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Dear <Laddrss>,

## AUSTRALIAN ELECTION STUDY 2016

We need to hear from Australian citizens to find out what people thought about the recent Federal election. Your views are important to us even if you were not enrolled to vote, or you had little or no interest in the election.

This is a significant national study being carried out by the Australian National University and the Queensland University of Technology. It is the largest survey of its kind and has taken place after every federal election since 1987.

So that we can hear from a range of people, please pass this letter on to the person in your household (aged 18 years or over) who <<selection>> birthday.

**Return the questionnaire by 25 August 2016 for a chance to win 1 of 8 prizes of \$500\*.**

For your convenience, you can complete the questionnaire attached or go to the online version. Please note that we can only accept *one completed questionnaire from each household*. You can either:

1. Complete the attached form and post it back to us in the reply-paid envelope provided.
2. **OR** use the QR code provided on the top right hand corner of this page to open the questionnaire on your mobile or tablet device.
3. **OR** go to [www.srcentre.com.au/aes](http://www.srcentre.com.au/aes) and enter the username and password provided above.

The questionnaire will take around 30 minutes to complete, depending on your answers. All responses are strictly confidential and private and you will not be identified in any way.

For more information, please refer to the enclosed Participant Information sheet. If you have any questions about the survey, or if you would like to opt out, you can call the toll free hotline on 1800 023 040 or email [aesurvey@srcentre.com.au](mailto:aesurvey@srcentre.com.au).

Thank you in advance for your help! In participating you will be part of a unique research project.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Ian McAllister  
Australian National University

Professor Clive Bean  
Queensland University  
of Technology

Dr Juliet Pietsch  
Australian National University

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What if I have concerns about the ethical conduct of the survey?

If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the survey please contact the Ethics Manager, The ANU Human Research Ethics Committee on 02 6125 3427 or by email at [human.ethics.officer@anu.edu.au](mailto:human.ethics.officer@anu.edu.au). If you have concerns about your privacy in regards to this project you may contact the Office of Australian Information Commissioner at [enquiries@oaic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au) or on 1300 363 992.

#### What are my options for completing the survey?

If you choose to participate, you can complete online using the QR code provided or by going to [www.srcentre.com.au/aes](http://www.srcentre.com.au/aes) and following the links. To access the survey you will need the username and password in the panel located in the top right hand corner of the front page. Alternatively, you can complete and return this questionnaire in the reply-paid envelope provided by the due date.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw at any point. The information collected will be treated in strict confidence.

### How To Fill Out This Questionnaire

To answer most of the questions you only need to **cross a box**. Please cross the box which is **closest** to your view - there are no right or wrong answers. Here is an example.

Do you think the government should spend more or less on education?

Spend more on education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Doesn't matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Spend less on education	<input type="checkbox"/>	3

**If you think the government should spend more on education, you would put a cross in the box as shown.**

Some boxes have 'Go to' instructions that look like this:  → **GO TO B3**

If you make a mistake, simply colour in the wrong box and mark the correct box like this

Sometimes you are asked to write in an answer—in that case, simply write your answer in the space provided.

Please read each question carefully. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers—we just want to know **your own** personal opinions.

**We hope you enjoy the questionnaire. Thank you very much for taking part in this study.**

*Professor Ian McAllister, Australian National University*  
*Professor Clive Bean, Queensland University of Technology*  
*Dr Juliet Pietsch, Australian National University*

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**Section A: The Election Campaign**

First, some questions about the Federal election campaign, the period between when the election was announced on Sunday 8 May and election day on Saturday 2 July.

**A1** Generally speaking, how much interest do you *usually have* in what's going on in politics?

1 A good deal

2 Some

3 Not much

4 None

**A2** How much attention did you pay to reports about the election campaign?

	A good deal	Some	Not much	None at all
In the newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
On television	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
On the radio	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
On the internet	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**A3** And how much interest would you say you took *in the election campaign* overall?

1 A good deal

2 Some

3 Not much

4 None at all

**A4** Here is a list of things some people do during elections. How often did you do any of these things during the recent election?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Not at all
Discuss politics with others in person (i.e. face to face or over the phone)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Discuss politics with others online (i.e. through email or on a social network site like Facebook or Twitter)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Talk to other people to persuade them to vote for a particular party or candidate	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Show your support for a particular party or candidate by, for example, attending a meeting, putting up a poster, or in some other way	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Go to any political meetings or rallies	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Contribute money to a political party or election candidate	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**A5** Did you watch the televised debate between Bill Shorten and Malcolm Turnbull on Sunday 29 May?

1 Yes

2 No

**A6** From what you saw or what you heard or read about it, who do you think performed better in the debate—Bill Shorten or Malcolm Turnbull?

1 Shorten did much better

2 Shorten did somewhat better

3 About equal

4 Turnbull did somewhat better

5 Turnbull did much better

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**A7** During the election campaign, did a candidate or anyone from a political party contact you to persuade you to vote for them?

*Please cross all that apply*

- No
- Yes, by telephone
- Yes, by mail
- Yes, face-to-face
- Yes, by text message or SMS
- Yes, by email
- Yes, by social network site or other web-based method

**A8** Which parties or candidates contacted you by any of these means?

*Please cross all that apply*

- None
- Liberal
- Labor
- National
- Greens
- Other party or candidate

**A9** During the campaign, did a friend, family member, neighbour, work colleague or other acquaintance try to persuade you to vote for a particular party or candidate?

*Please cross all that apply*

- No
- Yes, by telephone
- Yes, by mail
- Yes, face-to-face
- Yes, by text message or SMS
- Yes, by email
- Yes, by social network site or other web-based method

**A10** Do you think that voting at Federal elections should be compulsory, or do you think that people should only have to vote if they want to?

- <sub>1</sub> Strongly favour compulsory voting
- <sub>2</sub> Favour compulsory voting
- <sub>3</sub> Favour people voting only if they want to
- <sub>4</sub> Strongly favour people voting only if they want to

**A11** Would you have voted in the election if voting had not been compulsory?

- <sub>1</sub> Definitely would have voted
- <sub>2</sub> Probably would have voted
- <sub>3</sub> Might/might not have voted
- <sub>4</sub> Probably not have voted
- <sub>5</sub> Definitely not have voted

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**A12** Do you think that the voting age in elections should be lowered to 16, or should it stay at 18?

- <sub>1</sub> Definitely lowered to 16
- <sub>2</sub> Probably lowered to 16
- <sub>3</sub> Probably stay at 18
- <sub>4</sub> Definitely stay at 18

**A13** During the 2016 election campaign did you read or access any of the following?

*Please cross all that apply*

- Official party or candidate campaign sites (e.g. home pages, blogs, official Facebook profiles, official YouTube channels)
- Mainstream news media sites (e.g. ABC Online, SMH site etc.)
- Unofficial online content (i.e. non-party produced campaign material (e.g. YouTube))
- Federal Parliament site
- Australian Electoral Commission site
- None of the above

**A14** During the 2016 election campaign did you do any of the following activities online?

*Please cross all that apply*

- Signed up to receive information from a party or candidate and/or registered as their follower/friend/supporter on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram
- Shared official campaign/political content on a blog, Twitter feed or social network profile
- Shared unofficial campaign/political content (e.g. links to videos, news stories, jokes) on a blog, Twitter feed or social network profile
- Joined or started a political or election related group on a social networking site (e.g. Facebook etc.)
- None of the above

## Section B: Party Preference and Voting

**B1** Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?

- <sub>1</sub> Liberal
- <sub>2</sub> Labor
- <sub>3</sub> National (Country) Party
- <sub>4</sub> Greens
- <sub>5</sub> Other party (*please specify*)
- <sub>6</sub> No party → **GO TO B3**

**B2** Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, or not very strong supporter of that party?

- <sub>1</sub> Very strong supporter
- <sub>2</sub> Fairly strong supporter
- <sub>3</sub> Not very strong supporter

**B3** Would you say you cared a good deal which party won the Federal election or that you did not care very much which party won?

- <sub>1</sub> Cared a good deal
- <sub>2</sub> Did not care very much
- <sub>3</sub> Did not care at all

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**B4** When did you decide how you would **definitely** vote in this election?

- 1 A long time ago
- 2 A few months ago, **before** election day was announced
- 3 About the time the election was announced, on 8 May
- 4 In the first few weeks of the campaign
- 5 A few days before election day
- 6 On election day
- 7 Did not vote in this election → **GO TO B6**

**B5** In deciding how you would vote in the election, which was **most** important to you?

*Please cross one box only*

- 1 The party leaders
- 2 The policy issues
- 3 The candidates in your electorate
- 4 The parties taken as a whole

**B6** Which do you think is better—when the Federal Government has a majority in **both** the House of Representatives **and** the Senate, OR when the Federal Government in the House of Representatives **does not** control the Senate?

- 1 Much better when Government controls **both**
- 2 Better when Government controls **both**
- 3 Neither/doesn't matter
- 4 Better when Government **does not** control the Senate
- 5 Much better when Government **does not** control the Senate

**B7** Considering everything the Labor Party and the Liberal Party stand for, would you say there is....

- 1 A good deal of difference between the parties
- 2 Some difference between the parties
- 3 Not much difference between the parties
- 4 No difference between the parties

**B8** In politics, people sometimes talk about the 'left' and the 'right'. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

<b>Left</b>	<b>Right</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Using the same scale**, where would you place each of the Federal political parties?

	<b>Left</b>	<b>Right</b>
Liberal Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10	
Labor Party (ALP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10	
National Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10	
Greens	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10	

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**B9** In the Federal election for the House of Representatives on Saturday 2 July, which party did you vote for **first** in the House of Representatives? And in the Senate election?

*If you did not vote in the election on 2 July, go to B14*

	House of Representatives	Senate
Liberal Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Labor Party (ALP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
National (Country) Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Greens	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Other (please specify party below)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		
Voted informal	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**B10** Did you vote in person on election day or did you cast your vote before election day?

*If you did not vote in the election on 2 July, go to B14*

- 1 Voted in person on election day
- 2 Voted in person before election day (at a pre-polling voting centre)
- 3 Cast postal vote before election day

**B11** *If your first preference was for the Greens or other minor party:* In the end, which of the two major parties, the Liberal-National Coalition or the Labor Party, did you give your preference to in the House of Representatives? And in the Senate election?

	House of Representatives	Senate
Liberal-National Coalition	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Labor Party (ALP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Not sure/Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**B12** In voting for the House of Representatives, did you follow a party 'How to Vote' card or did you decide your own preferences?

- 1 Followed a 'How to Vote' card
- 2 Decided my own preferences

**B13** Was there any time during the election campaign when you **seriously** thought you might give your **first** preference to another party in the House of Representatives?

*Please cross one box only*

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, Liberal Party
- 3 Yes, Labor Party (ALP)
- 4 Yes, National (Country) Party
- 5 Yes, Greens
- 6 Yes, another party/independent

**B14** In the last Federal election in September 2013, when Labor was led by Kevin Rudd and the Liberals by Tony Abbott, which party got your first preference then in the House of Representatives election?

- 1 Liberal Party
- 2 Labor Party (ALP)
- 3 National (Country) Party
- 4 Greens
- 5 Another party/independent
- 6 Did not vote
- 7 Don't know/can't recall

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**B15** Before this current Federal election for the House of Representatives, had you always voted for the same party, or had you sometimes voted for different parties?

*Please cross all that apply*

- Always voted for the same party
- Sometimes voted Liberal
- Sometimes voted Labor (ALP)
- Sometimes voted National (Country)
- Sometimes voted Greens
- Sometimes voted for other party/independent
- Did not vote before this election

**B16** Some people say that political parties in Australia care what ordinary people think. Others say that political parties in Australia don't care what ordinary people think. Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5?

Political parties in Australia care what ordinary people think

Political parties in Australia don't care what ordinary people think

1       2       3       4       5

**B17** Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means that political parties are necessary to make our political system work, and 5 means that political parties are not needed in Australia?

Political parties are necessary to make our political system work

Political parties are not needed in Australia

1       2       3       4       5

**B18** Finally in this section, we would like to know what you think about each of our political parties. Please rate each party on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly **dislike** that party and 10 means that you strongly **like** that party. If you are neutral about a particular party or don't know much about them, you should give them a rating of 5.

How do you feel about the:	Strongly dislike					Neutral					Strongly like				
Liberal Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				
Labor Party (ALP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				
National Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				
Greens	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				

**Section C: Politicians and Government**

**C1** Again using a scale from 0 to 10, please show how much you **like** or **dislike** the party leaders. If you don't know much about them, you should give them a rating of 5.

How do you feel about:	Strongly dislike					Neutral					Strongly like				
Bill Shorten	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				
Malcolm Turnbull	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				
Barnaby Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				
Tony Abbott	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				
Richard Di Natale	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10				



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**C2** Here is a list of words and phrases people use to describe party leaders. Thinking first about **Bill Shorten**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him—extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

	Extremely well	Quite well	Not too well	Not well at all
Intelligent	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Compassionate	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Competent	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Sensible	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Provides strong leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Honest	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Knowledgeable	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Inspiring	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**C3** Now thinking about **Malcolm Turnbull**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him—extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

	Extremely well	Quite well	Not too well	Not well at all
Intelligent	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Compassionate	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Competent	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Sensible	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Provides strong leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Honest	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Knowledgeable	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Inspiring	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**C4** Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Liberal Party handled the leadership change in September of last year, when Malcolm Turnbull replaced Tony Abbott?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Approve
- 3 Disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove

**C5** On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Australia?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied

**C6** In general, do you feel that the people in government are too often interested in looking after themselves, or do you feel that they can be trusted to do the right thing nearly all the time?

- 1 Usually look after themselves
- 2 Sometimes look after themselves
- 3 Sometimes can be trusted to do the right thing
- 4 Usually can be trusted to do the right thing

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**C7** Would you say the government is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

- 1 Entirely run for the big interests
- 2 Mostly run for the big interests
- 3 About half and half
- 4 Mostly run for the benefit of all
- 5 Entirely run for the benefit of all

**C8** Over the past five years or so, have you done any of the following things to express your views about something the government should or should not be doing?

	Yes	No
Contacted a politician or government official by email	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Contacted a politician or government official either in person, or in writing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Taken part in a protest, march or demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Worked together with people who shared the same concern	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Signed a written petition	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Signed an online or e-petition	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

**C9** Some people say that Federal politicians know what ordinary people think. Others say that Federal politicians don't know much about what ordinary people think. Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5?

Federal politicians know what ordinary people think	Federal politicians don't know what ordinary people think
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	

**C10** Some people say it makes a big difference who is in power. Others say it doesn't make any difference who is in power. Using the scale below, where would you place yourself?

It makes a big difference who is in power	It doesn't make any difference who is in power
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	

**C11** Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference to what happens. Using the scale below, where would you place yourself?

Who people vote for can make a big difference	Who people vote for won't make any difference
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	

**C12** Should there be more efforts to increase the number of women MPs? If so, what means would you prefer?

*Please cross one box below only*

- 1 No, there is no need to increase the number of women MPs
- 2 No, nothing needs to be done, it will happen naturally
- 3 Yes, by legally requiring all political parties to select more women candidates by means of a 'quota'
- 4 Yes, the political parties should make their own voluntary commitments to increase the number of women MPs
- 5 Yes, by encouraging more women to participate in politics

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**Section D: Election Issues**

**D1** Here is a list of important issues that were discussed during the election campaign. *When you were deciding about how to vote*, how important was each of these issues to you personally?

Issues	Extremely important	Quite important	Not very important
1. Taxation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
2. Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3. Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
4. The environment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
5. Government debt	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
6. Health and Medicare	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
7. Refugees and asylum seekers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
8. Global warming	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
9. Superannuation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
10. Management of the economy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**D2** Still thinking about these same issues, whose policies—the Labor Party's or the Liberal–National Coalition's—would you say *come closer* to your own views on each of these issues?

Issues	Labor (ALP)	Liberal–National Coalition	No difference	Don't know
1. Taxation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
2. Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
3. Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
4. The environment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
5. Government debt	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
6. Health and Medicare	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
7. Refugees and asylum seekers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
8. Global warming	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
9. Superannuation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
10. Management of the economy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**D3** Still thinking about the same 10 issues, which of these issues was *most* important to you and your family during the election campaign? And which next?

*Please put the number of the issue in the appropriate box below*

Issue of most concern

Second issue of concern

**D4** How does the *financial situation of your household* now compare with what it was 12 months ago? And how do you think the *general economic situation in Australia* now compares with what it was 12 months ago?

	A lot better	A little better	About the same	A little worse	A lot worse
Financial situation of your household	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Economic situation in Australia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

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**D5** Compared with 12 months ago, would you say that the Federal government's policies have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really have not made much difference to the financial situation of your household? And what effect do you think they have had on the general economic situation in Australia as a whole?

	A good effect	Not much difference	A bad effect
Financial situation of your household	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Economic situation in Australia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**D6** Compared to now, what do you think the financial situation of your household will be **in 12 months time**? And what do you think the general economic situation in Australia as a whole will be in 12 months time?

	A lot better	A little better	About the same	A little worse	A lot worse
Financial situation of your household	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Economic situation in Australia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**D7** Do you think that, **12 months from now**, the Federal government's policies will have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really will have not made much difference to the financial situation of your household? And what effect do you think they will have had on general economic situation in Australia as a whole?

	A good effect	Not much difference	A bad effect
Financial situation of your household	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Economic situation in Australia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**D8** Please say whether there should be more or less public expenditure in each of the following areas. Remember if you say 'more' it could require a tax increase, and if you say 'less' it could require a reduction in those services.

	Much more than now	Somewhat more than now	The same as now	Somewhat less than now	Much less than now
Health	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Unemployment benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Defence	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Old-age pensions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Business and industry	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Police and law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
The National Disability Insurance Scheme	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Public transport infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Child care	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**D9** Over the next ten years or so, how likely or unlikely is it that you will improve your standard of living?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Somewhat unlikely
- 4 Very unlikely

**D10** On the whole, how satisfied are you with the present state of the economy in Australia?

Extremely dissatisfied											Extremely satisfied
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

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**D11** How likely or unlikely do you think it is that your household's income could be severely reduced *in the next 12 months*?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Somewhat unlikely
- 4 Very unlikely

**D12** If you lost your job, how easy or difficult would it be to find another job *in the next 12 months*?  
If your spouse/partner lost their job, how easy or difficult would it be for them to find another job *in the next 12 months*?

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Do not have spouse/partner
You	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	
Your spouse/partner	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**D13** Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
High income tax makes people less willing to work hard	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
The trade unions in this country have too much power	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Big business in this country has too much power	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Income and wealth should be redistributed towards ordinary working people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
There should be stricter laws to regulate the activities of trade unions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**Section E: Social Policy**

**E1** If the government had a choice between reducing taxes or spending more on social services, which do you think it should do?

- 1 Strongly favour reducing taxes
- 2 Mildly favour reducing taxes
- 3 Depends
- 4 Mildly favour spending more on social services
- 5 Strongly favour spending more on social services

**E2** The statements below indicate some of the changes that have been happening in Australia over the years. For each one, please say whether you think the change has gone too far, not gone far enough, or is it about right?

	Gone much too far	Gone too far	About right	Not gone far enough	Not gone nearly far enough
Equal opportunities for migrants	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
The right to show nudity and sex in films and magazines	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Aboriginal land rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Equal opportunities for women	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
The number of migrants allowed into Australia at the present time	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Government help for Aborigines	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Building closer relations with Asia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

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**E3** Which one of these statements comes closest to how you feel about abortion in Australia?

- <sub>1</sub> Women should be able to obtain an abortion readily when they want one
- <sub>2</sub> Abortion should be allowed only in special circumstances
- <sub>3</sub> Abortion should not be allowed under any circumstances
- <sub>4</sub> Don't know

**E4** Do you personally favour or oppose same sex couples being given the same rights to marry as couples consisting of a man and a woman?

- <sub>1</sub> Strongly favour
- <sub>2</sub> Favour
- <sub>3</sub> Oppose
- <sub>4</sub> Strongly oppose

**E5** What do you think is the best way to handle the processing and resettlement of asylum seekers who come by boat and manage to reach Australian waters?

- <sub>1</sub> Process and resettle offshore
- <sub>2</sub> Process offshore but resettle in Australia
- <sub>3</sub> Process and resettle onshore in Australia
- <sub>4</sub> None of these options

**E6** Here are some statements about general social concerns. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The death penalty should be reintroduced for murder	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
The smoking of marijuana should NOT be a criminal offence	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Women should be given preferential treatment when applying for jobs and promotions	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
All boats carrying asylum seekers should be turned back	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
Terminally ill patients should be able to end their own lives with medical assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
The government should increase opportunities for women in business and industry	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>

**E7** If a referendum were held to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution would you support or oppose such a change to the Constitution?

- <sub>1</sub> Strongly support
- <sub>2</sub> Support
- <sub>3</sub> Oppose
- <sub>4</sub> Strongly oppose

**E8** Next, a question about what you think the aims of Australia should be for the next ten years. Here is a list of four aims that different people would give priority. If you had to choose among these four aims, which would be your first choice? And which would be your second choice?

*Put the number of the statement in the appropriate box*

- 1. Maintain order in the nation
- 2. Give people more say in important government decisions
- 3. Fight rising prices
- 4. Protect freedom of speech

First choice

Second Choice

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**E9** How much confidence do you have in the following organisations?

	A great deal of confidence	Quite a lot of confidence	Not very much confidence	None at all
The armed forces	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
The legal system	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
The press	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Television	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Trade unions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
The police	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
The Federal government in Canberra	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Australian political parties	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
The Federal parliament	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
The public service	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Major Australian companies	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Banks and financial institutions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Universities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
The Australian political system	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**E10** Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

- 1 Most people can be trusted
- 2 Can't be too careful

**Section F: General Political Views**

**F1** How important do you feel the Queen and the Royal Family are to Australia?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Fairly important
- 3 Not very important

**F2** Do you think that Australia should become a republic with an Australian head of state, or should the Queen be retained as head of state?

- 1 Strongly favour becoming republic
- 2 Favour becoming republic
- 3 Favour retaining the Queen as head of state
- 4 Strongly favour retaining the Queen as head of state

**F3** How important do you think the Australian alliance with the United States under the ANZUS treaty is for protecting Australia's security?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Fairly important
- 3 Not very important
- 4 Not at all important

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**F4** If Australia's security were threatened by some other country, how much trust do you feel Australia can have in the United States to come to Australia's defence?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not very much
- 4 None at all

**F5** In your opinion, are any of the following countries likely to pose a threat to Australia's security?

Countries	Very likely	Fairly likely	Not very likely
1. Japan	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
2. United States	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3. China	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
4. Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
5. Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
6. Indonesia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**F6** Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Australia's defence is stronger now than it was 10 years ago	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Australia would be able to defend itself successfully if it were ever attacked	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Australia's trading future lies in Asia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Australia should provide military assistance for the war on terrorism	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**F7** Do you think the number of immigrants allowed into Australia nowadays should be reduced or increased?

- 1 Increased a lot
- 2 Increased a little
- 3 Remain about the same as it is
- 4 Reduced a little
- 5 Reduced a lot

**F8** There are different opinions about the effects that immigrants have on Australia. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Immigrants increase the crime rate	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Immigrants are generally good for Australia's economy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Immigrants take jobs away from people who are born in Australia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Immigrants make Australia more open to new ideas and cultures	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**F9** How serious a threat do you think global warming will pose to you or your way of life in your lifetime?

- 1 Very serious
- 2 Fairly serious
- 3 Not very serious
- 4 Not at all serious



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**F10** And a final question for this section, a quick quiz on Australian government. For each of the following statements, please say whether it is true or false. If you don't know the answer, cross the "don't know" box and try the next one.

	True	False	Don't know
1. Australia became a federation in 1901	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
2. There are 75 members of the House of Representatives	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
3. The Constitution can only be changed by the High Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
4. The Senate election is based on proportional representation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
5. No-one may stand for Federal parliament unless they pay a deposit	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
6. The longest time allowed between Federal elections for the House of Representatives is four years	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**Section G: Education and Work**

**G1** How old were you when you left secondary school?

Age when left secondary school

- 1 No formal schooling → **GO TO G3**
- 2 Went to primary school only → **GO TO G3**
- 3 Still at secondary school → **GO TO G3**

**G2** In all, how many years of **tertiary** study have you completed since you left secondary school? If your tertiary study was part-time, give the number of years of equivalent full-time study.

Years of full-time tertiary study

**G3** Have you obtained a trade qualification, a degree or a diploma, or any other qualification since leaving school? What is your highest qualification?

- 1 **No qualification** since leaving school
- Qualified—If multiple apply, please indicate your highest qualification only**
- 2 Postgraduate Degree or Postgraduate Diploma
- 3 Bachelor Degree (including Honours)
- 4 Undergraduate Diploma
- 5 Associate Diploma
- 6 Trade qualification
- 7 Non-trade qualification

**G4** Now some questions about the work you are doing now. Last week, what were you mainly doing?

- 1 Working full-time for pay
- 2 Working part-time for pay
- 3 Unemployed—looking for full-time work
- 4 Unemployed—looking for part-time work
- 5 Retired from paid work
- 6 A full-time school or university student
- 7 Keeping house
- 8 Other (please specify)

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**G5** What kind of work do you do? Please give your full job title, and as much detail as you can. For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.

*If you are unemployed or retired, please describe your last regular paid job*

*If you have never worked for pay, please skip this section and go to Section H*

a. Full job title

b. What are (or were) the **main tasks** that you usually perform? Please give full details.

Main tasks

c. What kind of business or industry is (or was) that in? What do they do or make at the place where you work (or used to work)?

Kind of industry

d. Which of the following best describes the position that you hold (or held most recently)?

<sub>1</sub> Upper managerial

<sub>2</sub> Middle managerial

<sub>3</sub> Lower managerial

<sub>4</sub> Supervisory

<sub>5</sub> Non-supervisory

e. Whom do (or did) you work for?

<sub>1</sub> Self-employed

<sub>2</sub> Employee in private company or business

<sub>3</sub> Employee of Federal/State/Local Government

<sub>4</sub> Employee in family business or farm

f. As an official part of your job, do (or did) you directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?

<sub>1</sub> Yes

<sub>2</sub> No

**G6** Do you belong to a trade union?

<sub>1</sub> Yes

<sub>2</sub> No

## Section H: Personal Background

This final section includes questions about yourself and your family background. These characteristics are very important to our research on how people in different circumstances feel about the issues covered earlier.

**The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.**

**H1** Are you male or female?

<sub>1</sub> Male

<sub>2</sub> Female

**H2** In what year were you born?

Year 19

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**H3** In which country were you born? And your mother? And your father?

Country of birth	Yourself	Mother	Father
Australia	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
United Kingdom	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Republic of Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Germany	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Greece	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
China	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
India	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 12

Yourself  Mother  Father

**H4** Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

1 Yes

2 No

**H5** Did your father have any particular preference for one of the political parties when you were young, say about 14 years old? And how about your mother?

	Father	Mother
Liberal (includes UAP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Labor	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
National/Country (includes Progressive Party)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Democratic Labor (DLP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Australian Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Other parties	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7

**H6** What is your religion or faith?

1 Roman Catholic

2 Anglican/Church of England

3 Uniting Church/Methodist

4 Orthodox Church

5 Presbyterian

6 Other (please specify)

7 No religion

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**H7** Apart from weddings, funerals and baptisms, about how often do you attend religious services?

- <sub>1</sub> At least once a week
- <sub>2</sub> At least once a month
- <sub>3</sub> Several times a year
- <sub>4</sub> At least once a year
- <sub>5</sub> Less than once a year
- <sub>6</sub> Never

**H8** What is your current marital status?

- <sub>1</sub> Never married
- <sub>2</sub> Now married (including de facto relationships)
- <sub>3</sub> Widowed
- <sub>4</sub> Divorced or separated

**H9** Do you own outright, are you buying or renting the dwelling in which you now live?

- <sub>1</sub> Own outright
- <sub>2</sub> Own, paying off mortgage
- <sub>3</sub> Rent from private landlord or real estate agent
- <sub>4</sub> Rent from public housing authority
- <sub>5</sub> Other (boarding, living at home, etc.)

**H10** Do you own any investment properties?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No

**H11** Do you have a self-managed superannuation fund?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No

**H12** In general, how often do you use the internet (on any device)?

- <sub>1</sub> Several times a day
- <sub>2</sub> About once a day
- <sub>3</sub> Three to five days a week
- <sub>4</sub> One to two days a week
- <sub>5</sub> Every few weeks
- <sub>6</sub> Less often
- <sub>7</sub> Do not use the internet → **GO TO H15**

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**H13** When did you first start using the internet?

- 1 Within the last six months
- 2 About a year ago
- 3 Two or three years ago
- 4 More than three years ago

**H14** Have you done any of the following tasks on the Internet?

*Please cross all that apply*

- Sent an attachment with an email
- Posted audio, video or image files
- Personally designed a webpage or blog
- Downloaded a software program to your computer

**H15** Which social class would you say you belong to?

- 1 Upper class
- 2 Middle class
- 3 Working class
- 4 None

**H16** Would you say you now live in ...

- 1 A rural area or village
- 2 A small country town (under 10,000 people)
- 3 A larger country town (over 10,000 people)
- 4 A large town (over 25,000 people)
- 5 A major city (over 100,000 people)

**H17** What is the gross annual income, before tax or other deductions, for you and your family or others living with you from all sources? Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Less than \$10,000 per year    | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 \$70,001 to \$80,000 per year   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 \$10,001 to \$15,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 \$80,001 to \$90,000 per year   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 \$15,001 to \$20,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 \$90,001 to \$100,000 per year  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 \$20,001 to \$25,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 \$100,001 to \$110,000 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 \$25,001 to \$30,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 \$110,001 to \$120,000 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 \$30,001 to \$35,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 \$120,001 to \$130,000 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 \$35,001 to \$40,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 \$130,001 to \$140,000 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 \$40,001 to \$45,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 \$140,001 to \$150,000 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 \$45,001 to \$50,000 per year  | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 \$150,001 to \$160,000 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 \$50,001 to \$60,000 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 \$160,001 to \$180,000 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 \$60,001 to \$70,000 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> 22 More than \$180,000 per year    |

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**H18** Do you own shares in any company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (shares registered in your name or that of your family company)?

1 No, don't own any shares

2 Yes, one company

3 Yes, in two to five companies

4 Yes, in six to 10 companies

5 Yes, in more than 10 companies

**H19** Would you be prepared to take part in a similar survey at the next Federal election?

*If you choose to stay in the study we will retain your name and address and from time to time send you updates about the project, key findings and media activity. If you decide at a later stage you want to withdraw you will just need to contact us and we will delete your details.*

1 Yes a. Name:

b. Postal address:

OR c. Email:

@

2 No

**The next few questions (H20 to H25) are ONLY for those who are MARRIED or living with a PARTNER. If you are NOT currently married or living in a de facto relationship, please skip this section and GO TO page 24.**

**YOUR PARTNER**

**H20** What was your partner's main activity last week?

1 Working full-time for pay

2 Working part-time for pay

3 Unemployed—looking for full-time work

4 Unemployed—looking for part-time work

5 Retired from paid work

6 A full-time school or university student

7 Keeping house

8 Other (please specify)

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**H21** What kind of work does (or did) your partner do? Please give their full job title, and as much detail as you can. For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.

*If not working for pay now, please describe your partner's last regular paid job*

*If your partner has never worked for pay, please go to H25*

a. Job title

b. What are (or were) the **main tasks** that your partner usually performs? Please give full details.

Main tasks

**H22** Whom does (or did) your partner work for?

- 1 Self-employed
- 2 Employee in private company or business
- 3 Employee of Federal/State/Local Government
- 4 Employee in family business or farm

**H23** As an official part of their job, does (or did) your partner directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

**H24** Does your partner belong to a trade union?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

**H25** Generally speaking, does your partner usually think of himself or herself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Labor
- 3 National (Country) Party
- 4 Greens
- 5 Other party (*please specify*)

- 6 No party

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**We would like EVERYONE to answer question H26 below.**

**H26** Just to confirm, are you enrolled to vote in Australia?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes, I am enrolled to vote
- <sub>2</sub> No, I am not enrolled to vote
- <sub>3</sub> I don't know whether I am enrolled

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2. Phone: (   ) -

3. Email:  @

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