on a mix of energy sources, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



**Figure 27:** State governments should focus on a mix of energy sources, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

## State governments should focus on a mix of energy sources

|                             | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly<br>disagree | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 37             | 48    | 6        | 2                    | 7      |
| Education                   |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Less than year 12           | 37             | 46    | 5        | 1                    | 11     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 34             | 50    | 6        | 2                    | 8      |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 37             | 48    | 6        | 2                    | 7      |
| University degree           | 37             | 49    | 7        | 2                    | 5      |
| Household income            |                |       |          |                      |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 38             | 50    | 7        | 2                    | 3      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 36             | 49    | 7        | 2                    | 6      |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 36             | 51    | 6        | 2                    | 5      |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 40             | 43    | 5        | 2                    | 10     |
| Prefer not to say           | 30             | 48    | 7        | 2                    | 13     |
| Home ownership              |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Does not own                | 32             | 50    | 6        | 1                    | 11     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 38             | 49    | 5        | 2                    | 6      |
| Owned outright              | 38             | 46    | 8        | 3                    | 5      |
| Financial stress            |                |       |          |                      |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 38             | 46    | 6        | 1                    | 9      |
| Some stress                 | 34             | 50    | 7        | 2                    | 7      |
| Not much stress             | 37             | 48    | 6        | 3                    | 6      |
| No stress at all            | 45             | 41    | 6        | 2                    | 6      |

**Table 24:** State governments should focus on a mix of energy sources, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Support for new gas projects

#### Question text

Would you support or oppose...

New gas projects if they supported the faster retirement of coal fired power stations in Australia?

Single select; random reverse 1-4

- 1. Strongly support
- 2. Support
- 3. Oppose
- 4. Strongly oppose
- 5. Unsure

### New gas projects if they supported the faster retirement of coal fired power stations



Supports new gas projects if it means the faster retirement of coal fired power stations

**Figure 28:** Supports new gas projects if it means the faster retirement of coal fired power stations, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Strongly | Support | Oppose | Strongly | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                  | support  |         |        | oppose   |        |
| All voters                       | 9        | 43      | 14     | 7        | 27     |
| Vote intention                   |          |         |        |          |        |
| Labor                            | 8        | 50      | 14     | 4        | 24     |
| Coalition                        | 12       | 42      | 16     | 7        | 23     |
| Greens                           | 11       | 43      | 19     | 6        | 21     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 6        | 40      | 15     | 15       | 24     |
| Age                              |          |         |        |          |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 12       | 47      | 14     | 5        | 22     |
| 35-49                            | 9        | 38      | 12     | 6        | 35     |
| 50-64                            | 8        | 42      | 17     | 8        | 25     |
| 65 and older                     | 7        | 45      | 14     | 10       | 24     |
| Gender                           |          |         |        |          |        |
| Women                            | 7        | 39      | 13     | 6        | 35     |
| Men                              | 11       | 47      | 16     | 8        | 18     |
| State                            |          |         |        |          |        |
| New South Wales                  | 9        | 39      | 16     | 8        | 28     |
| Victoria                         | 10       | 47      | 12     | 9        | 22     |
| Queensland                       | 7        | 44      | 17     | 7        | 25     |
| All other states and territories | 10       | 43      | 12     | 5        | 30     |
| Location                         |          |         |        |          |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 10       | 43      | 14     | 7        | 26     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 10       | 45      | 12     | 6        | 27     |
| Provincial cities                | 5        | 43      | 19     | 8        | 25     |
| Rural communities                | 8        | 41      | 16     | 8        | 27     |

 Table 25:
 Supports new gas projects if it means the faster retirement of coal fired power stations, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Supports new gas projects if it means the faster retirement of coal fired power stations



**Figure 29:** Supports new gas projects if it means the faster retirement of coal fired power stations, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Strongly<br>support | Support | Oppose | Strongly<br>oppose | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 9                   | 43      | 14     | 7                  | 27     |
| Education                   |                     |         |        |                    |        |
| Less than year 12           | 7                   | 37      | 17     | 9                  | 30     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 10                  | 42      | 12     | 7                  | 29     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 8                   | 43      | 14     | 9                  | 26     |
| University degree           | 10                  | 47      | 14     | 5                  | 24     |
| Household income            |                     |         |        |                    |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 13                  | 44      | 14     | 7                  | 22     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 10                  | 46      | 12     | 6                  | 26     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 9                   | 44      | 17     | 6                  | 24     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 6                   | 44      | 15     | 10                 | 25     |
| Prefer not to say           | 7                   | 35      | 11     | 9                  | 38     |
| Home ownership              |                     |         |        |                    |        |
| Does not own                | 9                   | 41      | 14     | 7                  | 29     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 10                  | 43      | 13     | 5                  | 29     |
| Owned outright              | 8                   | 44      | 16     | 10                 | 22     |
| Financial stress            |                     |         |        |                    |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 12                  | 35      | 14     | 9                  | 30     |
| Some stress                 | 7                   | 45      | 15     | 7                  | 26     |
| Not much stress             | 7                   | 48      | 12     | 7                  | 26     |
| No stress at all            | 12                  | 41      | 18     | 8                  | 21     |

**Table 26:** Supports new gas projects if it means the faster retirement of coal fired power stations, by education, income,home ownership and financial stress.

### The biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy

#### Question text

What is the biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy?

Single select; randomise 1-5

- 1. Residents opposed to the development of energy infrastructure in their community
- 2. Cost of the transition
- 3. Delivering electricity transmission
- 4. Maintaining electricity reliability, ie. blackouts
- 5. Environmental impacts
- 6. Something else Free text
- 7. Don't know
### The biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy



Figure 30: Share of voters who say each issue is the most important for the Australian Government to focus on right now.

# The biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy



Don't know



|                                  | Cost of the<br>transition | Maintaining<br>electricity<br>reliability, ie.<br>blackouts | Residents<br>opposed to<br>the devel-<br>opment of<br>energy in-<br>frastructure<br>in their<br>community | Environmental<br>impacts | Delivering<br>electricity<br>transmis-<br>sion | Something<br>else | Don't know |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|
| All voters                       | 33                        | 29  | 11  | 7                        | 5  | 4                 | 11         |
| Vote intention                   |                           |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| Labor                            | 36                        | 26  | 13  | 7                        | 6  | 3                 | 9          |
| Coalition                        | 36                        | 34  | 8   | 7                        | 5  | 2                 | 8          |
| Greens                           | 35                        | 21  | 16  | 12                       | 3  | 6                 | 7          |
| Other parties and candidates     | 29                        | 32  | 11  | 4                        | 5  | 8                 | 11         |
| Age                              |                           |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| Aged 18-34                       | 34                        | 26  | 13  | 12                       | 3  | 3                 | 9          |
| 35-49                            | 39                        | 21  | 11  | 8                        | 4  | 4                 | 13         |
| 50-64                            | 34                        | 33  | 9   | 6                        | 5  | 5                 | 8          |
| 65 and older                     | 26                        | 39  | 10  | 3                        | 7  | 4                 | 11         |
| Gender                           |                           |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| Women                            | 33                        | 29  | 10  | 7                        | 3  | 3                 | 15         |
| Men                              | 34                        | 30  | 11  | 8                        | 6  | 5                 | 6          |
| State                            |                           |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| New South Wales                  | 32                        | 31  | 9   | 7                        | 5  | 4                 | 12         |
| Victoria                         | 34                        | 29  | 10  | 8                        | 6  | 4                 | 9          |
| Queensland                       | 35                        | 28  | 13  | 8                        | 4  | 3                 | 9          |
| All other states and territories | 33                        | 29  | 12  | 6                        | 4  | 4                 | 12         |
| Location                         |                           |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 33                        | 28  | 11  | 8                        | 5  | 4                 | 11         |
| Outer suburbs                    | 37                        | 28  | 10  | 8                        | 5  | 3                 | 9          |
| Provincial cities                | 30                        | 32  | 10  | 6                        | 5  | 6                 | 11         |
| Rural communities                | 31                        | 32  | 12  | 6                        | 4  | 3                 | 12         |

Table 27: The biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

# The biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy

| <b>X</b> 11                   |                  |    |    |     | -   | 12 10 | 1997 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| All voters -                  | -                | 33 | 29 | 11  | 7   | 54    | 11   |
|                               | Education        |    |    |     |     |       |      |
| Less than year 12 -           | 28               |    | 36 | 10  | 4 4 |       | 17   |
| Year 12 or equivalent -       |                  | 35 | 29 | 9   | 8   | 4 4   | 11   |
| TAFE, trade or vocational -   |                  | 33 | 29 | 11  | 7   | 54    | 11   |
| University degree -           |                  | 35 | 27 | 12  | 9   | 5     | 5 7  |
|                               | Household income |    |    |     |     |       |      |
| \$3,000 or more per week -    |                  | 37 | 2  | 29  | 13  | 7 6   | 3 5  |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week - |                  | 41 |    | 28  | 11  | 83    | 4 5  |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week - | 32               | 2  | 29 | 12  | 9   | 5 4   | 9    |
| Less than \$1,000 per week -  | 30               |    | 32 | 11  | 6 4 | 1     | 14   |
| Prefer not to say <b>-</b>    | 29               |    | 30 | 6 6 | 5 4 |       | 20   |
|                               | Home ownership   |    |    |     |     |       |      |
| Does not own -                | 31               |    | 25 | 15  | 7 3 | 4     | 15   |

Owned with a mortgage -Owned outright -

| 31 | 25 |    | 15 | 7 3 4 |    |   |
|----|----|----|----|-------|----|---|
|    | 38 | 27 | 9  | 10    | 5  | 2 |
| 31 |    | 36 | 9  | 4     | 73 |   |

Financial stress

| A great deal of stress - | 39 |    | 25 | 9  | 8 | 4 | 13  |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|-----|
| Some stress -            | 36 |    | 29 | 9  | 8 | 5 | 10  |
| Not much stress -        | 28 |    | 34 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 5 8 |
| No stress at all -       | 21 | 32 | 15 | 8  | 6 | 5 | 13  |

Cost of the transition Maintaining electricity reliability, ie. blackouts Residents opposed to the development of energy infrastructure in their community Environmental impacts Delivering electricity transmission Something else Don't know

**Figure 32:** The biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Cost of the transition | Maintaining<br>electricity<br>reliability, ie.<br>blackouts | Residents<br>opposed to<br>the devel-<br>opment of<br>energy in-<br>frastructure<br>in their<br>community | Environmental<br>impacts | Delivering<br>electricity<br>transmis-<br>sion | Something<br>else | Don't know |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|
| All voters                  | 33                     | 29  | 11  | 7                        | 5  | 4                 | 11         |
| Education                   |                        |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| Less than year 12           | 28                     | 36  | 10  | 4                        | 4  | 1                 | 17         |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 35                     | 29  | 9   | 8                        | 4  | 4                 | 11         |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 33                     | 29  | 11  | 7                        | 5  | 4                 | 11         |
| University degree           | 35                     | 27  | 12  | 9                        | 5  | 5                 | 7          |
| Household income            |                        |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 37                     | 29  | 13  | 7                        | 6  | 3                 | 5          |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 41                     | 28  | 11  | 8                        | 3  | 4                 | 5          |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 32                     | 29  | 12  | 9                        | 5  | 4                 | 9          |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 30                     | 32  | 11  | 6                        | 4  | 3                 | 14         |
| Prefer not to say           | 29                     | 30  | 6   | 6                        | 5  | 4                 | 20         |
| Home ownership              |                        |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| Does not own                | 31                     | 25  | 15  | 7                        | 3  | 4                 | 15         |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 38                     | 27  | 9   | 10                       | 5  | 4                 | 7          |
| Owned outright              | 31                     | 36  | 9   | 4                        | 7  | 3                 | 10         |
| Financial stress            |                        |   |   |                          |  |                   |            |
| A great deal of stress      | 39                     | 25  | 9   | 8                        | 2  | 4                 | 13         |
| Some stress                 | 36                     | 29  | 9   | 8                        | 5  | 3                 | 10         |
| Not much stress             | 28                     | 34  | 13  | 6                        | 6  | 5                 | 8          |
| No stress at all            | 21                     | 32  | 15  | 8                        | 6  | 5                 | 13         |

Table 28: The biggest risk to the transition to renewable energy, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### The Australian Government's emissions reduction target for 2030

### **Question text**

### Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The Australian Government is on target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 43% below 2005 levels by 2030.

### Single select; random reverse 1-4

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Disagree
- 4. Strongly disagree
- 5. Unsure

# The Australian Government is on target to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets by 2030



**Figure 33:** The Australian Government is on target to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets by 2030, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly<br>disagree | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| All voters                       | 3              | 21    | 29       | 11                   | 36     |
| Vote intention                   |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Labor                            | 4              | 33    | 24       | 6                    | 33     |
| Coalition                        | 2              | 14    | 34       | 16                   | 34     |
| Greens                           | 3              | 25    | 35       | 12                   | 25     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 2              | 12    | 33       | 17                   | 36     |
| Age                              |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 4              | 32    | 29       | 7                    | 28     |
| 35-49                            | 2              | 17    | 28       | 12                   | 41     |
| 50-64                            | 3              | 16    | 31       | 11                   | 39     |
| 65 and older                     | 2              | 16    | 30       | 16                   | 36     |
| Gender                           |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Women                            | 2              | 17    | 28       | 9                    | 44     |
| Men                              | 4              | 24    | 30       | 14                   | 28     |
| State                            |                |       |          |                      |        |
| New South Wales                  | 3              | 22    | 29       | 11                   | 35     |
| Victoria                         | 3              | 20    | 29       | 12                   | 36     |
| Queensland                       | 3              | 19    | 31       | 13                   | 34     |
| All other states and territories | 1              | 21    | 28       | 9                    | 41     |
| Location                         |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 3              | 25    | 27       | 10                   | 35     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 4              | 21    | 30       | 10                   | 35     |
| Provincial cities                | 1              | 18    | 32       | 12                   | 37     |
| Rural communities                | 2              | 17    | 29       | 14                   | 38     |

**Table 29:** The Australian Government is on target to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets by 2030, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

## The Australian Government is on target to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets by 2030



**Figure 34:** The Australian Government is on target to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets by 2030, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly<br>disagree | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 3              | 21    | 29       | 11                   | 36     |
| Education                   |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Less than year 12           | 1              | 16    | 25       | 12                   | 46     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 2              | 22    | 32       | 8                    | 36     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 4              | 19    | 28       | 13                   | 36     |
| University degree           | 4              | 23    | 30       | 12                   | 31     |
| Household income            |                |       |          |                      |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 5              | 24    | 33       | 11                   | 27     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 3              | 23    | 31       | 10                   | 33     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 3              | 21    | 31       | 12                   | 33     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 2              | 20    | 28       | 13                   | 37     |
| Prefer not to say           | 1              | 15    | 21       | 11                   | 52     |
| Home ownership              |                |       |          |                      |        |
| Does not own                | 3              | 23    | 27       | 12                   | 35     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 3              | 21    | 30       | 10                   | 36     |
| Owned outright              | 3              | 17    | 30       | 13                   | 37     |
| Financial stress            |                |       |          |                      |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 2              | 20    | 27       | 13                   | 38     |
| Some stress                 | 3              | 21    | 30       | 12                   | 34     |
| Not much stress             | 3              | 20    | 32       | 10                   | 35     |
| No stress at all            | 4              | 21    | 26       | 9                    | 40     |

**Table 30:** The Australian Government is on target to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets by 2030, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Perceptions of how the transition to renewables will impact Australians' bills

### **Question text**

How do you expect the transition to cleaner energy to impact your electricity bills over the next five years?

Single select; random reverse 1-4

- 1. Significantly increase
- 2. Slightly increase
- 3. No change
- 4. Slightly decrease
- 5. Significantly decrease
- 6. Unsure

# The expected impact of the change to cleaner energy on electricity bills in the next five years



**Figure 35:** The expected impact of the change to cleaner energy on electricity bills in the next five years, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Significantly | Slightly | No change | Slightly | Significantly | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|--------|
|                                  | Increase      | Increase |           | Geclease | Geclease      |        |
| All voters                       | 33            | 28       | 13        | 10       | 3             | 13     |
| Vote intention                   |               |          |           |          |               |        |
| Labor                            | 19            | 37       | 15        | 15       | 4             | 10     |
| Coalition                        | 49            | 23       | 10        | 6        | 1             | 11     |
| Greens                           | 22            | 32       | 11        | 18       | 4             | 13     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 38            | 24       | 16        | 7        | 5             | 10     |
| Age                              |               |          |           |          |               |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 18            | 35       | 15        | 16       | 4             | 12     |
| 35-49                            | 30            | 25       | 17        | 8        | 3             | 17     |
| 50-64                            | 39            | 27       | 11        | 9        | 2             | 12     |
| 65 and older                     | 46            | 25       | 8         | 7        | 3             | 11     |
| Gender                           |               |          |           |          |               |        |
| Women                            | 32            | 25       | 13        | 10       | 3             | 17     |
| Men                              | 33            | 31       | 13        | 11       | 3             | 9      |
| State                            |               |          |           |          |               |        |
| New South Wales                  | 33            | 27       | 13        | 10       | 4             | 13     |
| Victoria                         | 36            | 28       | 9         | 11       | 3             | 13     |
| Queensland                       | 36            | 24       | 16        | 9        | 3             | 12     |
| All other states and territories | 26            | 34       | 13        | 12       | 2             | 13     |
| Location                         |               |          |           |          |               |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 29            | 31       | 13        | 12       | 3             | 12     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 33            | 29       | 12        | 10       | 3             | 13     |
| Provincial cities                | 35            | 28       | 13        | 10       | 2             | 12     |
| Rural communities                | 35            | 24       | 14        | 9        | 3             | 15     |

**Table 31:** The expected impact of the change to cleaner energy on electricity bills in the next five years, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

The expected impact of the change to cleaner energy on electricity bills in the next five years



**Figure 36:** The expected impact of the change to cleaner energy on electricity bills in the next five years, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Significantly<br>increase | Slightly<br>increase | No change | Slightly<br>decrease | Significantly<br>decrease | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 33                        | 28                   | 13        | 10                   | 3                         | 13     |
| Education                   |                           |                      |           |                      |                           |        |
| Less than year 12           | 39                        | 28                   | 7         | 8                    | 1                         | 17     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 27                        | 31                   | 15        | 12                   | 2                         | 13     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 36                        | 23                   | 12        | 10                   | 5                         | 14     |
| University degree           | 29                        | 33                   | 15        | 10                   | 2                         | 11     |
| Household income            |                           |                      |           |                      |                           |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 31                        | 36                   | 12        | 11                   | 2                         | 8      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 30                        | 35                   | 15        | 10                   | 2                         | 8      |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 31                        | 28                   | 15        | 11                   | 2                         | 13     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 37                        | 23                   | 9         | 11                   | 5                         | 15     |
| Prefer not to say           | 35                        | 19                   | 13        | 7                    | 3                         | 23     |
| Home ownership              |                           |                      |           |                      |                           |        |
| Does not own                | 25                        | 29                   | 14        | 12                   | 4                         | 16     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 31                        | 28                   | 15        | 11                   | 2                         | 13     |
| Owned outright              | 42                        | 27                   | 10        | 7                    | 3                         | 11     |
| Financial stress            |                           |                      |           |                      |                           |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 37                        | 21                   | 11        | 9                    | 5                         | 17     |
| Some stress                 | 33                        | 28                   | 13        | 11                   | 3                         | 12     |
| Not much stress             | 28                        | 34                   | 15        | 10                   | 2                         | 11     |
| No stress at all            | 36                        | 29                   | 9         | 10                   | 2                         | 14     |

**Table 32:** The expected impact of the change to cleaner energy on electricity bills in the next five years, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

# How Australians say they will reduce their carbon emissions in the next three years

### **Question text**

Which of the following personal actions do you expect to take to reduce your carbon emissions within the next three years?

Multiple select; randomise 1-6

- 1. Reduce air travel
- 2. Use public transportation more often
- 3. Reduce meat consumption
- 4. Invest in solar panels
- 5. Buy an electric vehicle (EV)
- 6. Purchase a home battery
- 7. Something else Free text
- 8. None of these

# How Australians will reduce their carbon emissions in the next three years

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**Figure 37:** The ways that Australians say they will reduce their carbon emissions in the next three years. Values sum to more than 100 as respondents could select more than one option.

### **Reduce** air travel

### Intention to reduce air travel



Figure 38: Intention to reduce air travel, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

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|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 11  | 89 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 13  | 87 |
| Coalition                        | 8   | 92 |
| Greens                           | 19  | 81 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 9   | 91 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 14  | 86 |
| 35-49                            | 10  | 90 |
| 50-64                            | 7   | 93 |
| 65 and older                     | 11  | 89 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 12  | 88 |
| Men                              | 10  | 90 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 13  | 87 |
| Victoria                         | 11  | 89 |
| Queensland                       | 9   | 91 |
| All other states and territories | 10  | 90 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 13  | 87 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 11  | 89 |
| Provincial cities                | 10  | 90 |
| Rural communities                | 9   | 91 |

 Table 33:
 Intention to reduce air travel, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Intention to reduce air travel



Figure 39: Intention to reduce air travel, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 11  | 89 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 6   | 94 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 12  | 88 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 11  | 89 |
| University degree           | 11  | 89 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 10  | 90 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 11  | 89 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 11  | 89 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 13  | 87 |
| Prefer not to say           | 9   | 91 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 13  | 87 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 9   | 91 |
| Owned outright              | 10  | 90 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 13  | 87 |
| Some stress                 | 12  | 88 |
| Not much stress             | 7   | 93 |
| No stress at all            | 12  | 88 |

 Table 34:
 Intention to reduce air travel, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Use public transportation more often



Intention to use public transportation more often

Figure 40: Intention to use public transportation more often, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 20  | 80 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 26  | 74 |
| Coalition                        | 14  | 86 |
| Greens                           | 31  | 69 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 13  | 87 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 25  | 75 |
| 35-49                            | 19  | 81 |
| 50-64                            | 17  | 83 |
| 65 and older                     | 17  | 83 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 20  | 80 |
| Men                              | 19  | 81 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 26  | 74 |
| Victoria                         | 19  | 81 |
| Queensland                       | 12  | 88 |
| All other states and territories | 18  | 82 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 34  | 66 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 17  | 83 |
| Provincial cities                | 15  | 85 |
| Rural communities                | 9   | 91 |

**Table 35:** Intention to use public transportation more often, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



Figure 41: Intention to use public transportation more often, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Intention to use public transportation more often

**Table 36:** Intention to use public transportation more often, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 20  | 80 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 10  | 90 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 24  | 76 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 15  | 85 |
| University degree           | 26  | 74 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 22  | 78 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 20  | 80 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 19  | 81 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 19  | 81 |
| Prefer not to say           | 17  | 83 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 27  | 73 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 17  | 83 |
| Owned outright              | 16  | 84 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 21  | 79 |
| Some stress                 | 20  | 80 |
| Not much stress             | 17  | 83 |
| No stress at all            | 18  | 82 |
|                             |     |    |

### **Reduce meat consumption**



Intention to reduce meat consumption

Figure 42: Intention to reduce meat consumption, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 15  | 85 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 18  | 82 |
| Coalition                        | 8   | 92 |
| Greens                           | 31  | 69 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 11  | 89 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 19  | 81 |
| 35-49                            | 16  | 84 |
| 50-64                            | 14  | 86 |
| 65 and older                     | 10  | 90 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 18  | 82 |
| Men                              | 11  | 89 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 15  | 85 |
| Victoria                         | 13  | 87 |
| Queensland                       | 15  | 85 |
| All other states and territories | 16  | 84 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 21  | 79 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 13  | 87 |
| Provincial cities                | 11  | 89 |
| Rural communities                | 11  | 89 |

 Table 37: Intention to reduce meat consumption, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Intention to reduce meat consumption



Figure 43: Intention to reduce meat consumption, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

 Table 38:
 Intention to reduce meat consumption, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 15  | 85 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 8   | 92 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 12  | 88 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 14  | 86 |
| University degree           | 21  | 79 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 17  | 83 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 16  | 84 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 15  | 85 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 15  | 85 |
| Prefer not to say           | 12  | 88 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 21  | 79 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 13  | 87 |
| Owned outright              | 12  | 88 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 17  | 83 |
| Some stress                 | 15  | 85 |
| Not much stress             | 13  | 87 |
| No stress at all            | 12  | 88 |

### Invest in solar panels





Figure 44: Intention to invest in solar panels, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 31  | 69 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 33  | 67 |
| Coalition                        | 29  | 71 |
| Greens                           | 36  | 64 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 25  | 75 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 47  | 53 |
| 35-49                            | 32  | 68 |
| 50-64                            | 24  | 76 |
| 65 and older                     | 19  | 81 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 30  | 70 |
| Men                              | 31  | 69 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 29  | 71 |
| Victoria                         | 34  | 66 |
| Queensland                       | 34  | 66 |
| All other states and territories | 27  | 73 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 29  | 71 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 31  | 69 |
| Provincial cities                | 32  | 68 |
| Rural communities                | 33  | 67 |

 Table 39:
 Intention to invest in solar panels, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

#### Intention to invest in solar panels



Figure 45: Intention to invest in solar panels, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 31  | 69 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 19  | 81 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 37  | 63 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 29  | 71 |
| University degree           | 35  | 65 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 37  | 63 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 40  | 60 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 31  | 69 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 24  | 76 |
| Prefer not to say           | 23  | 77 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 28  | 72 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 40  | 60 |
| Owned outright              | 24  | 76 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 35  | 65 |
| Some stress                 | 34  | 66 |
| Not much stress             | 26  | 74 |
| No stress at all            | 20  | 80 |

Table 40: Intention to invest in solar panels, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Buy an electric vehicle (EV)



Intention to buy an electric vehicle (EV)

Figure 46: Intention to buy an electric vehicle (EV), by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 18  | 82 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 23  | 77 |
| Coalition                        | 16  | 84 |
| Greens                           | 26  | 74 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 14  | 86 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 24  | 76 |
| 35-49                            | 22  | 78 |
| 50-64                            | 15  | 85 |
| 65 and older                     | 12  | 88 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 17  | 83 |
| Men                              | 20  | 80 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 17  | 83 |
| Victoria                         | 20  | 80 |
| Queensland                       | 19  | 81 |
| All other states and territories | 18  | 82 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 26  | 74 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 20  | 80 |
| Provincial cities                | 12  | 88 |
| Rural communities                | 12  | 88 |

 Table 41: Intention to buy an electric vehicle (EV), by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Intention to buy an electric vehicle (EV)



Figure 47: Intention to buy an electric vehicle (EV), by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.
| TUDE TE Intention to buy an electric venicie (EV), by education, medine, nome ownership and intaneital stress | Table 42: | Intention to bu | y an electric vehicle (EV), | by education, income, | , home ownership and financial stress |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 18  | 82 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 3   | 97 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 18  | 82 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 15  | 85 |
| University degree           | 30  | 70 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 30  | 70 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 24  | 76 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 15  | 85 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 12  | 88 |
| Prefer not to say           | 14  | 86 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 14  | 86 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 24  | 76 |
| Owned outright              | 16  | 84 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 15  | 85 |
| Some stress                 | 19  | 81 |
| Not much stress             | 20  | 80 |
| No stress at all            | 19  | 81 |

### Purchase a home battery

#### All voters -19 Vote intention Labor -Coalition -18 Greens -20 Other parties and candidates -Age Aged 18-34 -35-49 -21 50-64 -22 65 and older -Gender Women -16 Men-State New South Wales -15 Victoria -19 Queensland -20 All other states and territories -24 Location Inner and middle suburbs -14 Outer suburbs -Provincial cities -18 Rural communities -

Yes No

Intention to purchase a home battery

Figure 48: Intention to purchase a home battery, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 19  | 81 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 22  | 78 |
| Coalition                        | 18  | 82 |
| Greens                           | 20  | 80 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 14  | 86 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 17  | 83 |
| 35-49                            | 21  | 79 |
| 50-64                            | 22  | 78 |
| 65 and older                     | 14  | 86 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 16  | 84 |
| Men                              | 21  | 79 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 15  | 85 |
| Victoria                         | 19  | 81 |
| Queensland                       | 20  | 80 |
| All other states and territories | 24  | 76 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 14  | 86 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 21  | 79 |
| Provincial cities                | 18  | 82 |
| Rural communities                | 21  | 79 |

 Table 43:
 Intention to purchase a home battery, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

#### Intention to purchase a home battery



Figure 49: Intention to purchase a home battery, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 19  | 81 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 11  | 89 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 17  | 83 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 20  | 80 |
| University degree           | 21  | 79 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 24  | 76 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 22  | 78 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 18  | 82 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 13  | 87 |
| Prefer not to say           | 18  | 82 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 10  | 90 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 26  | 74 |
| Owned outright              | 19  | 81 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 18  | 82 |
| Some stress                 | 20  | 80 |
| Not much stress             | 18  | 82 |
| No stress at all            | 17  | 83 |

Table 44: Intention to purchase a home battery, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

#### Something else

Intention to do something else



Figure 50: Intention to do something else, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 3   | 97 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 3   | 97 |
| Coalition                        | 2   | 98 |
| Greens                           | 2   | 98 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 3   | 97 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 1   | 99 |
| 35-49                            | 3   | 97 |
| 50-64                            | 4   | 96 |
| 65 and older                     | 4   | 96 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 4   | 96 |
| Men                              | 2   | 98 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 3   | 97 |
| Victoria                         | 2   | 98 |
| Queensland                       | 4   | 96 |
| All other states and territories | 3   | 97 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 4   | 96 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 2   | 98 |
| Provincial cities                | 3   | 97 |
| Rural communities                | 3   | 97 |

 Table 45: Intention to do something else, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

#### Intention to do something else



Figure 51: Intention to do something else, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 3   | 97 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 3   | 97 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 1   | 99 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 3   | 97 |
| University degree           | 4   | 96 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 1   | 99 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 3   | 97 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 3   | 97 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 3   | 97 |
| Prefer not to say           | 4   | 96 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 2   | 98 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 3   | 97 |
| Owned outright              | 4   | 96 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 2   | 98 |
| Some stress                 | 3   | 97 |
| Not much stress             | 4   | 96 |
| No stress at all            | 2   | 98 |

Table 46: Intention to do something else, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

## None of these

Intention to do none of these



Figure 52: Intention to do none of these, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                       | 36  | 64 |
| Vote intention                   |     |    |
| Labor                            | 27  | 73 |
| Coalition                        | 44  | 56 |
| Greens                           | 19  | 81 |
| Other parties and candidates     | 47  | 53 |
| Age                              |     |    |
| Aged 18-34                       | 22  | 78 |
| 35-49                            | 31  | 69 |
| 50-64                            | 39  | 61 |
| 65 and older                     | 52  | 48 |
| Gender                           |     |    |
| Women                            | 35  | 65 |
| Men                              | 37  | 63 |
| State                            |     |    |
| New South Wales                  | 37  | 63 |
| Victoria                         | 35  | 65 |
| Queensland                       | 35  | 65 |
| All other states and territories | 36  | 64 |
| Location                         |     |    |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 28  | 72 |
| Outer suburbs                    | 36  | 64 |
| Provincial cities                | 41  | 59 |
| Rural communities                | 41  | 59 |

 Table 47:
 Intention to do none of these, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

#### Intention to do none of these



Figure 53: Intention to do none of these, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| All voters                  | 36  | 64 |
| Education                   |     |    |
| Less than year 12           | 58  | 42 |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 32  | 68 |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 37  | 63 |
| University degree           | 27  | 73 |
| Household income            |     |    |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 25  | 75 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 27  | 73 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 35  | 65 |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 47  | 53 |
| Prefer not to say           | 44  | 56 |
| Home ownership              |     |    |
| Does not own                | 36  | 64 |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 27  | 73 |
| Owned outright              | 45  | 55 |
| Financial stress            |     |    |
| A great deal of stress      | 33  | 67 |
| Some stress                 | 31  | 69 |
| Not much stress             | 42  | 58 |
| No stress at all            | 48  | 52 |

 Table 48:
 Intention to do none of these, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

# Willingness to increase electricity bills to ensure 100% renewable energy

#### Question text

Would you be willing to increase your electricity bill by <pipe value of \$50, \$100, \$250, or \$500> per month to ensure 100% of the electricity you use comes from renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind and hydro?

Single select; random reverse 1-4

- 1. Definitely would
- 2. Probably would
- 3. Probably would not
- 4. Definitely would not
- 5. Not sure

Price elasticity for renewable energy



**Figure 54:** How price increases influence Australians' interest in electricity from renewable sources. Respondents were randomly allocated a monthly price increase for their energy bill, and asked if they would be willing to spend that amount to shift to 100 per cent renewable sources.

# Support for difference sources of energy production

#### Question text

#### Do you support or oppose producing more energy from the following sources?

Carousel; single select Questions; randomise

- A. Solar
- B. Onshore wind
- C. Offshore wind
- D. Natural gas
- E. Renewable gases like hydrogen or biomethane
- F. Nuclear
- G. Coal

#### Single select; random reverse 1-2

- 1. Support
- 2. Oppose
- 3. Neither support nor oppose
- 4. Unsure



# Support for increased energy production from difference sources

Figure 55: Support for increased energy production from difference sources of electricity.

#### Solar



#### Support for additional energy from Solar

Figure 56: Support for additional energy from Solar, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Support | Oppose | Neither               | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
|                                  |         |        | support nor<br>oppose |        |
| All voters                       | 84      | 4      | 9                     | 3      |
| Vote intention                   |         |        |                       |        |
| Labor                            | 92      | 1      | 6                     | 1      |
| Coalition                        | 78      | 6      | 13                    | 3      |
| Greens                           | 94      | 2      | 2                     | 2      |
| Other parties and candidates     | 78      | 8      | 11                    | 3      |
| Age                              |         |        |                       |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 85      | 4      | 7                     | 4      |
| 35-49                            | 83      | 4      | 8                     | 5      |
| 50-64                            | 88      | 4      | 6                     | 2      |
| 65 and older                     | 79      | 5      | 14                    | 2      |
| Gender                           |         |        |                       |        |
| Women                            | 84      | 3      | 9                     | 4      |
| Men                              | 84      | 5      | 9                     | 2      |
| State                            |         |        |                       |        |
| New South Wales                  | 82      | 4      | 10                    | 4      |
| Victoria                         | 81      | 6      | 9                     | 4      |
| Queensland                       | 83      | 5      | 9                     | 3      |
| All other states and territories | 89      | 2      | 7                     | 2      |
| Location                         |         |        |                       |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 83      | 4      | 8                     | 5      |
| Outer suburbs                    | 86      | 4      | 8                     | 2      |
| Provincial cities                | 84      | 4      | 9                     | 3      |
| Rural communities                | 82      | 4      | 10                    | 4      |

 Table 49:
 Support for additional energy from Solar, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

#### Support for additional energy from Solar



Figure 57: Support for additional energy from Solar, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Support | Oppose | Neither<br>support nor<br>oppose | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 84      | 4      | 9                                | 3      |
| Education                   |         |        |                                  |        |
| Less than year 12           | 71      | 5      | 18                               | 6      |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 85      | 4      | 8                                | 3      |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 83      | 4      | 9                                | 4      |
| University degree           | 90      | 3      | 5                                | 2      |
| Household income            |         |        |                                  |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 88      | 6      | 5                                | 1      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 87      | 5      | 5                                | 3      |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 84      | 4      | 9                                | 3      |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 81      | 4      | 11                               | 4      |
| Prefer not to say           | 79      | 2      | 13                               | 6      |
| Home ownership              |         |        |                                  |        |
| Does not own                | 84      | 3      | 8                                | 5      |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 86      | 4      | 7                                | 3      |
| Owned outright              | 81      | 5      | 11                               | 3      |
| Financial stress            |         |        |                                  |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 82      | 5      | 8                                | 5      |
| Some stress                 | 85      | 4      | 8                                | 3      |
| Not much stress             | 84      | 3      | 10                               | 3      |
| No stress at all            | 85      | 3      | 10                               | 2      |

 Table 50:
 Support for additional energy from Solar, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

#### **Onshore wind**



#### Support for additional energy from Onshore wind

Figure 58: Support for additional energy from Onshore wind, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Support | Oppose | Neither     | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                                  |         |        | support nor |        |
| All votors                       | 65      | 12     | 13          | 10     |
|                                  | 00      | 12     | 15          | 10     |
| Vote intention                   | 70      | 4      | 1.1         | ,      |
| Labor                            | 79      | 4      | 11          | 6      |
| Coalition                        | 52      | 22     | 15          | 11     |
| Greens                           | 82      | 4      | /           | /      |
| Other parties and candidates     | 57      | 16     | 19          | 8      |
| Age                              |         |        |             |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 67      | 8      | 14          | 11     |
| 35-49                            | 69      | 7      | 11          | 13     |
| 50-64                            | 67      | 13     | 12          | 8      |
| 65 and older                     | 54      | 19     | 17          | 10     |
| Gender                           |         |        |             |        |
| Women                            | 60      | 10     | 14          | 16     |
| Men                              | 69      | 13     | 13          | 5      |
| State                            |         |        |             |        |
| New South Wales                  | 62      | 14     | 13          | 11     |
| Victoria                         | 65      | 11     | 13          | 11     |
| Queensland                       | 63      | 14     | 15          | 8      |
| All other states and territories | 70      | 7      | 13          | 10     |
| Location                         |         |        |             |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 66      | 11     | 10          | 13     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 65      | 13     | 13          | 9      |
| Provincial cities                | 60      | 14     | 17          | 9      |
| Rural communities                | 65      | 11     | 14          | 10     |

#### Table 51: Support for additional energy from Onshore wind, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



Support for additional energy from Onshore wind

Figure 59: Support for additional energy from Onshore wind, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

**Table 52:** Support for additional energy from Onshore wind, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Support | Oppose | Neither     | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                             |         |        | support nor |        |
|                             |         |        | oppose      |        |
| All voters                  | 65      | 12     | 13          | 10     |
| Education                   |         |        |             |        |
| Less than year 12           | 52      | 15     | 18          | 15     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 62      | 13     | 14          | 11     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 61      | 12     | 15          | 12     |
| University degree           | 76      | 9      | 9           | 6      |
| Household income            |         |        |             |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 76      | 9      | 10          | 5      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 68      | 15     | 10          | 7      |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 64      | 13     | 14          | 9      |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 59      | 12     | 15          | 14     |
| Prefer not to say           | 56      | 9      | 17          | 18     |
| Home ownership              |         |        |             |        |
| Does not own                | 67      | 9      | 11          | 13     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 66      | 10     | 14          | 10     |
| Owned outright              | 61      | 17     | 14          | 8      |
| Financial stress            |         |        |             |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 60      | 10     | 13          | 17     |
| Some stress                 | 65      | 12     | 14          | 9      |
| Not much stress             | 65      | 13     | 14          | 8      |
| No stress at all            | 71      | 11     | 14          | 4      |

#### Offshore wind



#### Support for additional energy from Offshore wind

Figure 60: Support for additional energy from Offshore wind, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Support | Oppose | Neither<br>support nor<br>oppose | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| All voters                       | 62      | 13     | 13                               | 12     |
| Vote intention                   |         |        |                                  |        |
| Labor                            | 75      | 6      | 11                               | 8      |
| Coalition                        | 52      | 22     | 14                               | 12     |
| Greens                           | 73      | 6      | 11                               | 10     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 59      | 14     | 15                               | 12     |
| Age                              |         |        |                                  |        |
| -<br>Aged 18-34                  | 64      | 8      | 15                               | 13     |
| 35-49                            | 64      | 9      | 13                               | 14     |
| 50-64                            | 66      | 14     | 10                               | 10     |
| 65 and older                     | 56      | 20     | 14                               | 10     |
| Gender                           |         |        |                                  |        |
| Women                            | 57      | 12     | 14                               | 17     |
| Men                              | 68      | 13     | 12                               | 7      |
| State                            |         |        |                                  |        |
| New South Wales                  | 59      | 16     | 12                               | 13     |
| Victoria                         | 64      | 11     | 14                               | 11     |
| Queensland                       | 62      | 15     | 13                               | 10     |
| All other states and territories | 66      | 8      | 12                               | 14     |
| Location                         |         |        |                                  |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 63      | 11     | 13                               | 13     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 63      | 13     | 12                               | 12     |
| Provincial cities                | 60      | 15     | 13                               | 12     |
| Rural communities                | 63      | 13     | 13                               | 11     |

 Table 53:
 Support for additional energy from Offshore wind, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



Support for additional energy from Offshore wind

Figure 61: Support for additional energy from Offshore wind, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

 Table 54:
 Support for additional energy from Offshore wind, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Support | Oppose | Neither     | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                             |         |        | support nor |        |
|                             |         |        | oppose      |        |
| All voters                  | 62      | 13     | 13          | 12     |
| Education                   |         |        |             |        |
| Less than year 12           | 52      | 18     | 13          | 17     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 61      | 11     | 14          | 14     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 60      | 14     | 14          | 12     |
| University degree           | 72      | 10     | 10          | 8      |
| Household income            |         |        |             |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 73      | 10     | 10          | 7      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 63      | 13     | 14          | 10     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 62      | 15     | 12          | 11     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 61      | 12     | 12          | 15     |
| Prefer not to say           | 53      | 11     | 17          | 19     |
| Home ownership              |         |        |             |        |
| Does not own                | 63      | 11     | 12          | 14     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 64      | 9      | 14          | 13     |
| Owned outright              | 60      | 18     | 12          | 10     |
| Financial stress            |         |        |             |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 58      | 12     | 13          | 17     |
| Some stress                 | 63      | 13     | 13          | 11     |
| Not much stress             | 65      | 13     | 12          | 10     |
| No stress at all            | 66      | 14     | 13          | 7      |

## Natural gas



#### Support for additional energy from Natural gas

Figure 62: Support for additional energy from Natural gas, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Support | Oppose | Neither     | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                                  |         |        | support nor |        |
|                                  | E 2     | 14     | 22          | 11     |
| All voters                       | 55      | 14     | 22          | 11     |
| Vote intention                   |         |        |             |        |
| Labor                            | 47      | 19     | 27          | 7      |
| Coalition                        | 66      | 8      | 17          | 9      |
| Greens                           | 39      | 26     | 24          | 11     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 57      | 13     | 21          | 9      |
| Age                              |         |        |             |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 51      | 14     | 23          | 12     |
| 35-49                            | 50      | 14     | 22          | 14     |
| 50-64                            | 54      | 15     | 20          | 11     |
| 65 and older                     | 58      | 12     | 23          | 7      |
| Gender                           |         |        |             |        |
| Women                            | 51      | 10     | 23          | 16     |
| Men                              | 55      | 18     | 21          | 6      |
| State                            |         |        |             |        |
| New South Wales                  | 54      | 12     | 22          | 12     |
| Victoria                         | 53      | 12     | 24          | 11     |
| Queensland                       | 55      | 16     | 18          | 11     |
| All other states and territories | 50      | 16     | 24          | 10     |
| Location                         |         |        |             |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 51      | 15     | 22          | 12     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 57      | 12     | 20          | 11     |
| Provincial cities                | 54      | 12     | 23          | 11     |
| Rural communities                | 51      | 15     | 23          | 11     |

#### **Table 55:** Support for additional energy from Natural gas, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



#### Support for additional energy from Natural gas

Figure 63: Support for additional energy from Natural gas, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Support | Oppose | Neither<br>support nor<br>oppose | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 53      | 14     | 22                               | 11     |
| Education                   |         |        |                                  |        |
| Less than year 12           | 59      | 8      | 19                               | 14     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 56      | 11     | 22                               | 11     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 51      | 14     | 24                               | 11     |
| University degree           | 51      | 19     | 20                               | 10     |
| Household income            |         |        |                                  |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 56      | 15     | 24                               | 5      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 52      | 13     | 24                               | 11     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 56      | 14     | 19                               | 11     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 52      | 16     | 21                               | 11     |
| Prefer not to say           | 47      | 11     | 24                               | 18     |
| Home ownership              |         |        |                                  |        |
| Does not own                | 48      | 17     | 22                               | 13     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 54      | 11     | 23                               | 12     |
| Owned outright              | 58      | 14     | 20                               | 8      |
| Financial stress            |         |        |                                  |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 51      | 13     | 20                               | 16     |
| Some stress                 | 53      | 13     | 23                               | 11     |
| Not much stress             | 55      | 13     | 24                               | 8      |
| No stress at all            | 55      | 20     | 18                               | 7      |

Table 56: Support for additional energy from Natural gas, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

## Renewable gases like hydrogen or biomethane





**Figure 64:** Support for additional energy from Renewable gases like hydrogen or biomethane, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Support | Oppose | Neither     | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                                  |         |        | support nor |        |
|                                  |         |        | oppose      |        |
| All voters                       | 52      | 7      | 19          | 22     |
| Vote intention                   |         |        |             |        |
| Labor                            | 55      | 6      | 21          | 18     |
| Coalition                        | 53      | 9      | 18          | 20     |
| Greens                           | 56      | 7      | 16          | 21     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 52      | 9      | 20          | 19     |
| Age                              |         |        |             |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 54      | 6      | 20          | 20     |
| 35-49                            | 48      | 9      | 19          | 24     |
| 50-64                            | 53      | 8      | 19          | 20     |
| 65 and older                     | 51      | 8      | 17          | 24     |
| Gender                           |         |        |             |        |
| Women                            | 38      | 7      | 22          | 33     |
| Men                              | 65      | 8      | 16          | 11     |
| State                            |         |        |             |        |
| New South Wales                  | 54      | 7      | 18          | 21     |
| Victoria                         | 48      | 6      | 21          | 25     |
| Queensland                       | 51      | 9      | 20          | 20     |
| All other states and territories | 52      | 6      | 18          | 24     |
| Location                         |         |        |             |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 53      | 7      | 15          | 25     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 51      | 7      | 20          | 22     |
| Provincial cities                | 55      | 7      | 20          | 18     |
| Rural communities                | 49      | 8      | 22          | 21     |

**Table 57:** Support for additional energy from Renewable gases like hydrogen or biomethane, by vote intention, age,gender, and location.

# Support for additional energy from Renewable gases like hydrogen or biomethane



**Figure 65:** Support for additional energy from Renewable gases like hydrogen or biomethane, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.
|                             | Support | Oppose | Neither     | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                             |         |        | support nor |        |
|                             |         |        | oppose      |        |
| All voters                  | 52      | 7      | 19          | 22     |
| Education                   |         |        |             |        |
| Less than year 12           | 37      | 11     | 22          | 30     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 50      | 6      | 19          | 25     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 51      | 8      | 20          | 21     |
| University degree           | 60      | 6      | 16          | 18     |
| Household income            |         |        |             |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 58      | 8      | 19          | 15     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 55      | 7      | 20          | 18     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 55      | 6      | 19          | 20     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 47      | 10     | 18          | 25     |
| Prefer not to say           | 39      | 6      | 21          | 34     |
| Home ownership              |         |        |             |        |
| Does not own                | 48      | 8      | 18          | 26     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 53      | 7      | 20          | 20     |
| Owned outright              | 53      | 7      | 19          | 21     |
| Financial stress            |         |        |             |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 43      | 9      | 20          | 28     |
| Some stress                 | 52      | 8      | 19          | 21     |
| Not much stress             | 53      | 6      | 20          | 21     |
| No stress at all            | 63      | 8      | 13          | 16     |

**Table 58:** Support for additional energy from Renewable gases like hydrogen or biomethane, by education, income,home ownership and financial stress.

### Nuclear



### Support for additional energy from Nuclear

Figure 66: Support for additional energy from Nuclear, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Support | Oppose | Neither | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                  |         |        | oppose  |        |
| All voters                       | 35      | 32     | 17      | 16     |
| Vote intention                   |         |        |         |        |
| Labor                            | 27      | 39     | 21      | 13     |
| Coalition                        | 51      | 20     | 13      | 16     |
| Greens                           | 22      | 45     | 16      | 17     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 37      | 35     | 17      | 11     |
| Age                              |         |        |         |        |
| -<br>Aged 18-34                  | 31      | 30     | 21      | 18     |
| 35-49                            | 30      | 37     | 16      | 17     |
| 50-64                            | 31      | 35     | 17      | 17     |
| 65 and older                     | 47      | 26     | 15      | 12     |
| Gender                           |         |        |         |        |
| Women                            | 22      | 38     | 17      | 23     |
| Men                              | 47      | 26     | 18      | 9      |
| State                            |         |        |         |        |
| New South Wales                  | 38      | 29     | 16      | 17     |
| Victoria                         | 33      | 33     | 20      | 14     |
| Queensland                       | 35      | 37     | 14      | 14     |
| All other states and territories | 30      | 31     | 19      | 20     |
| Location                         |         |        |         |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 34      | 32     | 16      | 18     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 34      | 31     | 19      | 16     |
| Provincial cities                | 38      | 32     | 16      | 14     |
| Rural communities                | 34      | 34     | 17      | 15     |

 Table 59:
 Support for additional energy from Nuclear, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.



Support for additional energy from Nuclear

Figure 67: Support for additional energy from Nuclear, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Support | Oppose | Neither<br>support nor | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 35      | 32     | 17                     | 16     |
| Education                   |         |        |                        |        |
| Less than year 12           | 40      | 23     | 21                     | 16     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 37      | 26     | 17                     | 20     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 32      | 35     | 18                     | 15     |
| University degree           | 35      | 36     | 15                     | 14     |
| Household income            |         |        |                        |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 40      | 32     | 17                     | 11     |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 33      | 33     | 19                     | 15     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 37      | 30     | 16                     | 17     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 34      | 35     | 16                     | 15     |
| Prefer not to say           | 28      | 31     | 18                     | 23     |
| Home ownership              |         |        |                        |        |
| Does not own                | 29      | 35     | 17                     | 19     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 33      | 33     | 18                     | 16     |
| Owned outright              | 41      | 28     | 17                     | 14     |
| Financial stress            |         |        |                        |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 27      | 39     | 14                     | 20     |
| Some stress                 | 34      | 31     | 19                     | 16     |
| Not much stress             | 41      | 26     | 18                     | 15     |
| No stress at all            | 39      | 36     | 15                     | 10     |

Table 60: Support for additional energy from Nuclear, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Coal

### Support for additional energy from Coal



Figure 68: Support for additional energy from Coal, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Support | Oppose | Neither | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                  |         |        | oppose  |        |
| All voters                       | 29      | 39     | 22      | 10     |
| Vote intention                   |         |        |         |        |
| Labor                            | 16      | 55     | 22      | 7      |
| Coalition                        | 46      | 21     | 23      | 10     |
| Greens                           | 10      | 69     | 17      | 4      |
| Other parties and candidates     | 36      | 32     | 23      | 9      |
| Age                              |         |        |         |        |
| -<br>Aged 18-34                  | 24      | 44     | 22      | 10     |
| 35-49                            | 26      | 38     | 22      | 14     |
| 50-64                            | 30      | 39     | 23      | 8      |
| 65 and older                     | 35      | 34     | 22      | 9      |
| Gender                           |         |        |         |        |
| Women                            | 25      | 37     | 23      | 15     |
| Men                              | 32      | 41     | 22      | 5      |
| State                            |         |        |         |        |
| New South Wales                  | 31      | 36     | 21      | 12     |
| Victoria                         | 25      | 39     | 23      | 13     |
| Queensland                       | 36      | 35     | 22      | 7      |
| All other states and territories | 20      | 48     | 23      | 9      |
| Location                         |         |        |         |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 21      | 45     | 24      | 10     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 27      | 39     | 23      | 11     |
| Provincial cities                | 37      | 33     | 20      | 10     |
| Rural communities                | 34      | 36     | 20      | 10     |

### Table 61: Support for additional energy from Coal, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### Support for additional energy from Coal



Figure 69: Support for additional energy from Coal, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Support | Oppose | Neither<br>support nor | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|--------|
|                             |         |        | oppose                 |        |
| All voters                  | 29      | 39     | 22                     | 10     |
| Education                   |         |        |                        |        |
| Less than year 12           | 42      | 22     | 20                     | 16     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 28      | 39     | 24                     | 9      |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 28      | 37     | 24                     | 11     |
| University degree           | 23      | 50     | 20                     | 7      |
| Household income            |         |        |                        |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 27      | 44     | 23                     | 6      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 25      | 41     | 24                     | 10     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 30      | 42     | 20                     | 8      |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 31      | 35     | 21                     | 13     |
| Prefer not to say           | 27      | 33     | 25                     | 15     |
| Home ownership              |         |        |                        |        |
| Does not own                | 24      | 44     | 20                     | 12     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 27      | 38     | 25                     | 10     |
| Owned outright              | 33      | 36     | 22                     | 9      |
| Financial stress            |         |        |                        |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 29      | 38     | 20                     | 13     |
| Some stress                 | 28      | 38     | 24                     | 10     |
| Not much stress             | 28      | 40     | 23                     | 9      |
| No stress at all            | 29      | 43     | 18                     | 10     |

**Table 62:** Support for additional energy from Coal, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### The likelihood of your state experiencing blackouts from energy shortages during the renewable energy transition

#### Question text

How likely or unlikely do you think it is that <pipe state> will experience blackouts from electricity shortages during the renewable energy transition within the next few years?

Single select; random reverse 1-4

- 1. Very likely
- 2. Somewhat likely
- 3. Somewhat unlikely
- 4. Very unlikely
- 5. Unsure

# The likelihood of your state experiencing blackouts during the renewable energy transition



**Figure 70:** The likelihood of your state experiencing blackouts during the renewable energy transition, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Very likely | Somewhat<br>likely | Somewhat<br>unlikely | Very<br>unlikely | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| All voters                       | 29          | 40                 | 15                   | 4                | 12     |
| Vote intention                   |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| Labor                            | 16          | 43                 | 22                   | 6                | 13     |
| Coalition                        | 43          | 37                 | 10                   | 2                | 8      |
| Greens                           | 10          | 44                 | 23                   | 10               | 13     |
| Other parties and candidates     | 37          | 39                 | 12                   | 4                | 8      |
| Age                              |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 20          | 45                 | 19                   | 6                | 10     |
| 35-49                            | 24          | 41                 | 14                   | 5                | 16     |
| 50-64                            | 34          | 37                 | 12                   | 5                | 12     |
| 65 and older                     | 38          | 36                 | 14                   | 3                | 9      |
| Gender                           |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| Women                            | 30          | 42                 | 11                   | 4                | 13     |
| Men                              | 28          | 38                 | 18                   | 6                | 10     |
| State                            |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| New South Wales                  | 27          | 40                 | 15                   | 5                | 13     |
| Victoria                         | 32          | 40                 | 11                   | 5                | 12     |
| Queensland                       | 31          | 40                 | 12                   | 6                | 11     |
| All other states and territories | 25          | 38                 | 23                   | 2                | 12     |
| Location                         |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 23          | 38                 | 19                   | 6                | 14     |
| Outer suburbs                    | 30          | 41                 | 15                   | 4                | 10     |
| Provincial cities                | 31          | 40                 | 12                   | 4                | 13     |
| Rural communities                | 32          | 41                 | 11                   | 5                | 11     |

**Table 63:** The likelihood of your state experiencing blackouts during the renewable energy transition, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

### The likelihood of your state experiencing blackouts during the renewable energy transition



**Figure 71:** The likelihood of your state experiencing blackouts during the renewable energy transition, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Very likely | Somewhat<br>likely | Somewhat<br>unlikely | Very<br>unlikely | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 29          | 40                 | 15                   | 4                | 12     |
| Education                   |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| Less than year 12           | 36          | 37                 | 7                    | 3                | 17     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 25          | 43                 | 16                   | 4                | 12     |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 33          | 39                 | 13                   | 6                | 9      |
| University degree           | 22          | 40                 | 19                   | 5                | 14     |
| Household income            |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 24          | 44                 | 19                   | 4                | 9      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 27          | 40                 | 17                   | 4                | 12     |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 28          | 40                 | 15                   | 6                | 11     |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 32          | 38                 | 14                   | 6                | 10     |
| Prefer not to say           | 31          | 37                 | 8                    | 3                | 21     |
| Home ownership              |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| Does not own                | 26          | 37                 | 16                   | 7                | 14     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 25          | 43                 | 15                   | 4                | 13     |
| Owned outright              | 35          | 39                 | 13                   | 4                | 9      |
| Financial stress            |             |                    |                      |                  |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 36          | 36                 | 12                   | 5                | 11     |
| Some stress                 | 27          | 43                 | 14                   | 4                | 12     |
| Not much stress             | 24          | 43                 | 18                   | 4                | 11     |
| No stress at all            | 32          | 28                 | 18                   | 8                | 14     |

**Table 64:** The likelihood of your state experiencing blackouts during the renewable energy transition, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

### Concern with the reliability of the state's electricity system

#### **Question text**

Recently, Australia's energy market operator said there were risks to supply reliability along the east coast in the next few years.

### How concerned are you about the reliability of the <pipe state plural> electricity system?

Single select; random reverse 1-3

- 1. Very concerned
- 2. Somewhat concerned
- 3. Not concerned
- 4. Unsure

# Concern with the reliability of the state's electricity system



Figure 72: Concern with the reliability of the state's electricity system, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

|                                  | Very concerned | Somewhat  | Not       | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                                  |                | concerned | concerned |        |
| All voters                       | 24             | 48        | 20        | 8      |
| Vote intention                   |                |           |           |        |
| Labor                            | 14             | 51        | 28        | 7      |
| Coalition                        | 35             | 50        | 11        | 4      |
| Greens                           | 11             | 47        | 34        | 8      |
| Other parties and candidates     | 31             | 44        | 18        | 7      |
| Age                              |                |           |           |        |
| Aged 18-34                       | 12             | 57        | 22        | 9      |
| 35-49                            | 22             | 48        | 21        | 9      |
| 50-64                            | 31             | 46        | 16        | 7      |
| 65 and older                     | 34             | 43        | 18        | 5      |
| Gender                           |                |           |           |        |
| Women                            | 25             | 49        | 16        | 10     |
| Men                              | 23             | 48        | 23        | 6      |
| State                            |                |           |           |        |
| New South Wales                  | 24             | 51        | 18        | 7      |
| Victoria                         | 27             | 47        | 17        | 9      |
| Queensland                       | 27             | 48        | 18        | 7      |
| All other states and territories | 18             | 47        | 27        | 8      |
| Location                         |                |           |           |        |
| Inner and middle suburbs         | 22             | 49        | 21        | 8      |
| Outer suburbs                    | 24             | 51        | 19        | 6      |
| Provincial cities                | 24             | 52        | 15        | 9      |
| Rural communities                | 27             | 42        | 23        | 8      |

 Table 65:
 Concern with the reliability of the state's electricity system, by vote intention, age, gender, and location.

# Concern with the reliability of the state's electricity system



**Figure 73:** Concern with the reliability of the state's electricity system, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

|                             | Very concerned | Somewhat<br>concerned | Not<br>concerned | Unsure |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| All voters                  | 24             | 48                    | 20               | 8      |
| Education                   |                |                       |                  |        |
| Less than year 12           | 32             | 45                    | 12               | 11     |
| Year 12 or equivalent       | 18             | 50                    | 23               | 9      |
| TAFE, trade or vocational   | 27             | 49                    | 18               | 6      |
| University degree           | 21             | 49                    | 23               | 7      |
| Household income            |                |                       |                  |        |
| \$3,000 or more per week    | 19             | 54                    | 21               | 6      |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 per week | 21             | 50                    | 22               | 7      |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999 per week | 23             | 49                    | 21               | 7      |
| Less than \$1,000 per week  | 32             | 40                    | 20               | 8      |
| Prefer not to say           | 24             | 51                    | 14               | 11     |
| Home ownership              |                |                       |                  |        |
| Does not own                | 22             | 47                    | 21               | 10     |
| Owned with a mortgage       | 21             | 51                    | 20               | 8      |
| Owned outright              | 30             | 47                    | 18               | 5      |
| Financial stress            |                |                       |                  |        |
| A great deal of stress      | 33             | 44                    | 14               | 9      |
| Some stress                 | 24             | 51                    | 17               | 8      |
| Not much stress             | 19             | 50                    | 25               | 6      |
| No stress at all            | 15             | 45                    | 33               | 7      |

**Table 66:** Concern with the reliability of the state's electricity system, by education, income, home ownership and financial stress.

