

# Omnibus Poll June 2016

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## Quantitative Analysis

The following graphs are based on a sample which has been weighted for voting intention based on the results of the Newspoll taken closest to our poll. Results should be taken as indicative in that the sample is not properly randomised, but it is unlikely that groups are completely unrepresentative.

"Minor" represents all those minor party voters who do not vote Greens.

The poll was conducted in June 2016 using our online panel of over 13,000 Australian voters.

Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer, who sponsor our project. You can read more about Leximancer at <a href="http://info.leximancer.com/">http://info.leximancer.com/</a>.

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Thinking about Australia would you agree or disagree that the country is heading in the right direction?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total			
Strongly agree	2%	0%	7%	3%	4%			
Agree	2%	3%	45%	10%	20%			
Neither agree nor								
disagree	13%	8%	17%	8%	13%			
Disagree	48%	31%	21%	35%	34%			
Strongly disagree	33%	54%	9%	42%	27%			
Unsure	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%			
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
Total agree	5%	3%	52%	13%	24%			
Total disagree	81%	85%	30%	77%	61%			
Net agree	-77%	-82%	21%	-64%	-37%			
n=639								

If an Australian federal election were to be held next weekend, which of the following parties would
receive your first preference?

First preference	% of sample
AD	0.3%
ALA	3.4%
ALP	35.4%
ВКАР	0.2%
CD	1.1%
DLP	0.2%
FF	1.1%
Grn	9.9%
Ind	2.6%
LDP	1.0%
LP	40.5%
NXT	1.3%
ONP	0.8%
Other	2.3%
Grand Total	100.0%
n=62	18

If an Australian federal election were to be held next weekend and your first preference did not win which group, Labor or Coalition, would you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government?

Row Labels	ALP		Grn	LP	Minor	Total	
ALP		96%	96%	6%	30%	51%	
Coalition		4%	4%	94%	70%	49%	
Grand Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
n=473							

### Voting intention now versus actual vote in 2013

Voting intention now									
Vote last election	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total				
AD	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%				
ALP	69%	21%	2%	8%	28%				
Bob Katter's									
Australia	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%				
CD	0%	0%	0%	7%	1%				
DLP	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%				
FF	0%	0%	1%	7%	2%				
Grn	17%	70%	2%	6%	14%				
Ind	2%	2%	3%	11%	4%				
LP	10%	2%	89%	36%	44%				
National	0%	2%	2%	17%	4%				
ONP	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%				
Other	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%				
Palmer's United	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%				
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
n=598									

Thinking about Malcolm Turnbull as Prime Minister, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the job that he is doing?

	ALP		Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Strongly approve		0%	2%	21%	3%	9%
Approve		3%	0%	43%	12%	20%
Neither approve nor						
disapprove		8%	5%	21%	19%	15%
Disapprove		36%	36%	10%	30%	24%
Strongly disapprove		53%	57%	4%	37%	32%
Unsure		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Grand Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve		3%	2%	64%	15%	29%
Total disapprove		89%	93%	14%	67%	56%
Net approve		-86%	-92%	50%	-52%	-27%
		n=633				

# Thinking about Bill Shorten as Leader of the Opposition, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the job that he is doing?

	ALP		Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Strongly approve		20%	5%	1%	3%	8%
Approve		61%	41%	4%	10%	28%
Neither approve nor						
disapprove		15%	41%	11%	19%	17%
Disapprove		3%	8%	18%	21%	12%
Strongly disapprove		0%	5%	65%	44%	33%
Unsure		0%	0%	2%	3%	1%
Grand Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve		81%	46%	4%	13%	36%
Total disapprove		3%	13%	82%	65%	46%
Net approve		78%	33%	-78%	-52%	-9%
		n=630				

## Who is your preferred Prime Minister?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Bill Shorten	91%	67%	0%	19%	42%
Malcolm Turnbull	3%	8%	97%	53%	49%
Unsure	5%	25%	3%	28%	9%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n=587				

# Thinking about this election, which entity, the Liberal National Coalition or Labor, deserves to form government?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Australian Labor Party	89%	51%	0%	9%	37%
Liberal National Coalition	0%	3%	94%	34%	43%
Neither	9%	41%	5%	56%	19%
Unsure	2%	5%	0%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n=632				

# Thinking about this election, which entity, the Liberal National Coalition or Labor, do you expect to form government?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Australian Labor Party	36%	21%	3%	10%	17%
Liberal National Coalition	27%	33%	81%	54%	53%
Neither	3%	5%	1%	15%	4%
Unsure	34%	41%	15%	21%	25%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

If an Australian federal election were to be held next weekend, would you give your first preference to the same party as you did in the House of Representatives?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
No	19%	23%	8%	29%	17%
Unsure	12%	13%	7%	21%	11%
Yes	69%	64%	85%	50%	72%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	n=631				

Please write in the field below which party you would give your first preference to (if you indicated you would vote differently in the Senate to the House of Representatives).

Vote in the House of Representatives									
First preference									
in Senate	ALP		Grn	LP	Minor	Total			
ALA		3%	0%	16%	45%	18%			
ALP		0%	15%	5%	0%	3%			
AMEP		9%	0%	0%	3%	4%			
ВКАР		0%	0%	0%	7%	2%			
CD		0%	0%	5%	3%	2%			
DLP		0%	0%	5%	0%	1%			
FF		0%	0%	5%	0%	1%			
GLG		0%	0%	0%	3%	1%			
Greg McMahon		0%	0%	5%	0%	1%			
Grn		37%	31%	5%	0%	19%			
Ind		20%	8%	11%	0%	10%			
JLN		3%	0%	0%	0%	1%			
LDP		0%	0%	5%	0%	1%			
LP		3%	0%	0%	0%	1%			
Minor		0%	8%	0%	0%	1%			
NP		0%	0%	5%	0%	1%			
NXT		9%	8%	5%	7%	7%			
ONP		0%	0%	16%	7%	5%			
REP		0%	0%	0%	3%	1%			
SA		0%	8%	0%	0%	1%			
SAP		0%	0%	0%	3%	1%			
SP		0%	0%	0%	3%	1%			
Und		0%	0%	0%	7%	2%			
Unsure		14%	23%	11%	7%	13%			
VEP		3%	0%	0%	0%	1%			
Grand Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
n=96									

The Coalition asks you to "Back our strong plan for a strong new economy". Does this make you more or less likely to vote for them?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Much more likely	1%	2%	33%	12%	16%
More likely	1%	0%	38%	12%	17%
Neither more nor less					
likely	24%	16%	26%	42%	27%
Less likely	27%	26%	1%	13%	14%
Much less likely	47%	57%	0%	18%	25%
Unsure	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total more likely	2%	2%	71%	24%	33%
Total less likely	74%	83%	1%	31%	39%
Net more likely	-72% n=59	-81% 9	70%	-7%	-7%

Labor says "We'll put people first: Standing up for middle and working class people." Does this make you more or less likely to vote for them?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Much more likely	40%	23%	0%	4%	17%
More likely	31%	28%	1%	7%	15%
Neither more nor less					
likely	27%	40%	28%	42%	31%
Less likely	2%	2%	23%	11%	12%
Much less likely	0%	7%	47%	36%	25%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total more likely	70%	51%	1%	11%	32%
Total less likely	2%	9%	70%	47%	37%
Net more likely	68% n=59	42% 6	-69%	-36%	-6%

The Greens say "This election is about taking strong action on global warming, using clean energy to power the new economy, tackling inequality, and having a more compassionate approach to people seeking asylum." Does this make you more or less likely to vote for them?

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Much more likely	10%	69%	0%	5%	11%
More likely	32%	22%	2%	4%	15%
Neither more nor less					
likely	42%	9%	20%	22%	27%
Less likely	3%	0%	12%	9%	8%
Much less likely	10%	0%	65%	60%	39%
Unsure	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total more likely	43%	91%	3%	9%	26%
Total less likely	14%	0%	77%	69%	47%
Net more likely	29%	91%	-75%	-60%	-21%
	n=59	7			

Here is a list of issues that the major parties appear to think are important on the basis of their campaigns. Please list as many as you like in order of importance.

#### Table lists sum of top two issues

	ALP	Grn	LP	Minor	Total
Strong economy	4%	0%	31%	14%	16%
Climate change	16%	39%	0%	7%	11%
Education	16%	15%	2%	5%	9%
Backing small business	0%	0%	14%	7%	7%
Protecting our borders	2%	0%	9%	12%	6%
Building Australia's infrastructure	3%	0%	11%	5%	6%
Healthcare	7%	5%	5%	2%	5%
Combatting terrorism	1%	0%	7%	10%	5%
Clean energy	7%	14%	0%	3%	4%
Family reunion	10%	3%	1%	2%	4%
Innovation and science	8%	1%	1%	3%	4%
Phasing out live animal exports	1%	0%	5%	8%	4%
Environment	6%	7%	0%	3%	3%
Medicare	6%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Cleaning up the construction					
industry	0%	0%	5%	5%	3%
Affordable housing	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Multinationals' tax avoidance	4%	1%	1%	4%	2%
Supporting Australian exporters	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Sustainability	1%	5%	1%	3%	2%
Domestic Violence	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Stronger defence force	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%
Penalty rates	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Note: the colours are to draw attention to issues where more than 5% of voters listed an issue as in the top two most important.

## Qualitative Analysis

Our qualitative analysis looks at the reasons given by respondents for their various judgements. The following maps are generated from the data by Leximancer and overlay the key words over the variables from the question – generally the answer to the question plus voting intentions. Words that are most closely associated will cluster together. The most frequently used words are brighter than those used less frequently.

We do not edit the verbatims and all spelling and grammatical errors are reproduced. Editing the transcripts would take away from some of the unique tone of each response. The verbatims are selected to so as to give a better insight into how the individual words are being used.

Thinking about Australia would you agree or disagree that the country is heading in the right direction?



#### Verbatims

Liberal policy as exemplified in 2014 Budget is wrong from both economic and social viewpoint. Their omissions are worrying too - on climate change, refugee treatment, negative gearing on existing assets, childcare, Gonski, funding for health, tax avoidance by wealthy and multinationals, inadequate NBN - the list goes on.

Excessive government spending, huge debt, a labor market unsuited to the times need addressing but instead far too much attention is given to rubbish issues like gay marriage, climate change and other lefty wanks.

Recent economy Q1 growth figures indicates Aus economy is outperforming world. Coalition government policies are heading in right direction but are constrained by political realities.

The country is being held back by right wing idiots ie second rate NBN, on marriage equality, the environment, public school and health care funding as well as funding the fossil fuel industry over renewables.

Australia needs to "live within its means" just as families need to do this. The Coalition Govt is desperately trying to reign in expenditure and to encourage business to employ more people.

Thinking about Australia again, in a short paragraph please tell us what is the most important issue facing the country?



#### Verbatims

As in P2 above, the most important issue facing the country is the need to put a stop to LNP antiscientific rightwing ideology; global warming, inequality (economic, social, health, marriage and other discrimination) and the others are all manifestations of that folly.

Health and the retention of our Medicare system which is one of the most efficient health systems in the world. The LNP/Murdoch/IPA Alliance is determined to privatise if, God forbid, we are unlucky to see this malevolent government returned to power!

No true focus on reducing wasteful government spending and the growing budget deficit. It is a race to the bottom by appealing to the low info voter with free stuff from the govt and penalising the productive people in Australia

Spending and new taxes versus cutting govt waste, duplication of services and reigning in spending to bring the budget back into the black. Over regulation is also an impost on the economy that needs serious review.

I think this county needs good economic management - far less spending by government. However, there are so many people with their hands out who would vote against a political party who reduced their benefits.

If an Australian federal election were to be held next weekend, in a short paragraph please tell us what issue would affect your voting intention the most.



#### Verbatims

The very important issues of Medicare, the future education of our children/grandchildren (which has been defunded into obsolescence by the LNP) and climate change/environmental issues which this regressive, backward and primitive government REFUSE to address! Their head-in-the-sand attitude in relation to the sensible Carbon Emissions Scheme and climate change flies in the face of logic!

I would vote for a major party that genuinely embraced tax reform and super reform and came up with a widely acknowledged fair and equitable system that saw all sectors of society, politicians included, paying their fair shair of tax, the end of negative gearing on multiple properties, and the end of high income earners receiving substantial super advantages over middle class citizens who seem to be. shouldering the tax burdern on behalf of those who pay minimal tax (ie the rich and the poor).

Both major parties are proposing band-aid solutions to systemic problems in tax, education and health. No one is proposing the radical reform of these systems that we need.

The economy. If the economy is strong then the govt, has money to spend on other issues such as welfare and health and education.

If an Australian federal election were to be held next weekend, which of the following parties would receive your first preference?



#### Verbatims

The Greens are not perfect and I resent their conspiratorial collaboration with the LNP on some issues, however, I will probably vote for The Greens because I believe they share the same priorities as myself in relation to the humane treatment of asylum seekers (removing them from the horrific brutal and INDEFINITE incarceration in off-shore concentration camps), climate change, health and education.

I don't like or trust Shorten - he is selling his policies to the people without explaining where all the money is coming from. I believe that the Liberals have always been better at managing finance and Malcolm Turnbull has the knowledge to continue that.

In the past the Liberal National party has always puts Australia on a sound financial footing. Labor comes in and spends all the money and creates masses debt for the next Liberal government.

Coalition promises a plebiscite to determine whether to maintain or change the definition of marriage. Labour and Greens will not give the people a say and will remove rights of conscientious objection for Christian, Jewish and Muslim Pastors thus removing religious freedom in the name of Gay "rights".

*I believe that the ALP have a more considered long term approach to the issue of climate change and the potential efects, also education and health.* 

Being a pragmatist I vote for a party in a position to form government and act. Although I do not agree with all of Labor's policies, overall its principles and values best match my own.

*I believe this party best represents not only my values but of mainstream Australia. It is also a protest vote against the National/Liberal Party for its drift to the left.* 

while I tend toward the Greens, i do not like their social policies. Labor, while not perfect, has a philosophy that puts workers and vulnerable people in the forefront.

Thinking about Malcolm Turnbull as Prime Minister, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the job that he is doing?



#### Verbatims

Trying hard despite the Liberal right wingers- has had to give up some of his favoured options to accommodate them, which has locked in policies on climate change, same sex marriage, asylum seekers. But has wimped out on necessary tax changes to restore the budget position.

When Malcolm Turnbull took over from the moronic, vindictive, pathological liar, Abbott, I think many people were relieved and HOPEFUL that things may improve considering Turnbull's PREVIOUS stance on climate change and the issue of a Republic! Sadly, this was not to be and he has turned out to be nothing more than a obsequious sycophant to Abbott's screaming lunatic fringe and bible thumping nutters like Eric Abetz, Kevin Andrews, the hysterical Michaela Cash, Matthias Cormann and the repugnant Cory Bernardi.

*Turnbull would be a good leader but the party he leads is too divided. The loony right of the party won* t *let him introduce the more popular policies such as real action on climate change.* 

MT is doing a reasonable job on several fronts under the considerable constraints of unrealistic expectations in the electorate, internal disunity and the hangover of leader change between elections. Will need to improve however.

Hes been a disappointment. Backed away from tax reform which we need, seems to have no firm reliable policy directions on a number of issues

Turnbull demonstrates an intelligent approach to leadership, has a sound grasp of key policy issues, understands the importance of Australia having an improving economy

He seems to be a weak leader with poor political judgement. The manner of becoming PM was deceptive and selfserving when the previous leader did the hard yards to get the party into government.

Turnbull is not campaigning on winning issues for the Coalition: stopping the boats, axing the carbon mining taxes, and exposing corruption and criminality in the building sector. Perhaps he feels he can't do so because they were Abbott victories, but unless Turnbull picks up and runs with those issues, he risks a Coalition loss. Thinking about Bill Shorten as Leader of the Opposition, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the job that he is doing?



#### Verbatims

Bill Shorten is not my ideal leader of the ALP because I would have much preferred someone from the left wing faction who will stand up for social issues and not curry favour to the lowest common denominator of xenophobic BOGANS in relation to asylum seekers. However, he does come across as sincere and compassionate and, I believe, is gaining popularity with Labor voters and disenfranchised LNP voters who have an IQ above 10.

Shorten is seeking to take Australia further down a disastrous road and is fostering ignorance and division rather than seeking to overcome it. Puppet of the unions, as is the once-great ALP (I'm a former long-term UK Labour then ALP supporter who now despairs of the party).

*He is promoting Labor policies that are spending large amount of money, to appeal to the general public, without giving any details of where the amounts are coming from.* 

Although he is yet to really show himself as a strong leader, I believe Bill Shorten is capable of doing the job. Whether he follows through on announced policies and promises is yet to be seen.

I certainly do not trust Turnbull, but I have reservations about a man who was prepared to unseat 2 PM's, Shorten. He and his actions gave us the worst government in living memory, the Abbott government.

He has taken a bold, policy based approach, not a small target or negative approach. He has united the party, not sure that he has the flair needed to unite a divided country, but he would make a great PM for labour supporters.

*He is dividing this country.Unions against business, personal political attacks, spending money that the country doesn't have, increasing the public service ect.* 

He has put forward a range of policies which will do more to provide the decent, fair Australia that we crave after the appalling nonsense of the Abbott and Turnbull waste of space over the past three years!!

Who is your preferred Prime Minister?



#### Verbatims

Bill Shorten and the ALP have ALWAYS placed education, medicare, health and the care and well being of the poorest, most vulnerable people in our society above the PROFIT AT ANY PRICE mentality of the LNP. Unlike Turnbull who is now copying the pathetic, insincere and meaningless three world slogans so tiresomely used and abused by the inarticulate Abbott, Shorten manages to be able to string a logical sentence together and has the sensible, well planned initiatives and policies to back him up!

The Liberal party has a genuine desire to improve Australia and are far more trust worthy. Labor would be controlled by the unions and Greens and finish the job of destroying this country that it started last time, including the refugee mess, and nearly succeeded

Turnbull became PM by undermine Abbott and is doing a piss poor job while Shorten is a union stooge.

*Turnbull may be better once he has his own mandate. Shorten shows no promise beyond the mess that the previous Labor government offered* 

Malcolm Turnbull has a far better appreciation of how an economy works. Bill shorten thinks is a union man and only want to spend other people's money

*I prefer MT as prime minister, standing solo as I believe he is a stronger leader, more charismatic, and somewhat lesser constrained by the party.* 

Neither shows the leadership and have actuall mapped out a plan to arrest the financial downturn (depression) coming and both are placing a charade in from of Australians masking the real issues till one of them get s elected. I believe it will be a hostile senate to whoever get in

Malcolm seems to mean well (as Bill does) but; Malcolm has a good background, working class family, made good basically on his own merit, was almost a LAB member, think he can come to the table with a more balanced view about everything...he just has to be more leader-like and less "thought bubble".

Turnbull is more likely to deliver on his promises. Shorten is not trustworthy - this is the man who supported whatever it was his leader said, although he did not know what she said.

Thinking about this election, which entity, the Liberal National Coalition or Labor, deserves to form government?



#### Verbatims

Because they don't deserve to form government. They waffle on, bagging the other party, flying from marginal seat to marginal seat, mindlessly quoting 3 word slogans like robots in a coding loop, and take utterly no notice of what the majority of people want (refugee rights, action on climate change, same sex marriage etc)

The LNP have not proved that they can better manage the economy. Further, their asylum seeker policy is immoral, and they are climate change deniers content to do nothing to save the Barrier Reef from destruction

After ALL the unconscionable LIES after LIES, the broken promises, the Captain's Picks, the trebling of our national deficit, the wanton profligate WASTE of countless BILLIONS upon BILLIONS of dollars on war and weapons of war (eg the scandalous \$152 BILLION on the purchase and maintenance of 12 obsolete submarines), the abuse of taxpayer funds on THREE corrupt, politically motivated Royal Commissions that .amounted to NOTHING, the shameful ongoing rorts, helicopter rides, blatant and frequent acts of outrageous NEPOTISM (under Abbott), the horrendous accommodation charges and double dipping (by the cigar chomping Hockey) - the LNP does NOT .

They are the better party to control the economy and understand the needs of the people. Labor only wants to win a popularity vote by promising anything to win it.

The polices and direction of the current government indicates to me that they do not deserve the change to continue to govern. The Labor Party didn't lose the last election due to poor policies, they lost because of the Rudd/Gillard fiasco and the effective NO campaign dominated by three word slogans of the then opposition.

The Coalition is the only Party which has the economic credibility to tackle the budgetry problems facing this country after the disaster of 6 years odf Labor under Rudd/Gillard as well as bring the economy into shape again.

*Emphasis on Coalition - the Nationals at least will be a balancing factor. Only reason answered Liberals a Labor is an order of magnitude worse and dangerous for Australia.* 

The ALP speak of people, needs, education, free medical, saving Medicare, helping others ...which is the role the true role of a strong government.

The Coalition has a better sense of proportion about what can be achieved in managing economic matters. All other issues fail if the economy crashes.

They have have been held back to deliver good government over the last 3 years due to the Labor/Greens/Independents preventing budget repair and also good policy for the better working of Commerce in the Nation.

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Thinking about your answer to the previous question [If you are going to vote for a different party in the Senate than in the House of Representatives, please say why], in a short paragraph please give us your reasons for that answer.

#### Verbatims

Noone deserves to win Government in the HoR - however someone will, which means the Senate is going to be important in styming anti-Australian legislation and generally putting a break on idiotic policy that will come out of the ALP/Libs.

Both major parties need a counterbalance to help avoid them pandering to their vested interest backers and pushing through bad legislation.

They care about the environment, and do not want off shore detention camps. They need to be in the mix or else we the people just get the party line from LCP or Labor

I believe they play a very important role and remind the major parties that they cannot ride roughshod over the people, dispensing with election promises that no longer happen to suit them.

The Coalition asks you to "Back our strong plan for a strong new economy". Does this make you more or less likely to vote for them?



#### Verbatims

A strong new economy would be reshaping a number of systems, such as negative gearing policies for housing that would encourage broader investment. The proposed super changes have artificially caused a broadening of investments (ie from super to shares) but with no benefit to young people trying to enter the market - still one of the the major economic impacts on our lives (ie high rents)

I trust their plan as there is no doubt that the engine room of the Aust economy is small to medium business and they need to be recognised. I think that Coalition also recognise the regional businesses including agriculture are vital for Australia's balanced economy.

Their policies do not show what they will do nor do they demonstrate any understanding that the global economy is transforming, for example in relation to coal. Their only policy is to reduce company tax and the evidence says that "trickle down" economics doesn't work.

It's another slogan with no substance, e.g. internships don't create jobs, tax cuts to the rich won't improve our economy and create jobs, cutting science and not funding education for all children won't lead to innovation.

They will not "back our strong plan for a strong new economy" as that involves selling assets overseas and making life harder for the regular low-medium income earner. They are only going to build a strong economy for the very few who have no shortage of money.

We need a rational workable economic plan, Coalition have always been better at handling the economy (especially in recovery mode)

The "new economy" is actually the old economy with all the same rorts and rip-offs we've grown used to in Australia banks manipulating interest rates; financial planners stealing people's savings; endless corporate welfare. The whole economy has been turned into a giant casino with the rules rigged for the rich to just get richer at everyone else's expense

because on one hand they don't say what they are going to do to make the economy stronger whilst on the other they have no heart for core economic issues that you need to underpin a strong economy IE reduced government spending leading to a balanced budget.

I think their plan could be much better, but at least it is positive for our economy. On the other hand, Labour's plan ultimately cripple our economy and saddle my children and future generations with debt, greater unfairness, and reduced wealth and opportunity. Labor says "We'll put people first:Standing up for middle and working class people." Does this make you more or less likely to vote for them?



#### Verbatims

Labor have proven in the past that they have tried to do things for the middle and working class. Unfortunately a lot of the really good ideas tend not to get through - I will admit that Labor needs to listen to the people they serve (the general public) a bit more to get a better gauge on what's best for them, but they have made an effort to point things in the right direction.

Tax cuts for the rich and making middle and working class people pay more for medical services etc while pushing for cuts to penalty rates are not the way to go. Labor's policies will be good for the economy.

A slogan that does not realistically address how it will stand up for middle and working class people. It is to put the nation further into debt and to create a class of entitlement.

I couldn't vote for Labor when it doesn't really represent "middle and working class people"; it is for ultra-Left issues that will eventually destroy the society that middle and working class people actually value.

Most Australians are working and middle class and these are were the social and economic policies need to be targeted to ensure no one misses out on the privilege of being born in this country or emigrating to this country.

I like "we'll put people first", but when I hear "standing up for working class people", I hear protectionist economic policies that do not prepare Australia for the future and are socially detrimental (e.g. views on marriage equality and refugees)

The middle class people they are standing up for all have the same job: they are all Labor members of Parliament. They are taking Paul Keating and Jack Lang's advice and backing self-interest.

Labor has always looked after the middle and working class people eg medicare, university, penalty rates.

Labor encourages the welfare dependency mentality and prompts people to regard incentives for business and restraint on wages as unfair. Labor does not encourage people to live within their means

The Greens say "This election is about taking strong action on global warming, using clean energy to power the new economy, tackling inequality, and having a more compassionate approach to people seeking asylum." Does this make you more or less likely to vote for them?



#### Verbatims

Not really "much less likely," I'd never vote for the Greens, who can wreak great damage, cf the stalled Adani mine and falsehoods about the GB Reef. I think that policies pursued re global warming are very damaging, whether or not the Earth warms more, we will be in worse shape to deal with whatever future befalls while having had minimal impact on warming.

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I like the Greens policies in general and I would support them in coalition with the ALP to build the Australia of the future, working for a sustainable future, tackling the climate chaos, and asylum seekers

While I agree that Carbon Dioxide is contributing to rising temperatures I think that the Greens have cried WOLF so often that very few people take any notice of them. I support strong Border protection measures.

I agree with what the Greens say on this issue, but one would need to look at all their policies - and they are not in a position to form government.

I am even less likely to vote for the Greens than any other party. Lunatic ecomic idess, marxist and radical idologists, insane policies on the middle east.

I looked aqt the policies as practiced in Parliament and as I discussed issues on Facebook with parties and Members and concluded the Greens rewflect what I want from government