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Methodology

The following graphs are based on a virtual focus group of 100 voters in this year's Victorian election which was selected from a larger group of 267 respondents to reflect voting intentions based on the results of the most recent Newspoll, as published in *The Australian*. The small size of the focus group compared to the total size of the sample was due to a low response rate from Liberal voters.

Results should be taken as indicative in that the sample is not properly randomised, but it is unlikely that groups are completely unrepresentative.

The poll was conducted from November 10 through to November 16, 2018 using our online panel of over 13,000 Australian voters.

Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer.

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Executive Summary

The odds are that Labor will win the Victorian election, but there is a narrow gate through which the Liberal Nationals could pass to government, or the Greens to a role in supporting a minority Labor government. There is no enthusiasm for a Labor win, but a major reason stopping the pendulum swinging back to the Liberal Nationals is a lack of enthusiasm for Matthew Guy, the opposition leader.

Our sample was small for this election, largely because of a low response rate from Liberals. When constructing a virtual focus group we need respondents to be close to the proportions that they represent in the community. With only 39 out of 267 respondents being Liberals in the first instance, it meant we had to randomly match them from the rest of the initial group to get the size of the focus group down to 100 (making them 39% of the sample, which is what Newspoll says their first preference vote is).

This is an indictment of Guy. While Liberals are generally under-represented in our initial responses I don't recall it ever being as low as 15% before.

The result of this is that while only 50% of voters think the government deserves to be re-elected or want it to be, 72% expect that it will be. Which is where the narrow gate opens for the Liberal Nationals, or Greens. There are enough issues where Andrews has annoyed voters – for example crime and safe schools – for voters to want to protest. In inner city seats the Greens are a likely recipient of protest votes, while in outer suburban seats, it is the LNP.

However voters will not use a party for a protest vote, unless they think it is worthy of that protest vote. The Greens regularly score protest voters, but do the Liberals stack up?

While Guy is not well-liked, he is not despised, although he is suspected. He has a reputation for shadiness, earned through the controversial rezoning of Fishermans Bend he approved as planning minister in the previous Liberal government; and a celebrated fundraising lunch he attended along with an alleged crime figure. But Daniels also looks shady. The Red Shirt affair, where Labor used government resources for campaigning, and now refuses to cooperate with the investigators, is a low point in state governance. And there is his perceived pandering to the unions. So in terms of character they are more or less even.

But the Liberals have a performance deficit against Labor. When respondents were asked whether the Opposition had done enough to deserve to win government, only 29% agreed. Crucially around one-fifth of Liberal voters didn't think the opposition deserves to win.

In terms of protest votes this isn't fatal, because the aim of a protestor is to change the behaviour of the party they believe will be elected by voting for the party they believe won't be. It's a little counterintuitive, but lacklustre performance by Oppositions can help them to win in these circumstances, as long as it's not too lacklustre.

While the Liberals are distinguishing themselves from Labor on crime, environmental and sustainability issues are playing a large part in this election. Climate change is a big issue, along with urban congestion. Both issues find expression through the centre-piece transport infrastructure projects of both sides. The Suburban Train Loop of Daniel Andrews, with a completion date in 2050, which will move people around the outskirts of Melbourne, versus the East West and North East road tunnels to be completed sooner, that will move cars around the outskirts of Melbourne.

There are also cultural issues bubbling under the surface – mainly union links and suspicions of social engineering. These may have more effect in outer suburban and regional seats, than in the inner city, and they are a driver of the One Nation vote, which is unusually high for Victoria.

With so much disillusion with the major parties it is theoretically possible that minor parties and independents will do well. This didn't show up in our sample, with a number of respondents expressing a preference for parties that can actually implement their own agenda.

Specific findings are:

1. Sample is split almost equally between those who think the state is heading in the right direction (48%) and those who don't (42%). This more or less mirrors the two-party preferred vote in our sample.
2. Andrews has a neutral approval rating of -1% (44% +ve and 44% -ve)
3. Guy has a heavily negative approval rating of -24% (28% against 52%)
4. The biggest difference in approval ratings is that 44% of ALP voters strongly approve of Daniels, while 39% approve, making a total of 83% who approve to some degree. Only 8% of Liberal voters strongly approve of Guy while 49% approve – a total of 57%. After 4 years in the job Guy has failed to bring the base along with him, and has some personal baggage.
5. Preferred Premier comes down to 55% Andrews to 45% Guy, not much different from the latest 2PP vote.
6. The government just barely wins the argument that it deserves to be re-elected (50% in favour and 42% against) and with 8% undecided the opposition has some room to improve, except that only 29% think the opposition has done enough to deserve to be the government, and 55% disagree (including 18 per cent of Liberal voters).
7. Overwhelmingly voters expect Labor to win with 74% choosing them versus 15% the Coalition. 58% of Liberals think Labor will win.
8. But only 50% of voters want Labor to win, compared to 46% who want the Liberals.
9. The Suburban Loop is a bigger vote winner than the East West Link combined with the North East Link and removal of 55 intersections. A net 19% of voters said they were more likely to vote for Labor because of the Loop, while East West etc resulted in only a 4% increase in the Coalition voting intention.
10. The Liberal decision not to run in Richmond is opposed by both Labor and Liberal voters. Unsurprisingly Greens think it is a good idea.

Thinking about Victoria how strongly would you agree or disagree that the state is heading in the right direction?

Row Labels	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Strongly Agree	0%	27%	9%	0%	0%	12%
Agree	0%	61%	73%	8%	0%	36%
Neutral	0%	12%	18%	8%	0%	10%
Disagree	50%	0%	0%	33%	67%	18%
Strongly Disagree	50%	0%	0%	51%	33%	24%
Grand Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**
Total agree	0%	88%	82%	8%	0%	48%
Total disagree	100%	0%	0%	85%	100%	42%
Net agree	-100%	88%	82%	-77%	-100%	6%

n=100

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Premier Daniel Andrews how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Strongly Approve	0%	44%	18%	0%	0%	20%
Approve	0%	39%	64%	3%	0%	24%
Neutral	0%	15%	18%	3%	33%	10%
Disapprove	0%	0%	0%	21%	33%	9%
Strongly Disapprove	100%	0%	0%	74%	33%	36%
Undecided	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**
Total Approve	0%	83%	82%	3%	0%	44%
Total Disapprove	100%	0%	0%	95%	67%	45%
Net Approve	-100%	83%	82%	-92%	-67%	-1%

n=100

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Opposition Leader Matthew Guy, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Strongly Approve	17%	2%	0%	8%	0%	5%
Approve	50%	2%	0%	49%	0%	23%
Neutral	33%	5%	9%	33%	33%	19%
Disapprove	0%	22%	27%	8%	33%	16%
Strongly Disapprove	0%	68%	64%	0%	33%	36%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	67%	5%	0%	56%	0%	28%
Total disagree	0%	90%	91%	8%	67%	52%
Net agree	67%	-85%	-91%	49%	-67%	-24%

n=100

Who is your preferred premier?

Row Labels	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Daniel Andrews	0%	100%	100%	3%	0%	55%
Matthew Guy	100%	0%	0%	97%	100%	45%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=100

Thinking about the performance of the Victorian Government how strongly would you agree or disagree that it has done enough to deserve to be re-elected?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Strongly Agree	0%	49%	36%	0%	0%	24%
Agree	0%	44%	55%	3%	33%	26%
Neutral	17%	7%	9%	8%	0%	8%
Disagree	17%	0%	0%	28%	33%	13%
Strongly Disagree	67%	0%	0%	62%	33%	29%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	0%	93%	91%	3%	33%	50%
Total disagree	83%	0%	0%	90%	67%	42%
Net agree	-83%	93%	91%	-87%	-33%	8%

n=100

Thinking about the performance of the Victorian Opposition how strongly would you agree or disagree that it has done enough to deserve to be elected as the government?

Row Labels	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Strongly Agree	17%	10%	0%	10%	0%	9%
Agree	33%	0%	0%	46%	0%	20%
Neutral	50%	2%	0%	26%	33%	15%
Disagree	0%	10%	0%	13%	0%	9%
Strongly Disagree	0%	78%	100%	5%	33%	46%
Undecided	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	50%	10%	0%	56%	0%	29%
Total disagree	0%	88%	100%	18%	33%	55%
Net agree	50%	-78%	-100%	38%	-33%	-26%

n=100

Irrespective of how you intend to vote who would you expect to win this Victorian election?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
ALP	33%	94%	89%	58%	67%	74%
Coalition	17%	0%	0%	36%	0%	15%
Hung Parliament	50%	6%	11%	6%	33%	11%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=100

Irrespective of how you intend to vote who would you like to win this Victorian election?

Row Labels	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
ALP	0%	100%	73%	0%	0%	50%
Coalition	100%	0%	0%	100%	50%	46%
Hung Parliament	0%	0%	27%	0%	50%	4%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=100

Daniel Andrews says he is "Delivering for all Victorians". Does this make you more or less likely to preference the Labor Party?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Much More Likely	0%	15%	18%	0%	0%	8%
More Likely	0%	35%	36%	3%	0%	19%
Neutral	17%	48%	45%	28%	33%	37%
Less Likely	0%	3%	0%	21%	0%	9%
Much Less Likely	83%	0%	0%	49%	67%	26%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
More likely	0%	50%	55%	3%	0%	27%
Less likely	83%	3%	0%	69%	67%	35%
Net more likely	-83%	48%	55%	-67%	-67%	-8%

n=100

Matthew Guy says he is "Listening to the needs of all Victorians". Does this make you more or less likely to preference the Liberal Nationals?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Much More Likely	33%	0%	0%	10%	0%	6%
More Likely	17%	3%	0%	46%	0%	20%
Neutral	50%	46%	64%	36%	33%	44%
Less Likely	0%	31%	27%	3%	33%	17%
Much Less Likely	0%	21%	9%	3%	0%	10%
Undecided	0%	0%	0%	3%	33%	2%
Grand Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**
More likely	50%	3%	0%	56%	0%	27%
Less likely	0%	51%	36%	5%	33%	28%
Net more likely	50%	-49%	-36%	51%	-33%	-1%

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Daniel Andrews says he will build a Suburban Loop Train Line. Does this make you more or less likely to preference Labor?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Much More Likely	17%	28%	36%	3%	0%	17%
More Likely	0%	40%	36%	0%	33%	21%
Neutral	67%	28%	27%	46%	67%	38%
Less Likely	0%	0%	0%	18%	0%	7%
Much Less Likely	17%	0%	0%	28%	0%	12%
Unsure	0%	5%	0%	5%	0%	4%
Grand Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**
More likely	17%	68%	73%	3%	33%	38%
Less likely	17%	0%	0%	46%	0%	19%
Net more likely	0%	68%	73%	-44%	33%	19%

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Matthew Guy is promising to build an East West Link, a North East Link and remove 55 intersections. Does this make you more or less likely to preference the Liberal Nationals?

	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Much more likely	33%	0%	0%	33%	0%	15%
More Likely	17%	8%	0%	38%	33%	20%
Neutral	33%	38%	45%	26%	33%	33%
Less Likely	0%	30%	0%	3%	0%	13%
Much Less Likely	17%	25%	55%	0%	33%	18%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
More likely	50%	8%	0%	72%	33%	35%
Less likely	17%	55%	55%	3%	33%	31%
Net more likely	33%	-48%	-55%	69%	0%	4%

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The Liberal Party has decided not to run a candidate in Richmond, which is likely to see the seat go to the Greens. How strongly do you agree or disagree?

Row Labels	AC	ALP	Grn	LP	PHON	Grand Total
Strongly Agree	17%	0%	27%	5%	0%	6%
Agree	33%	15%	45%	28%	33%	25%
Neutral	0%	43%	0%	13%	33%	23%
Disagree	17%	15%	9%	31%	33%	21%
Strongly Disagree	17%	20%	9%	15%	0%	16%
Undecided	17%	8%	9%	8%	0%	8%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	50%	15%	73%	33%	33%	31%
Total disagree	33%	35%	18%	46%	33%	37%
Net agree	17%	-20%	55%	-13%	0%	-6%

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 so as to give a better insight into how the individual words are being used.

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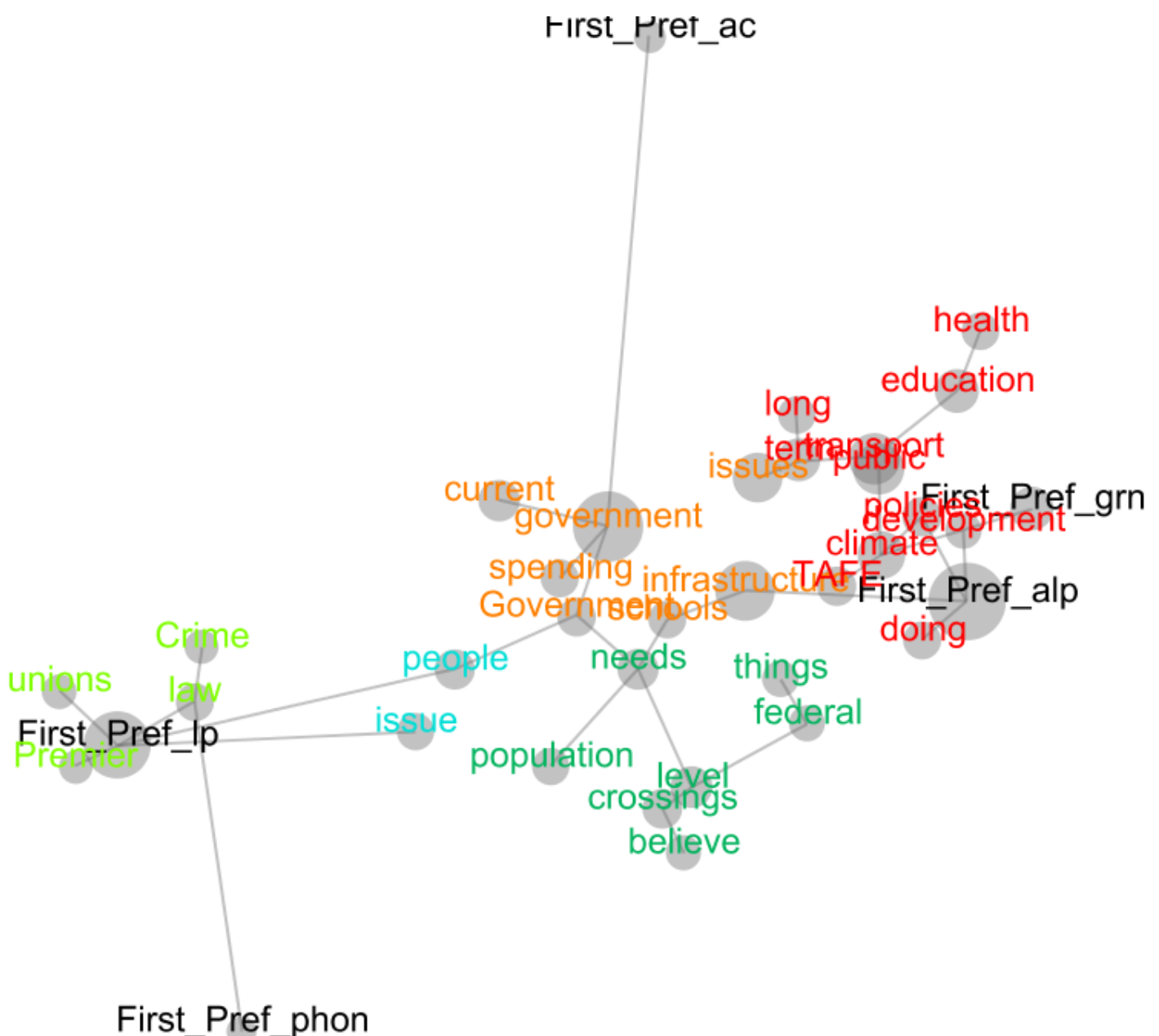
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I think that while there are some aspects which could be improved, the current government is showing an interest in dealing with obvious issues with a long term vision. **Major** *issues seem to be looked at - health, education, environment, housing, transport- with some interesting ideas and actions.*

We are starting to address traffic congestion and traffic safety with as one example the removal of dangerous and time wasting level crossings We are encouraging families to go solar but I believe our approach to climate change and the preservation of our planet for future generations needs a more far reaching and strategic nationwide approach. There is a vacuum of leadership on this issue at the **Federal** *level.*

Waste *on infrastructure - trains that go nowhere people want to go and take 12 years to build* **Waste** *on infrastructure - cancelling the* **East-West Link** *and then proposing much the same thing* **Waste** *on infrastructure - forcing closure of* **Hazelwood Power Station Waste** *on infrastructure - spending on the world's biggesd desal plant that has never been used and is rotting* **Waste** *on subsidised* **Solar Panels Destruction** *of the.* CFA *and replacement by unions* **Weak** *on* **Crime**

Andrews *gov stole money from taxpayer by using government employees to campaign and they won t pay it back or allow a proper investigation.* **Government** *has been removing level crossings but the deadly one that badly needs removing didn t make their top 50 because it s in a safe* **Liberal** *seat.*

issues with law and order; crimes are not deterred and justifiably punished; the **Government** *are corrupted during last election but not punished;* **Andrew** *government signed secret deal with* **China** *on* **Belt***and* **Road***, which make* **Austrian** *government and people look stupid*

Thinking about Victoria again, in a short paragraph please tell us what is the most important issue facing the state.

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> **Minority** groups such as `LGBT` and **Unions** endeavouring to change our **Aussie** culture of a fair go. 3. The **Safe Schools** program used as means to compel state paid teachers to conform to teaching gender neutrality and political correctness to our children.

> Our growing and diverse population and how we create homes and jobs for everyone who is capable of working How we live together in relative harmony, how we become more inclusive of people with disabilities, people who have addiction problems and people with mental illness The scourge of `ICE` is affecting us all and we just keep throwing people in jail (necessitating building more jail's!) Our young people who become addicted feel helpless and hopeless and we need hundreds more well funded and well managed rehab facilities

> **Deceit** and lies from the government especially on: 1. **Family** and community relationships being eroded by gender neutrality and political correctness 2.

Education *opportunities need to be equal for all children,* **TAFE** *needs government support and public transportation has to be improved.***Mental** *health and addiction support must be properly funded.*

For me the most important issue locally, nationally and internationally is overpopulation, and politicians of all shapes and colour as well as the masters they serve ignore this topic though as if the earth can absorb any number of individuals from one species, despite the warnings that the environment is near collapse. In fact, our species has reached a size that is criminal - criminal towards other species.

The most important issue is catering for the growing population without harming current quality of life.

Thinking about your vote in this election, in a short paragraph please tell us what issue will affect your vote the most.
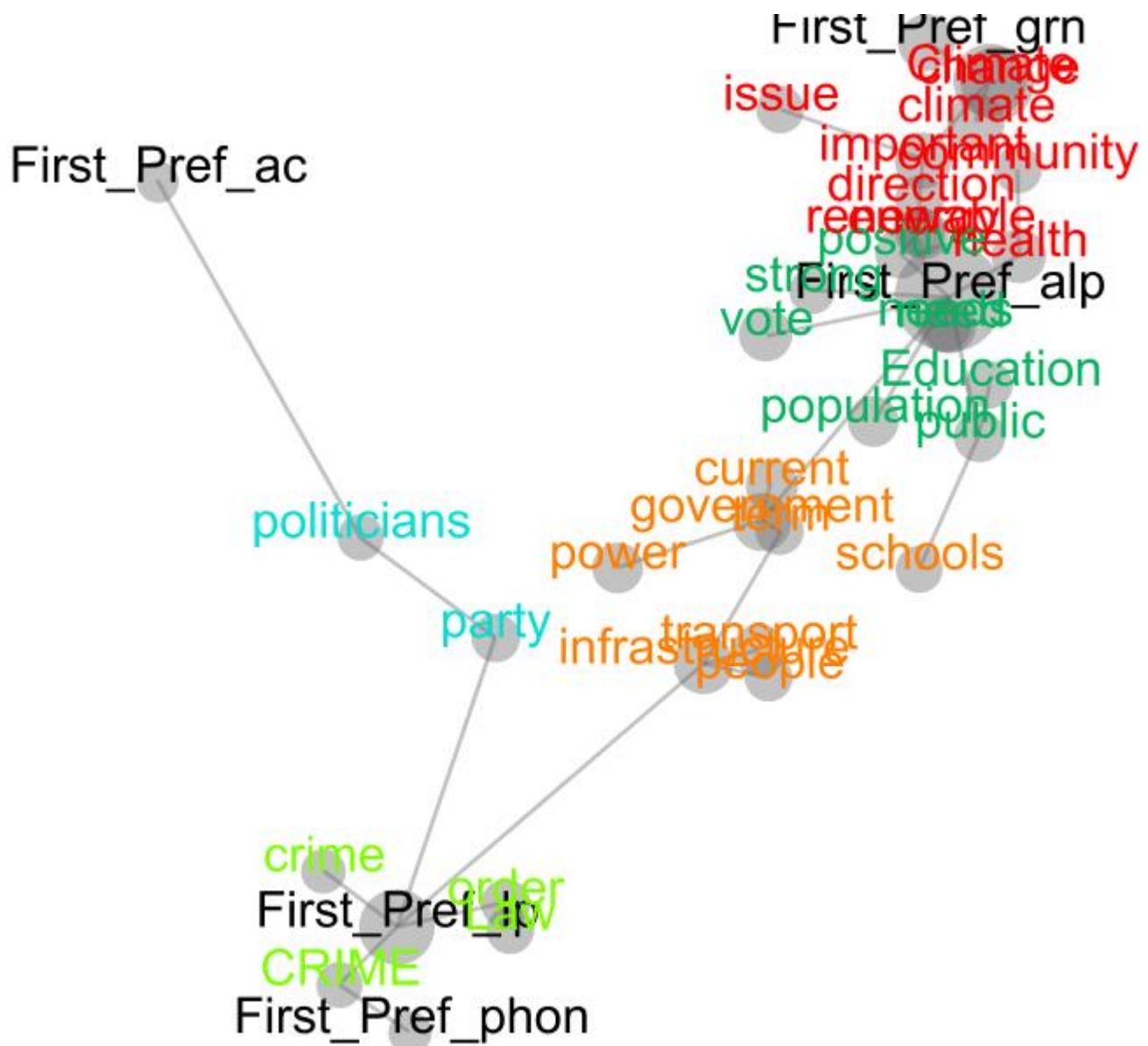
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Climate *change, also the need to balance the needs of the community, and all the different aspects that are important to the various communities and ethnic groups to maintain the multi cultural nation that we are today.*

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Free *the state up, law and order, reliable power*

Long *term strategy and policy to grow* **Victoria***;* **Long** *term strategy to maintain core value* **Long** *term strategy to uphold law and order*

Thinking about your vote this election, which of the following parties will receive your first preference?
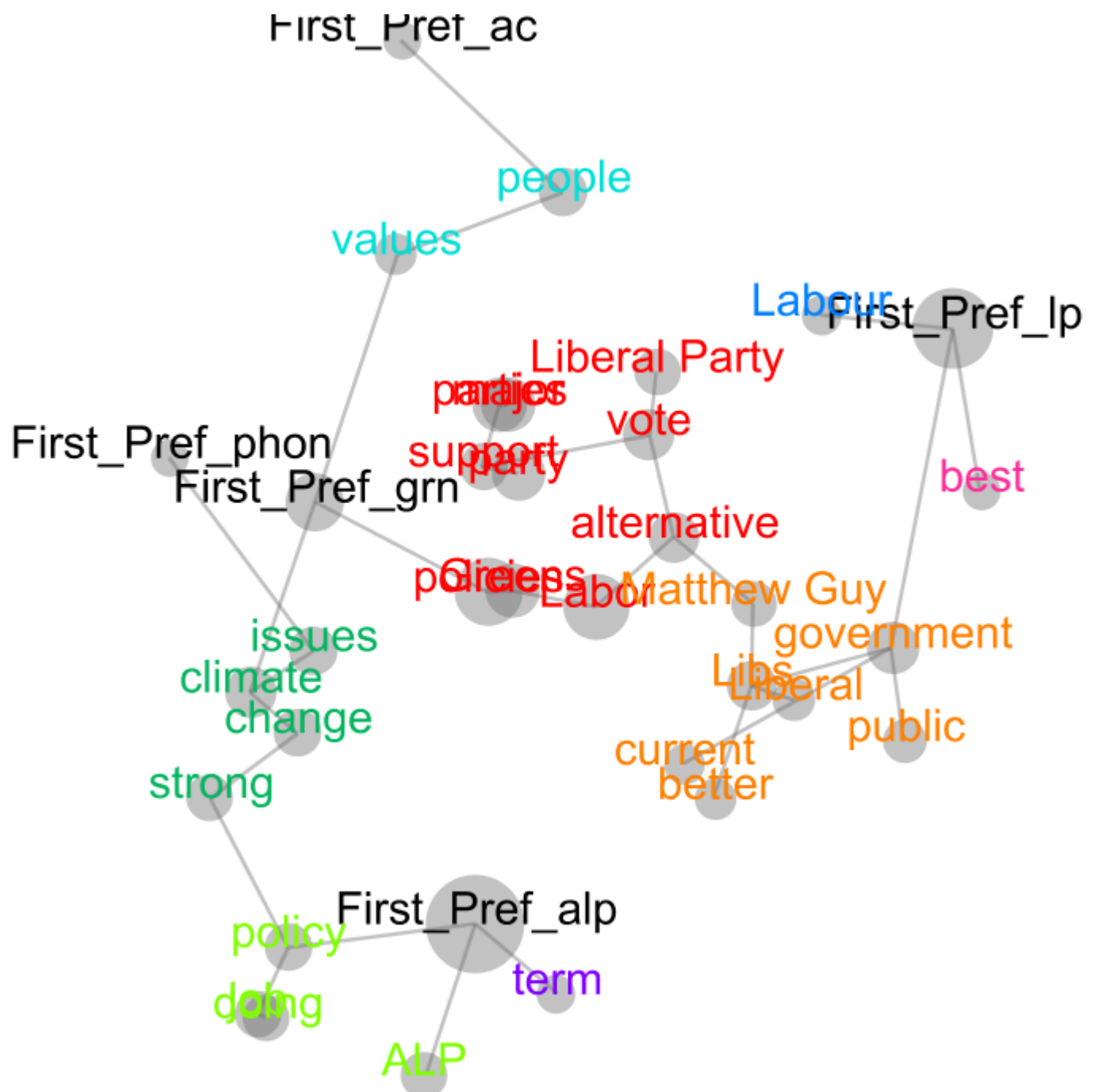
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> **Progressive** *social policy, facing up to climate change and doing infrastructure.* **Maintaining** *strong economy and budget balance.*

> *I do not support* **Pauline Hanson** *and most of her policies, she is however right on the issue of population control. She is also right on the increasing law and order issues in* **Melbourne** *that the major parties are not assisting.*

__Labor__ is the only viable alternative The __Libs__ cannot be trusted at a state or federal level and __Matthew Guy__ is dishonest The __Greens__ are in disarray and are ideally yes, although some of their policies are good

The __Liberal Party__ is the only real alternative. The other smaller parties and independents, as good people they may well be, will be unable to push through any of their policies.

I am a traditional __Liberal__ voter. Even though I'm not mad on __Matthew Guy__ he and the __Libs__ are a much better prospect than the corrupt and incompetent __Labor__ government

The `ALP` is doing a good job of governing __Victoria__ for most __Australians__and their policy platform is well ahead of that of the __Liberal Nationals__who lack vision and would rather run a "__Law__ and __Order__" platform based on fear.

I vote __Greens__ for their stand on social justice and the environment, and to have a check on the two major parties, but I always direct my second preference to __Labor__.

Thinking about your vote this election for the Legislative Assembly, which party or group of parties, Labor or Liberal Nationals, will you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government?
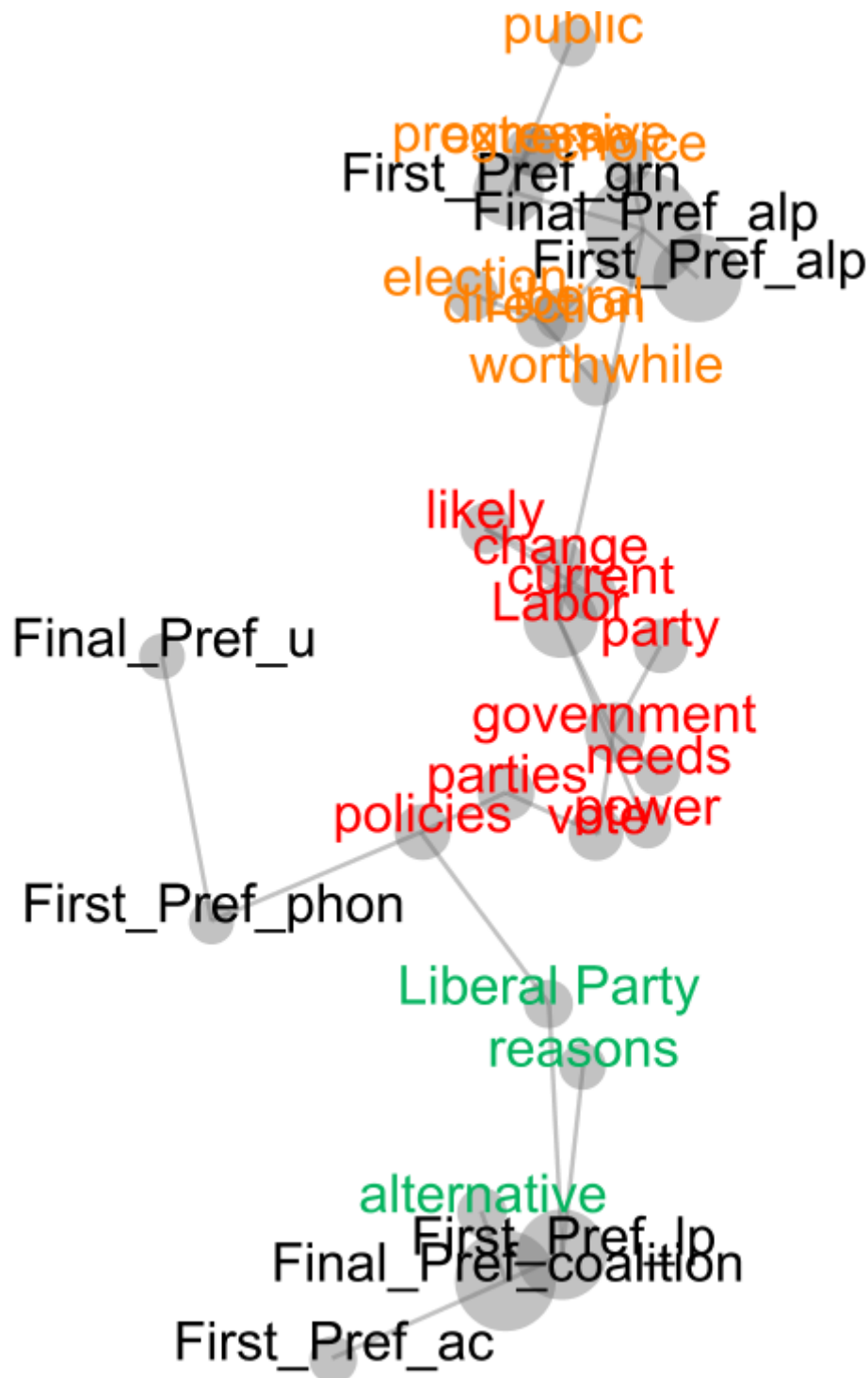
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> *However I would definitely prefer **Labor** over **Liberal** in this election and pretty much always (despite my extreme unhappiness with the **Labor Party's** general centrist direction and cowardly populism (eg on refugees). I recognise that state **Labor** is demonstrating a bit more progressive leadership than federal.*

*The **Labor Government** has been reasonably bold and progressive The **Liberals** are dominated by extreme religious minority groups. The poison pill they tried to leave with the **East West Link** in 2014 means they are unfit for public office.*

*   **Labor** *needs to get tossed out and replaced with a competent government.* **Labor** *wasted a billion to not build a road we need and before that spent billions reinventing the wheel to create* **Myki**.

*The **Liberal Party** is the only real alternative. The other smaller parties and independents, as good people they may well be, will be unable to push through any of their policies.*

*The **ALP** have come out with some worthwhile policies. Since they **Talk**The **Talk** I am hopeful that they are thus more likely to **Walk** The **Walk** - and as per answer to **Q4** , a growing dislike for the current direction **LNP**is heading*

  Labor *has to go and none of the others can form a functioning government.*

*I will never vote **Liberal** again given their stance on climate change and their support for the federal parties policy towards asylum seekers*

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Premier Daniel Andrews how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

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> *I strongly - strenuously - disagree with politicians stealing taxpayer money and not suffering the consequences of their actions.Furthermore, I find it galling that Andrews, who has armed protection, has the nerve to tell the people of Victoria that we (especially citizens of Melbourne) "just have to get used to terrorist attacks as a part of living in the world's most livable city".*

He thinks he can do whatever he wants - he and his party have misused taxpayer money, they are in bed with the union movement, they have introduced injecting rooms that normalise and encourage harmful drug behaviour and put ordinary citizens at risk. Crime is on the increase, he is encouraging suicide with his euthanasia laws.

As I said before, generally good on policy and action, with some problem areas. Not impressed with his behaviour on the **CFA/MFB** *issue, nor on the 'red shirts' thing - both of which appear to involve ongoing* **Labor** *dirty dealing.*

electrical transport and renewable energy policies, but the delusion that huge urban motorways are the solution for transport in cities persists in **Coaltion** *and* **Labor** *alike, despite their demonstrated failures all over the the world.* **Social** *responsibility and health policies.*

Andrews *govt has been very good in some areas eg level crossing policies, I don't like the identity politics*

The metro tunnel project was initially announced by **Jacinta Allen** *at $5~$6billion, then without even a flinch she started saying it was a $7~$8billion project, and more recently a $10~$11billion project. A senior bureaucrat was sacked recently for showing the* **Premier***, the* **Treasurer** *and* **Ms Allen** *that the cost is already heading for $15billion which means it's unfunded to the tune of at least $3billion!*

Irrespective of how you intend to vote, in thinking of voting for Daniel Andrews and the Labor Party what makes you hesitate the most?

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Crime *endorsed by the behaviour of the* **Labor** *party. If they can dishoneslty fund their fight for an election for more than 20 candidates how can we trust them to do anything honestly.*

__Besides__ being a paid up member of The __Greens__ (to which I moved from labor because of __Labor's__ appalling treatment of refugees), the __Machiavellian__ power games __Labor__ plays really put me off.

Their lack of moral compass, the safe schools program, euthanasia introduction and their involvement with the union movement, and the introduction of safe injecting rooms

Their stance in refugees and carbon emissions and general climate change initiatives.

I believe __Daniel Andrews__ is dishonest with the people of __Victoria__ and he is beholden to the (firefighters) union.

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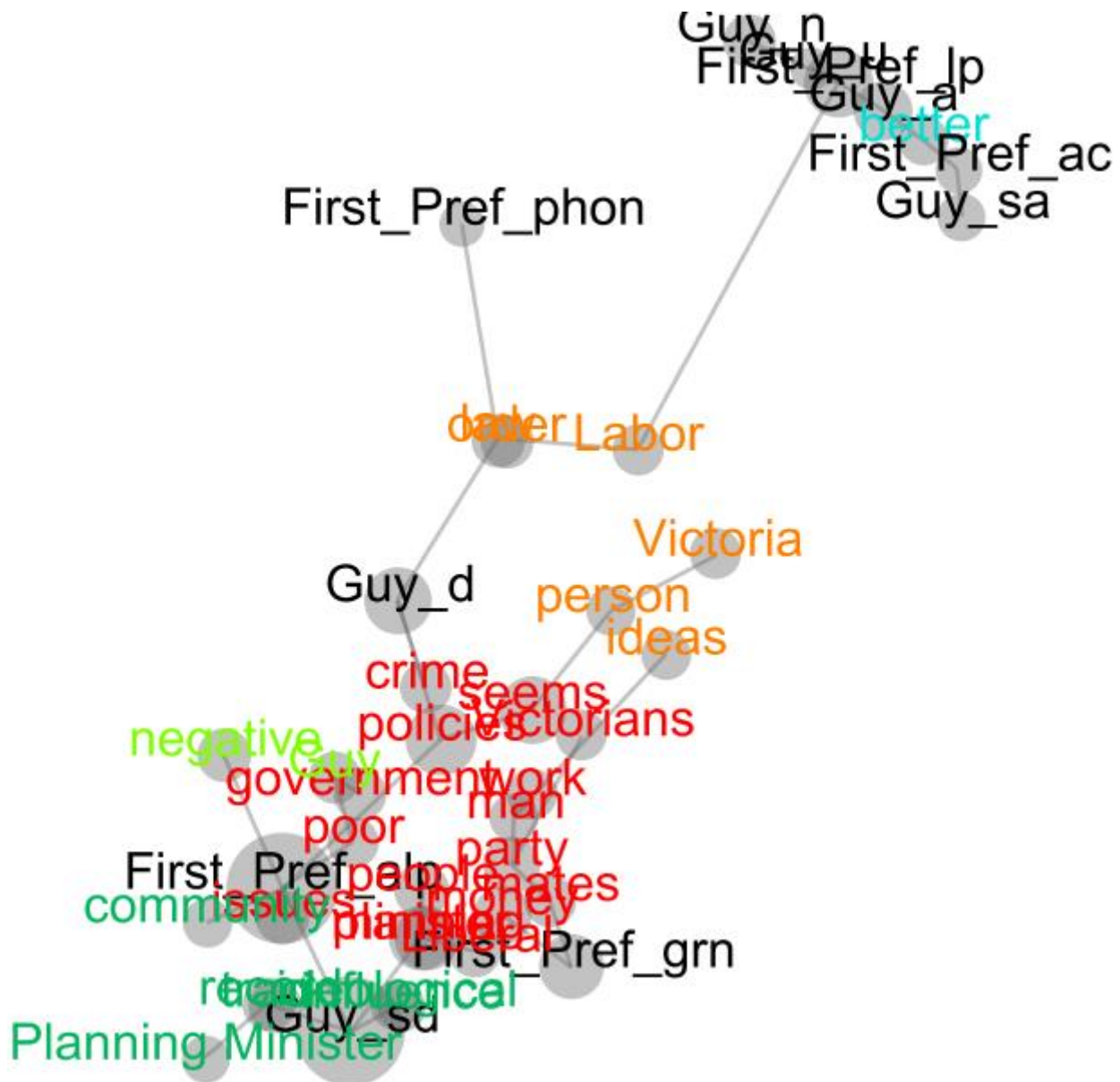
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> **Positives**: I approve of him actually putting out some policies, albeit some are just dumb alternatives to actual **Labor** policies (eg road crossings vs railways crossings) - a few surprisingly good ideas in there though, and he presents tolerably well. **Negatives**: The man is a criminal - very dirty work when he was planning minister, obviously happy to take money from anyone.

> His tenure as planning minister in the previous **Liberal** govt was appalling, suggesting those with money and influence could buy his planning approval. The policies I ve seen he has announced fed seem largely irrelevant to me and seems he is stuck in an ideological loop.

> **Guy** has a poor track record as **Planning Minister**, with controversies regarding **Fisherman's Bend** and **Phillip Island**. His apparent readiness to consort with criminals and rent-seekers is very concerning and his policies lack vision

The centre piece policies sound like old **Labor** *policies, fast rail to regions and 50 intersections… Not enough focus on driving the economy through gas and other exports, law and order particularly in new immigrant groups and protecting our built heritage and suburbs from redevelopment*

* **Liberal** *parliamentary tactics under him have been disgraceful (eg the pairing incident, stifling of moderate* **Libs** *while allowing extreme conservative* **Christians** *to spout hatred). No concept of protecting the interests of ALL* **Victorians** *- just talks up responsible politics, but basically a dirty* **Liberal** *in a dirty party, beholden only to money, mates and toxic conservative* **Christianity***.*

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> *Their lack of a cohesive plan for government policy. The negativism and over-reactive response to issues such as crime.*

> *The lack of a policy towards addressing climate change, by far THE most important and urgent issue the world is facing*

> **Porr** *climate policy, focus on roads, pandering to property developers and christian groups.*

His lack of experience, his decision to meet with someone who is allegedly part of the **Melbourne** *underworld.*

He fails to "cut through" on many issues and appears to be a talking doll. His media appearances make him look like he's just an actor.

too aligned to developers

Image *of last* **LN** *govt.* **Reputation** *for "do nothing"*

He lacks something

Who is your preferred premier?
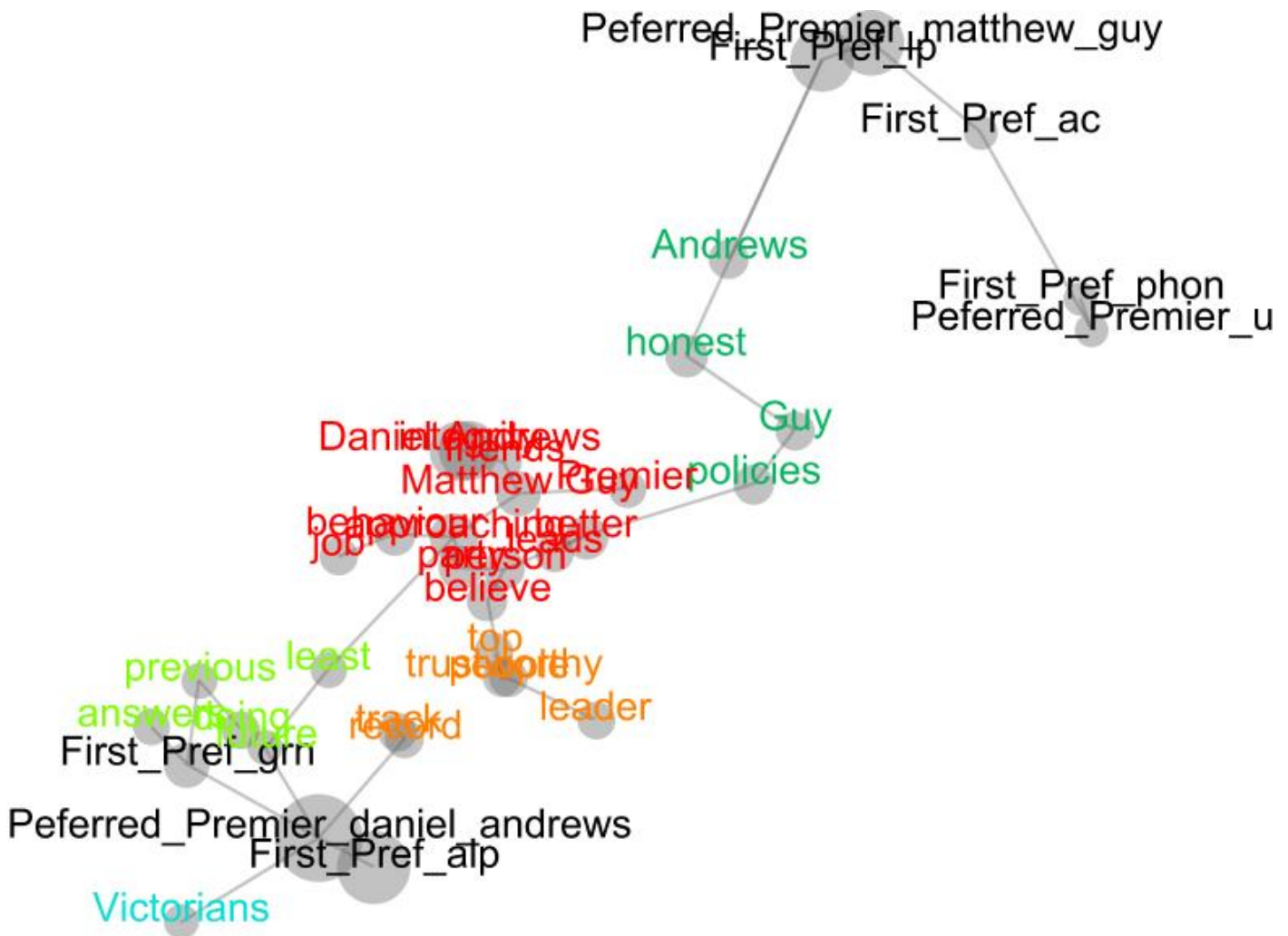
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> He is a more honest and trustworthy leader and **Labor** have better policies for most of the
> population The **Libs** govern for the top end of town, the already wealthy and those aspiring to be
> wealthy. They do not consider the majority of hard working, stressed and battling people in the
> community They cut legal aid, women's refuges

> He has more integrity than **Matthew Guy**. I get the feeling that if I were at a party or occasion
> socially where both were present, **Daniel Andrews** would be the one who welcomed me
> approaching to talk to him and actually listen, for a little while at least, to my conversation with
> him.

> I think **Daniel Andrews** has a tendency to push the limits of the law and is thuggish in his
> behaviour. **His MPs** are the same and I think they look after their friends not the whole state

> He does not get flustered in the face of criricism, he has a cool head and a determination to get on
> with his stated policies. [Favours Andrews]

> **Guy** is more open and honest and he leads a competent team.

He plans to abolish safe schools and bring back religious education into the school system, his willingness to allow parents to choose what is best for their children instead of the state deciding.

Daniel Andrews says he is "Delivering for all Victorians". Does this make you more or less likely to preference the Labor Party?
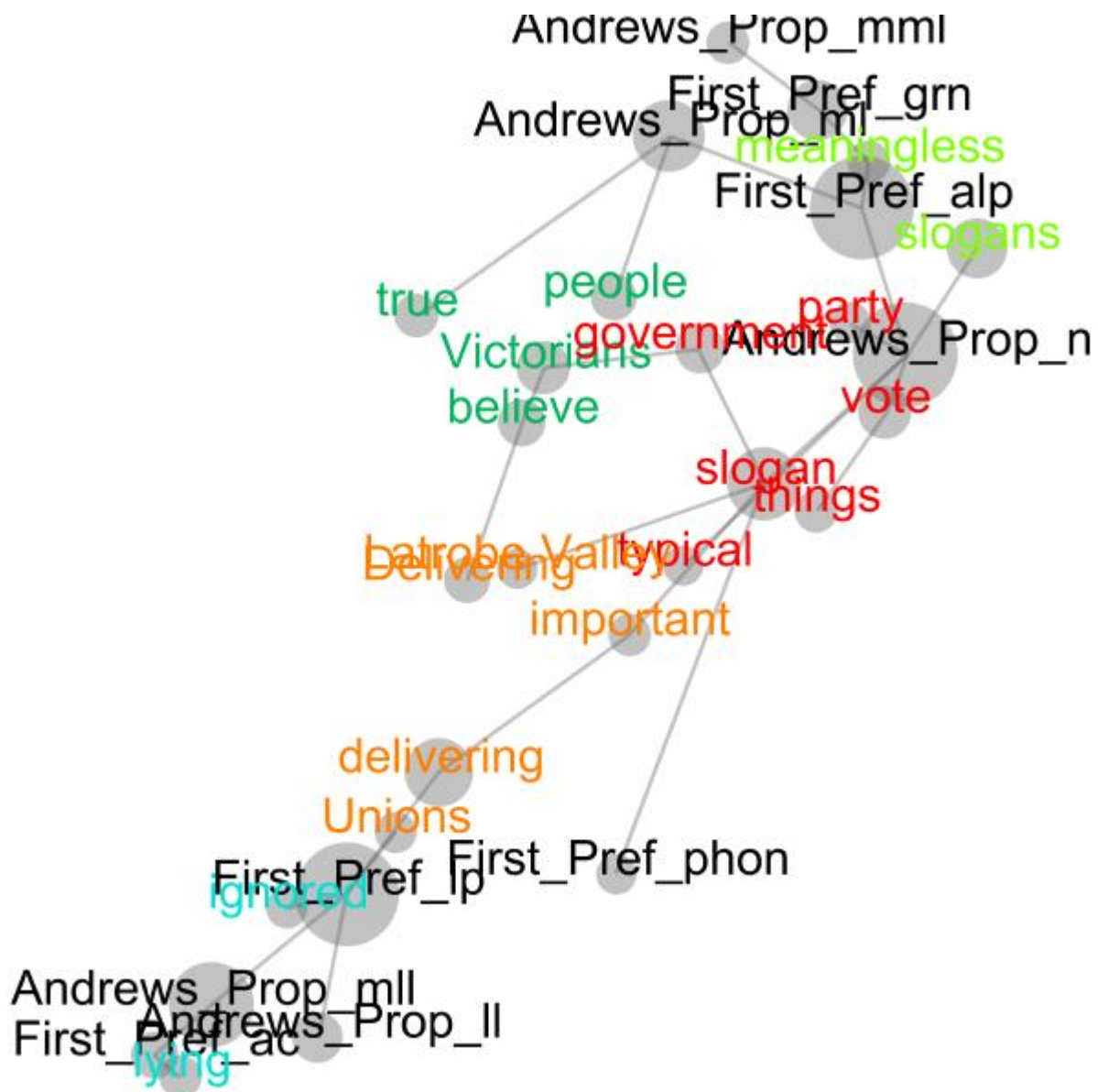
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> As I said he is delivering some things but his attack on our basic belief system will NEVER convince me that he is worthy of a vote.

> I believe that "**Delivering** for all **Victorians**" should be the goal of any **Victorian** government =

> It's a false statement. He has ignored business people, country people, **Christians**, parents who have pleaded against the **Safe School**campaign, medical experts and psychologists who pleaded against the **Assisted Dying** legislation.

> His actions in government are what I judge him on, together with his policies. The slogan is not so important to me, even though I am inclined to agree with it.

I think the slogan has a ring of truth and does help to encapsulate where the government is at present - "delivering"

Delivering *WHAT?* **Road** *chaos, no airport link, poor education curriculum - weak on* **Unions**

Slogans *during the campaign are fairly benign, only a few are pithy enough to capture the will and want of the people. This is fairly meaningless but it does while I m considering my answer make one reflect that it does seem fairly on the money.*

Matthew Guy says he is "Listening to the needs of all Victorians". Does this make you more or less likely to preference the Liberal Nationals?
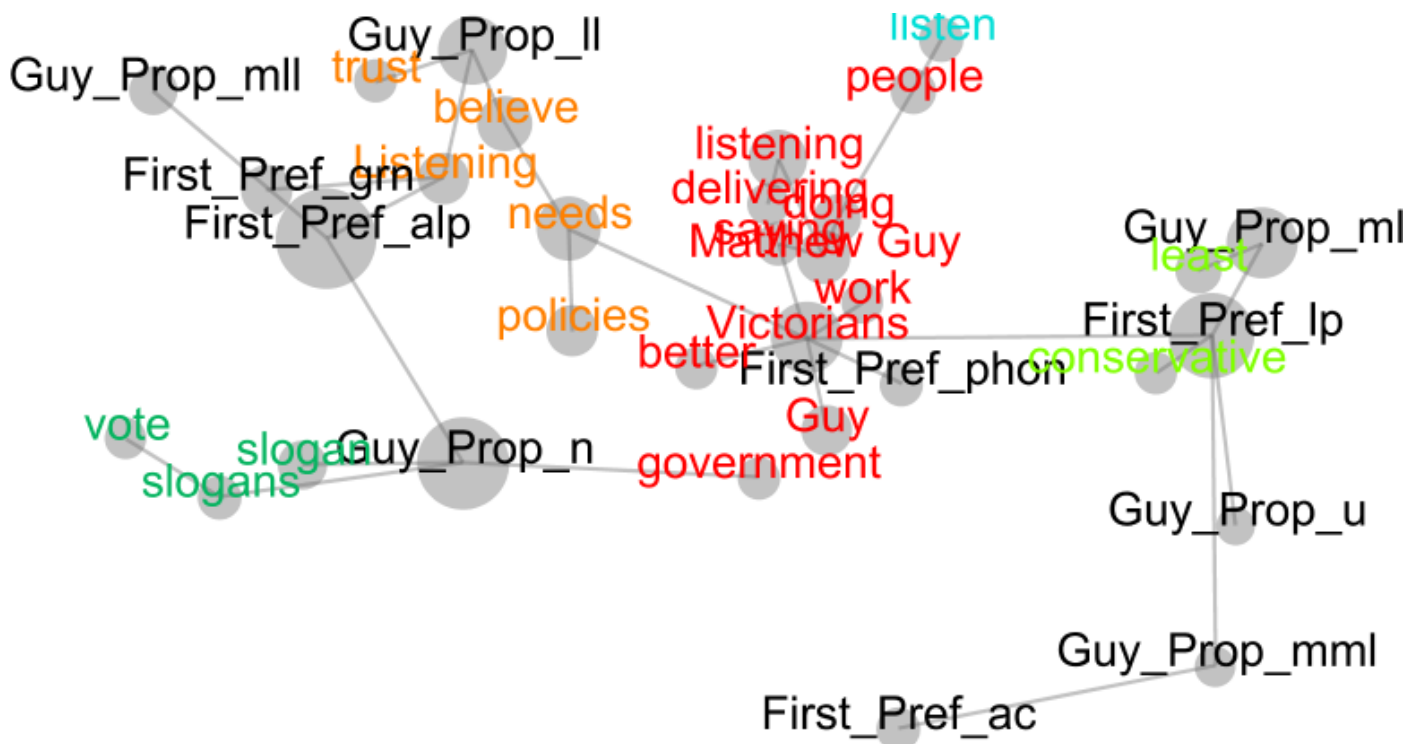
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> **Listening** to the needs of all **Victorians**". by itself is a good idea that **Matthew Guy** is saying he is doing it - after it cost **Victorians** 2.5 millions in settlements to avoid the public finding out how consistently and strenuously **Guy** avoids paying any attention to what others say that is contrary to his own whims - is almost funny

> **Similarly** I judge **Matthew Guy** on his previous track record in government and his policies, rather than his slogan, although I doubt very much the truthfulness of his slogan.

> This is something that **Lib/Nat** politicians regularly claim - and in general, they mean it, because their conservative policies generally result in a better economy and more freedoms. **Unless** of course, they're the new breed of **Lib/Nat**.

> **Listening** to the needs is one thing - delivering is another. I believe there is a big gap between

> If he was listening he'd do the right thing on **Red Shirts**, **Latrobe Valley**, **Hazelwood** (wouldn't have been closed). **Matthew Guy** at least gives the impression he's listening .

Daniel Andrews says he will build a Suburban Loop Train Line. Does this make you more or less likely to preference Labor?

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> *Our public transport is under developed compared to other major cities Our roads are clogged If we had better train and bus services more people would use them*

> **Melbourne** *has grown beyond what is now available for public transportation; it s sad that in the past rail lines were made redundant as they could ve been improved upon.* **Now Melbourne** *is crying out for improved public transportation including buses that marry up with trains*

> *My voting preference is not influenced by this promise. I live within 10km of the cbd and have access to good public transport when it works!*

*I believe in public transport - and that loop should help with population pressures by making more of **Melbourne** accessible*

***Suburban** trains are empty. **People** like the idea of public transport only so that they will be able to drive on quiet roads.*

*A one hundred billion dollar trench with a train at the bottom of it...**LOL It's** a wild, un-costed thought bubble.*

its another over priced project that will blow out, and be a union pay day only

Matthew Guy is promising to build an East West Link, a North East Link and remove 55 intersections. Does this make you more or less likely to preference the Liberal Nationals?
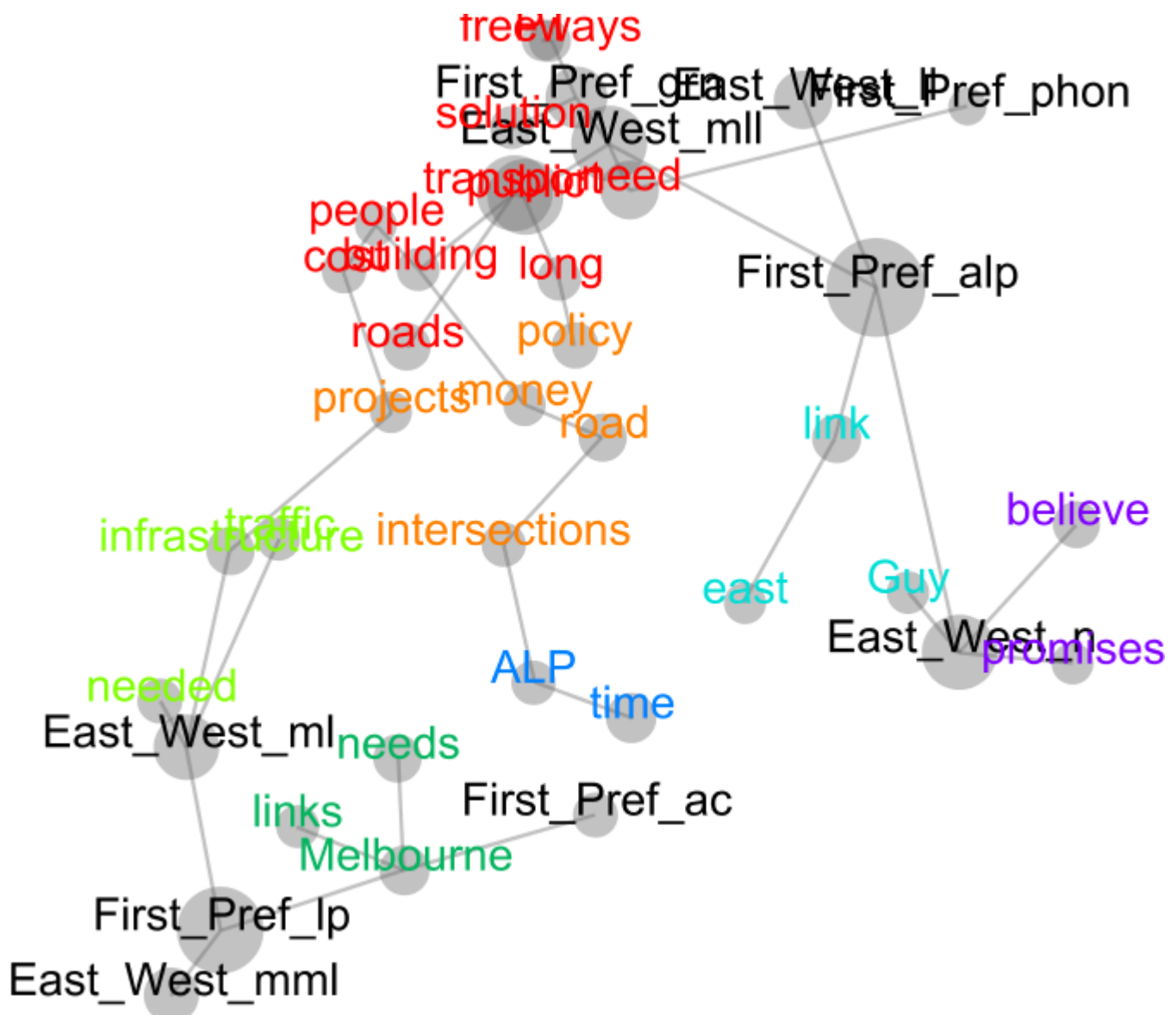
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> *We need to improve public transport, not encourage even more people to drive.* **Spending** *on* **PT** *is far more cost effective than building freeways any way.*

> *The projects themselves -* **More Likely** *- as a believer in infrastructure - However by bringing back memories of the fanatic* **Liberal** *government's push for a* **East West Link***, despite its very poor business case that took much effort to uncover, and the cost to* **Victoria** *due to election eve antics by* **Michael** *'poison pill'* **O'Brien** *- and that the same mob want to be involved in these projects - Much less llikey*

> *We need to concentrate on sustainability and public transport to cut down on traffic NOT increase it.*

Again seems to be a bit pie in the sky without a good basis for costs.While castigating the **ALP** *for overhead rail lines to reduce railway gates, (a cheaper alternative which seems to be now accepted) he wants to reduce a huge number of intersections (good idea) with overhead roads !*

Infrastructure *which is targeted to solve* **Victoria's** *needs now.*

This policy should win them the election, alas I am worried it wont

I live in the **Eastern Suburbs***, yep and was a* **Labor** *supporter but really has anyone seen the end of the* **Eatern Freeway** *its a traffic jam*

Needs *to be done and* **Andrews** *needs to be crucified for stopping it*

The **Western Suburbs** *have been neglected by* **ALP** *for generations. They are stuck on the other side of a gridlocked bridge.*

We don't need the **East West Link** *in my view - the billions can be spent elsewhere.*

The Liberal Party has decided not to run a candidate in Richmond, which is likely to see the seat go to the Greens . How strongly do you agree or disagree?
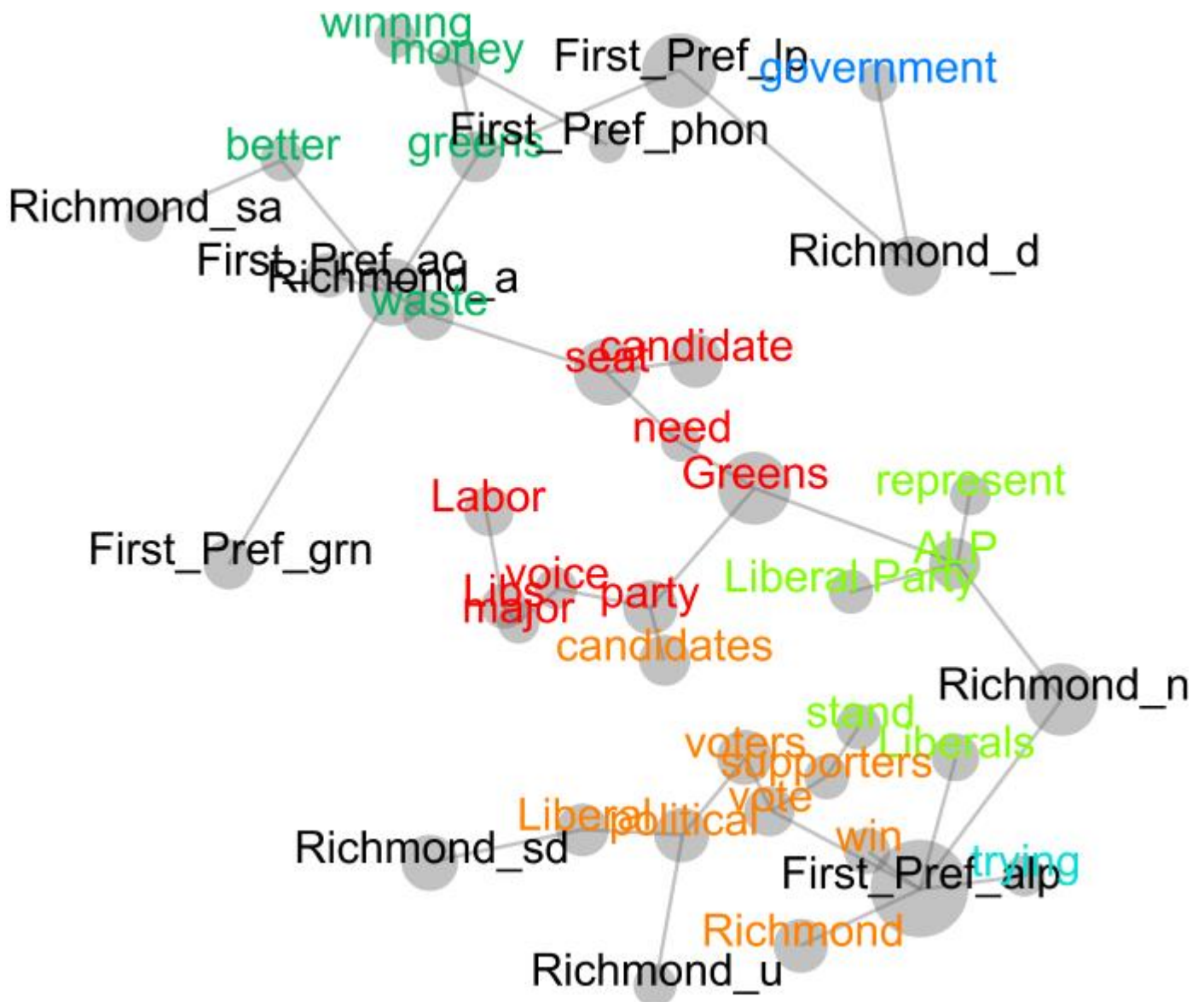
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> *I understand they don't want to waste time and energy on an unwinnable seat, and I would like to see it go to The **Greens**. In strategic political terms, they probably quite like seeing **Labor** and The **Greens** fighting it out, but I also think if they (**Libs**) want to be a serious major party, they should put candidates up to allow **Liberal**voters a voice.*

> ***Playing** politics trying to unseat the `ALP` candidate without actually wanting to represent the interests of the **Richmond** voters. **Game**playing in politics leaves me nauseated.*

> *That's a decision for the **Liberal Party**, although I think that they are letting down their supporters by not allowing them to c=vote for their party - they could still stand a candidate and ask them to follow preferences*

*Why waste money fielding a candidate with no chance of winning. **Let Labor** and the greens fight over the corpse.*

*Don't know where **Liberal** voters will park their vote. **Gutless** effort by **Liberals** not to run to give their supporters hope.*

*The **Greens** are aggressively campaigning, but if they do win **Richmond** they are so 'with' the labor party it will not make a huge difference.*