

Omnibus Poll, issues and voting intention, February 2019

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Methodology

The following graphs are based on a sample which has been weighted for voting intention based on the results of the most recent Newspoll, as published in *The Australian*.

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

In these tables we have amalgamated the Pauline Hanson One Nation vote and the Australian Conservatives data as one. This is so that we have a statistically significant sample, and because both of these parties in our sample attract similar voters, with over significantly more of both having voted Liberal or Liberal National previously than have voted Labor.

The poll was conducted January 23 through to February 3, 2019 using our online panel of over 13,000 Australian voters.

Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel, and responses were weighted for voting intention using the most recent Newspoll. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer.

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Executive Summary

Since our last qualitative poll 12 months ago the Liberal National Coalition has improved in just about every aspect, apart from its vote against the ALP. That suggests their vote will eventually improve as well.

The issues have also moved around in a direction which favours the Coalition.

Our analysis is based on two annual polls of around 1300 Australians who pay attention to politics and are prepared to spend around 15 minutes completing one of our surveys. Their responses tend to be predictive of what average voters will be thinking by election day.

A year ago Malcolm Turnbull's popularity in the community was reasonable but our respondents had turned-off him, with 67% disapproving of his performance, including 35% of Liberal voters, and 82% of One Nation/Australian Conservatives.

Those figures change significantly now Scott Morrison is leader. Morrison has disapproval of 53%, which is still not good, but his disapproval amongst Liberals is only 5% and amongst One Nation/Australian Conservatives 24%, an improvement of 30 and 58 percentage points respectively.

Bill Shorten's approval figures have also improved over the period. 48% disapprove of him now versus 58% 12 months ago. This reflects a 5 percentage point improvement amongst Labor voters, 16 amongst Greens, and 15 amongst voters in the "Other" category.

In the end it makes little difference to preferred prime minister. 12 months ago our panel favoured Bill Shorten over Malcolm Turnbull 45% to 43%. Today he shades Morrison by 48% to 47%.

The difference between Turnbull and Morrison is that all sides of his own party, and most of the conservative independents, are prepared to accept him. That is important in electoral terms as it should mean that human and financial resources will be easier to marshal. Under Turnbull resources had dried-up, a major reason for his ouster.

Morrison is also viewed differently. Turnbull was seen as urbane, but vacillating and weak, and an opportunist who had chosen the wrong party. Morrison may rush to judgment a little prematurely, but at least he makes decisions. He's an opportunist who had the good judgment to be in the right party. He's a marketer who can find the right phrase and who hones in on Labor's weakness. And somewhat paradoxically he's a Christian, and that makes him trustworthy in some eyes, as well as all the above.

Shorten's position has improved over the year. People still don't trust him, but they respect him – that's a similar view to what they had of John Howard as PM. And like John Howard people have known him long enough to become blind to the things they don't like.

Greens and the ALP left would prefer someone else, but this close to the election, they have reconciled. He's developed policy, and argued it for three years, and he's unified the Labor team. He might not be sincere, but he's dogged and organised.

But elections are decided on issues as much as leaders. And here Labor seems to have lost its momentum. 12 months ago Labor's Robin Hood pitch was front and centre on voters' minds. Now some electors have realised they are the "rich" but they have only modest incomes. Climate change is still working in its favour, but it is not a factor which converts voters.

On the Liberal National side, debt and deficits have receded as issues.

All this reflects the national conversation. It's summer so there are floods, droughts and bushfires, which leads to climate change. Kerry Phelp's Medivac amendments draw attention to immigration, which links to illegal immigrants,

infrastructure, and urban congestion. Electricity costs, blackouts and the remarkable expansion of intermittent generation direct the conversation to “electricity” which also invokes concerns about the cost of living, and the de-industrialisation of Australia.

Tim Wilson’s parliamentary inquiry into Labor’s proposal to abolish franking credits for low income earners has also started conversations about retirement policy, drawing attention to Labor tax policies that hurt older Australians.

The Coalition is in front on most of those issues

What does the data suggest the parties should do between now and the election?

Labor needs to get back on to its Fair Go agenda and Coalition cuts to health and education. It has the youth vote, largely on grounds of identity politics and climate change, so it doesn’t need to belabour them and lose voters to the right.

It needs some projects which allow it to reach out to older Australians. The Financial Services Royal Commission, and now the Aged Care Royal Commission provide opportunities.

It also needs to undermine Scott Morrison’s reputation of being honest, and competent, and it needs to keep harping on about the “chaos” that is the Coalition. Even amongst Coalition voters there is a feeling it might do their side some good to be in opposition.

The Coalition needs to keep the conversation where it is. Even when Labor has a win, such as on Medivac, it has a loss, because it reminds people of the chaos under Labor on immigration. The Labor retirement taxes on houses and shares are making people nervous about the future.

They need to engage more fully on renewable energy, and its costs, and they could address the level of immigration. They can accentuate negative perceptions of Shorten, drawing attention to his record as a union leader and his role in ALP coups.

They also need to reach out to a younger cohort. Perhaps painting the operation of Labor’s tax on retirees as effectively a tax on inheritance would be one path. Housing affordability is an issue for the young, and many of them are planning to do it in JV with the Bank of Mum and Dad. Pity if the “bank” is running dry of funds.

Bill Shorten has been acting like the PM since just after the last election. While governments usually lose elections, in this case, the election is his to lose, precisely because of that. This will be the most fascinating election since the FightBack! Election of 1993, which had some similar dynamics.

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

	ALP		LP		Grns		Phon/AC		Other		Total	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Strongly agree	0%	0%	3%	7%	0%	0%	1%	4%	0%	0%	1%	3%
Agree	4%	4%	41%	44%	2%	0%	6%	15%	6%	5%	18%	20%
Neutral	11%	7%	16%	18%	5%	2%	12%	6%	17%	13%	13%	11%
Disagree	39%	29%	27%	21%	36%	25%	29%	35%	35%	28%	33%	26%
Strongly disagree	45%	57%	10%	9%	56%	72%	49%	38%	41%	52%	33%	39%
Unsure	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	4%	5%	43%	51%	2%	1%	8%	18%	6%	5%	19%	23%
Total disagree	84%	86%	37%	30%	93%	97%	78%	73%	76%	80%	66%	65%
Net agree	-80%	-81%	6%	21%	-91%	-96%	-70%	-54%	-70%	-74%	-48%	-42%

n=1294/1374

Thinking about your vote in the House of Representatives, which group, Labor or Coalition, would you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government?

	ALP		LP		Grns		PHON/ACP		Other		Total	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
ALP	99%	100%	1%	0%	100%	98%	2%	6%	55%	67%	53%	52%
Coalition	1%	0%	99%	###	0%	2%	98%	94%	45%	33%	47%	48%
Total	100%	100%	100%	###	100%	####	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=1133/1247

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

House of Representatives vote					
Senate vote	ALP	LP	Grns	PHON/AC	Minor
AC	0%	13%	0%	61%	4%
ACP	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AD	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AJP	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
ALP	78%	1%	5%	1%	9%
CA	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%
CD	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%
Country	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DHJP	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
DLP	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Grns	16%	0%	87%	1%	11%
Ind	3%	2%	3%	2%	28%
Inf	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%
JLN	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
KAP	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
LDP	0%	1%	0%	2%	5%
LP	0%	79%	0%	4%	3%
Molan	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
NP	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
PHON	0%	3%	0%	24%	2%
RP	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
SA	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
SA	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
SAP	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%
Science	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
U	1%	0%	1%	0%	10%
UAP	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=1336

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull/Scott Morrison, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	ALP		LP		Grns		PHON_AC		Other		Total	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Strongly approve	1%	0%	7%	33%	0%	0%	0%	14%	2%	4%	3%	14%
Approve	4%	0%	37%	47%	1%	0%	5%	39%	8%	10%	16%	22%
Neutral	7%	4%	19%	14%	4%	2%	13%	21%	20%	16%	13%	10%
Disapprove	30%	14%	28%	4%	28%	9%	23%	16%	24%	16%	28%	10%
Strongly disapprove	58%	80%	8%	1%	66%	88%	58%	8%	45%	52%	39%	43%
Undecided	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	5%	1%	44%	80%	1%	0%	5%	53%	10%	14%	19%	36%
Total disapprove	88%	94%	35%	5%	94%	97%	82%	24%	69%	67%	67%	53%
Net approve	-83%	-93%	9%	75%	-93%	-97%	-76%	29%	-59%	-53%	-48%	-18%

n=1291/1374

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

	ALP		LP		Grns		PHON_AC		Other		Total	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Strongly approve	12%	20%	1%	2%	1%	5%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	9%
Approve	52%	55%	1%	1%	25%	36%	2%	2%	8%	16%	23%	26%
Neutral	25%	20%	6%	7%	39%	42%	4%	6%	23%	27%	18%	17%
Disapprove	9%	4%	21%	19%	28%	14%	12%	9%	25%	21%	17%	12%
Strongly disapprove	1%	1%	71%	71%	6%	3%	78%	81%	41%	31%	36%	36%
Undecided	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	63%	75%	2%	3%	26%	41%	5%	4%	10%	19%	29%	35%
Total disapprove	11%	5%	92%	90%	33%	17%	90%	89%	66%	51%	53%	48%
Net approve	53%	70%	-89%	-87%	-8%	24%	-85%	-85%	-56%	-32%	-24%	-13%

n=1291/1368

Who is your preferred Prime Minister?

	ALP		LP		Grns		PHON_ACP		Other		Total	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Shorten	90%	95%	0%	0%	78%	92%	3%	3%	27%	40%	45%	48%
Turnbull/Morrison	2%	1%	94%	98%	4%	2%	65%	88%	32%	29%	43%	47%
U	9%	3%	6%	1%	18%	6%	32%	8%	41%	30%	12%	5%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

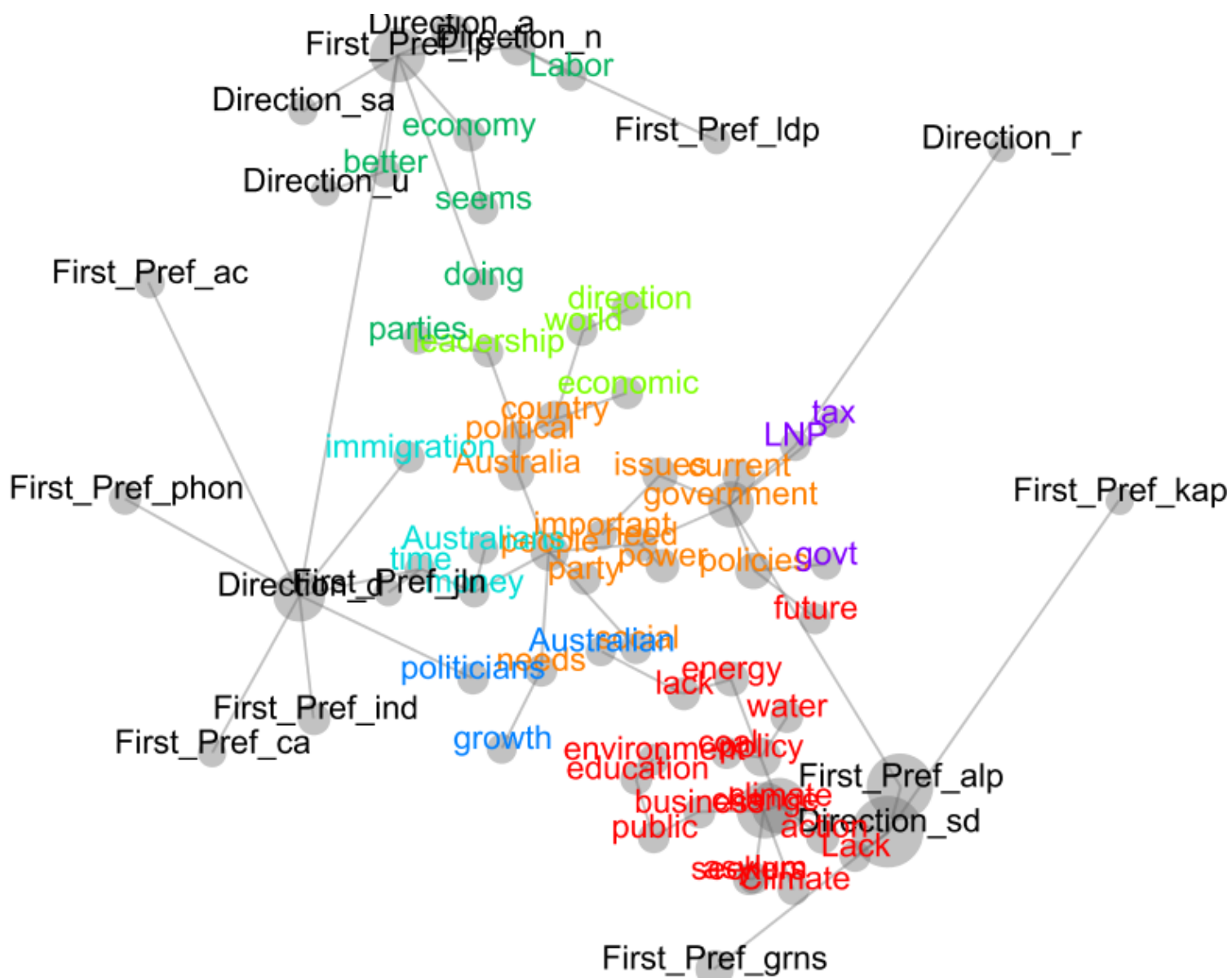
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Qualitative Analysis

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.

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



Verbatims

Lack of substantive action and viable policy on critical issues including (but not limited to) climate change covering e.g., fossil-fuel-free power generation, inland water quality protection, agricultural & food security, adaptive transport infrastructure, inland & marine biodiversity conservation, & curtailing the growing pattern of consumerist greed & reckless resource exploitation among **Australians**; **Indigenous** reconciliation & recognition; more inclusive health care for all; nurture of an independent, forward-looking & courageous university sector.

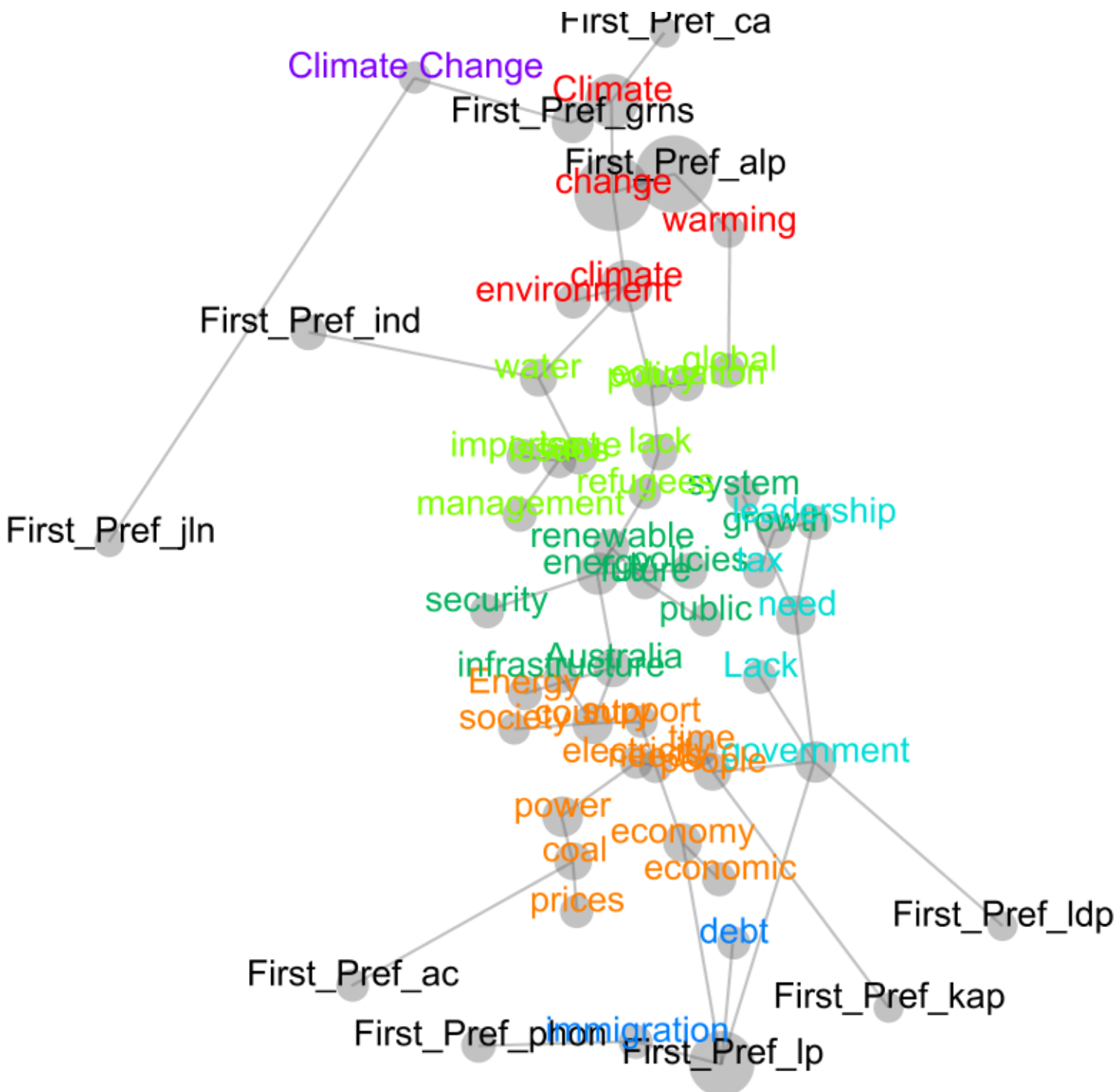
Hopeless Coalition government in **Canberra**. **Faux** policies do not address the following: energy/climate change nexus; geopolitical rise of **China** and gradual decline of US power in our region; unprepared for next global financial crisis; environmental degradation and water resources; failure to deal with housing bubble/crisis; budget repair based on tax bracket creep, not raising revenue; no vision for the future, just preoccupation with their bums .

Totally wrong policy on energy and infrastructure - we need more investment in reliable energy sources (coal, gas and yes nuclear), too much subsidisation of so-called renewables esp solar and wind, more investment needed in transport infrastructure in our cities (roads, rail, bus etc), water supply and electricity supply infrastructure needs upgrading in line with population growth. **Immigration** is out of control with many getting permanent residence via back door methods.

* **Neglect** of deteriorating economic position * **Failure** to make link between lack of competitive manufacturing and over-strong union movement. * **Excessive** emotion where hard-headed realism is required - climate issue, immigration/asylum, precipitate rush to renewables.

Unsustainable immigration (driving our population growth) is heavily contributing to wage stagnation, unaffordable housing, environmental degradation, lower higher education standards, overtaxed public services and transport infrastructure, and reducing the quality of life for existing residents. Yet the **ALP**\ **LNP**\ **GRN** do nothing about it, pandering to big business\property-developer\retail\real estate\migration lobby out of donation\sinecure greed or misplaced idealism.

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



Verbatims

*These are the things I'm very unhappy **about** : - - lack of investment in renewable energies - total disregard for the impact of climate change on industry and agriculture - what appears to be the wholesale sell off of key **Australian** assets to foreign investors - poor use of existing resources to support employment and growth in emerging industries, no capacity to understand how new economies will .be a major disruptor to the **Australian** economy - the complete disaster facing agriculture and the environment*

*following pathetic management of the **Murray-Darling** basin and drought-proofing the country - corrupt behaviour in the handing out of major grants to organisations with tender process - political attempts to segregate some **non-English** speaking communities and migrants by **Peter Dutton** - tired of the back of house **Liberal** right wing .*

***Australia** is undergoing significant economic disruption and restructure with ongoing loss of competitiveness by local companies, loss of local manufacturing, loss of brick and mortar retail sales to on-line shopping, static wages growth, massive tax avoidance by global companies - it appears that the government has lost control of the economy.*

***Race** baiting, lack of leadership, corruption, corporate taxation, energy policy, water policy, first nations acknowledgement, climate crisis, refugees, religion in politics and government*

*The failure of education over the past 50yrs resulting in schools, teachers and students not achieving the standards a public education system might offer. **Excuses** are made constantly and successive governments have meddled with what fundamentally should be the primary investment - the children are the future and allowing young people to be indoctrinated rather than educated will have repercussion for generations.*

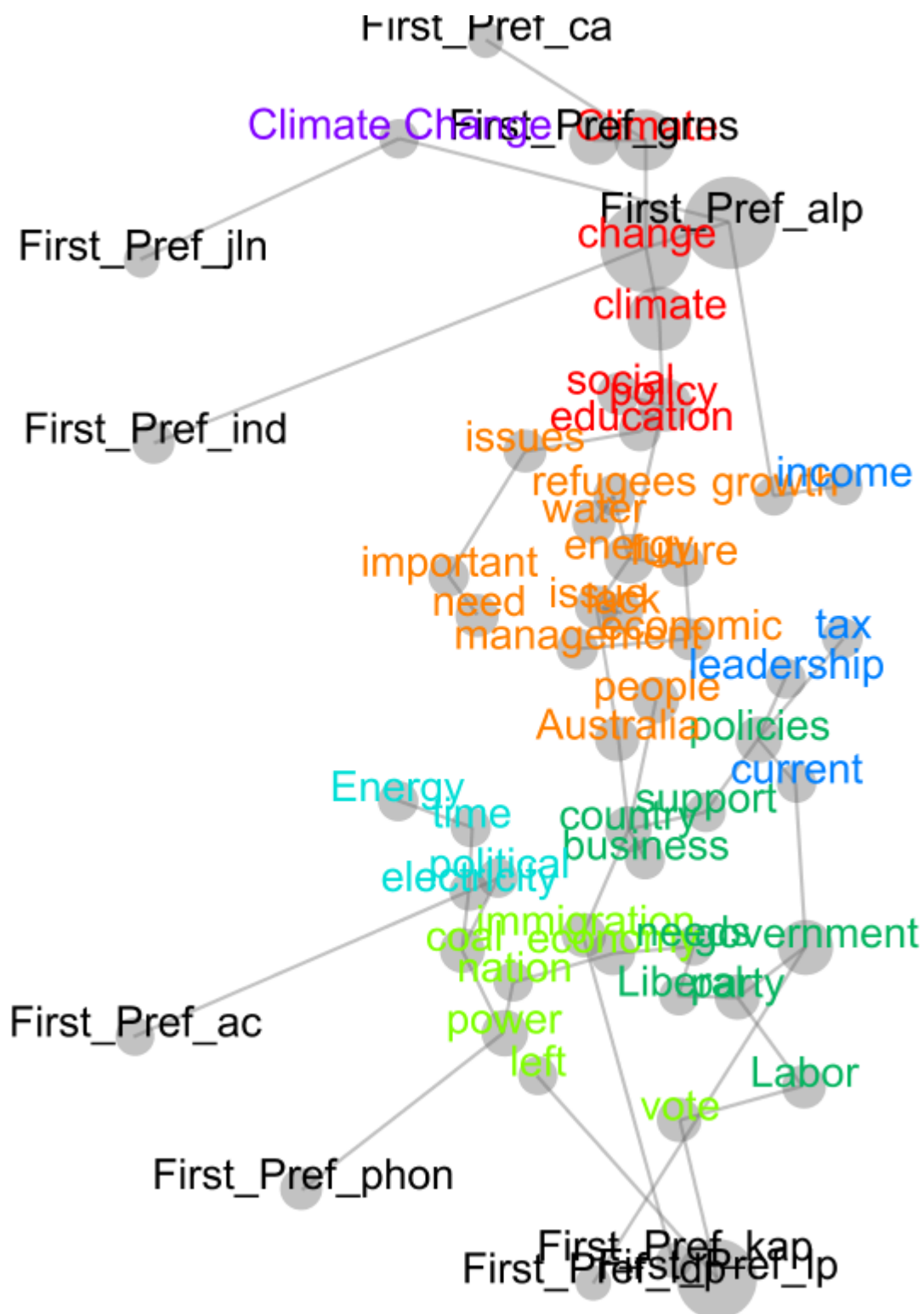
*A climate policy which will direct future energy development. **Re-structuring** the tax system to get rid of the middle class welfare*

*What occurs external to **Australia**. **Within Australia** we need a stable government with experience and expertise in managing an economy within the resources available, ie controlling the amount of debt and deficit.*

*The rise of identity politics and the hate that goes with it - lack of leadership. But real issues - power security and prices and **Labor** policies re tax.*

***Everyone** should have freedom of speech and should have a say in who comes to our country. We should be able to express an opinion on topics like renewable energy, **Climate** and immigration without being attacked by left wing activists.*

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



Verbatims

Inaction on climate change; refugees on **Nauru** and **Manus**; further down the road of extreme neoliberalism. **Climate** change, transition to renewable energy, no new coal mines, stop extracting gas, change our economy from being fossil fuel dependent, social justice.

*re climate change and energy policy, the coalition government is wallowing in the shallows without any clear direction while many citizens and businesses are seeking solutions independently. re human rights and international law, the refugees on **Manos** and **Nauru** have to wait until the independents put their motions to the parliament while the government and opposition sit fearfully.*

***Race** baiting, lack of leadership, corruption, corporate taxation, energy policy, water policy, first nations acknowledgement, climate crisis, refugees, religion in politics and government*

***Number 1** is affordable and reliable electricity supply and distribution network that is NOT dependant on public subsidy or tricky deals; get **Australia** out of **Kyoto** and the other **UN** fostered energy policy disasters **Number 2** is keeping our borders safe and secure so that we know who is entering our countr and under what terms. Do not sign the **UN** treaty on refugees.*

***Anyone** who can offer (and practically implement) an energy policy which deals with reality, not theory. Which reasonably understands the policy's ramifications on the economic future of the country and addresses the needs of the majority and not the activists.*

*If the **Liberal/National** party stated that they were going to build more coal fired power stations and were considering nuclear then they would definitely get my vote. **Labor** wants to use water to supply energy.*

***Climate** change. There still seem to be **Liberals** who want to cast doubt on this to serve the short term interests of their mining donors but most people are now living with the immediate consequences of climate change and this government has no effective policies on energy or climate change.*

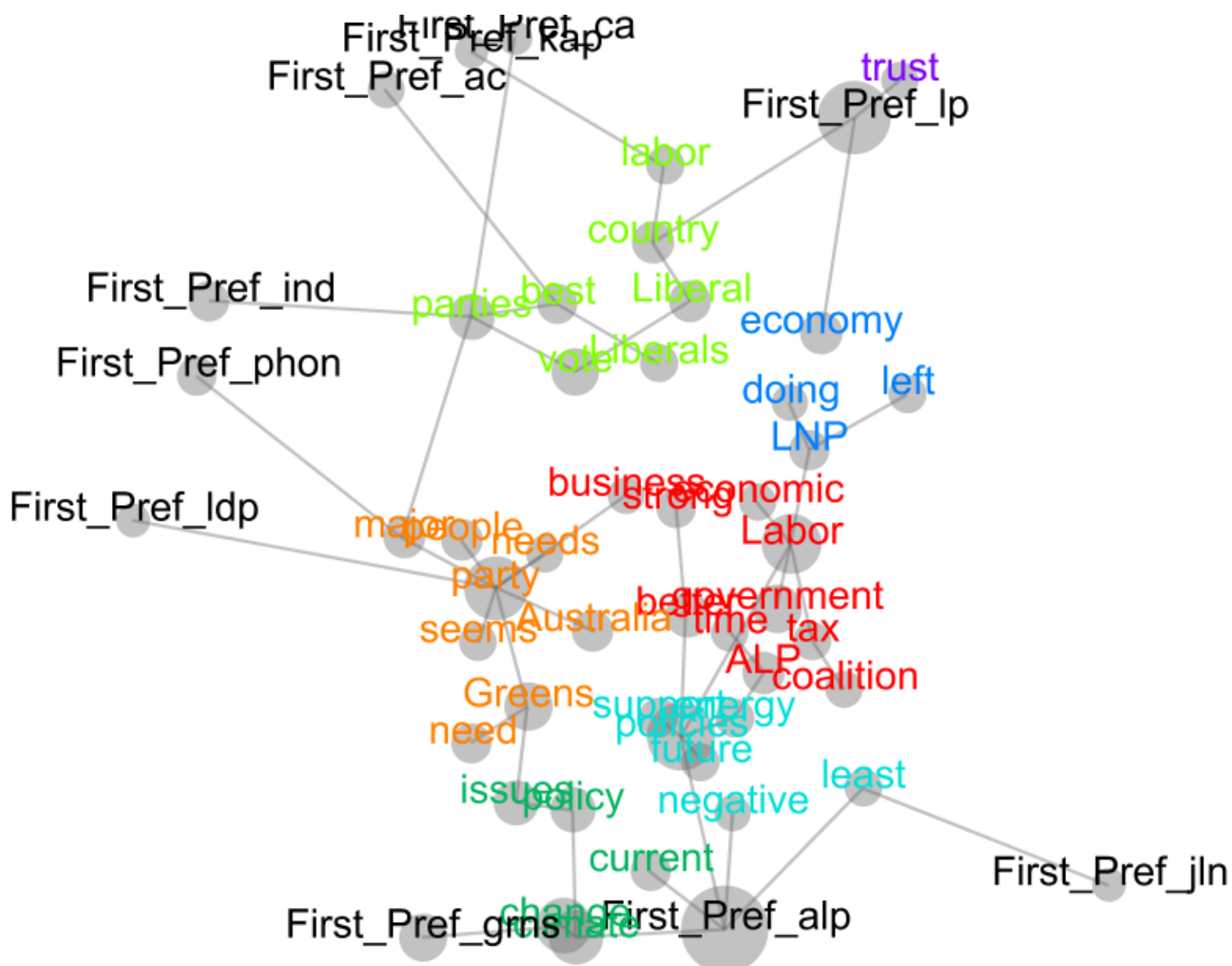
*The sublime stupidity of the current opposition whose main aim is to satisfy the extreme left and the **Unions** in their desire to cut down any one who has managed their circumstances intelligently and has a nest egg and to destroy successful businesses instead of controlling and encouraging so they can grow and employ more folk. The current opposition does not accept their most recent attempt at government has screwed the great position **Australia** was in, set up by several really good governments of both left and right inclination.*

***Australia** as a whole is too focused on past social injustices and economic mistakes, instead of addressing rising issues domestically and globally. **National** debt, international relations, and changing job markets seem to take a back seat to '**Invasion**' Day, blaming, and a pitiful sense of helplessness*

***Climate** change! We need to establish an effective climate change policy, which, once enacted will give the certainty required to stabilise our ailing electricity system.*

***ALP's** policies on negative gearing, capital gains tax and imputation credits, immigration targets, soft cock policy of refugees, windback of workplace freedoms - generally increased regulation and centralised administration.*

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



Verbatims

Labor, as opposed to the coalition has policies, such as taxing the over-rich to fund such things as the development of renewable energy which in itself will stimulate the economy far more effectively than tax cuts, saving the waterways, health and education. Its faults include the fact that they are still proposing to support an unequal system of education and are not completely committed to a compassionate policy towards refugees.

I cannot vote for the **LNP** as their policies support environmental vandalism, equally I cannot vote for **Labor** which is the lap dog of the union's and I cannot vote for the **Greens** as they no longer represent what they originally stood for and have become **Labour's** extreme left

Regrettably, we still have a 2-party political system in which independents & minority party members are either hostage to impossible compromises or willing to be "bought". The **Coalition** has failed on all of the issues that I have identified and, while the **ALP** is intent on being seen in a so-called "middle" position that includes a lot of waffle and muddled thinking, it has moved somewhat more away from the inertia of the **Coalition** and, unlike the **Coalition**, the **ALP** does provide some hope for the future of **Australia**.

Even though I have series concerns about the **NSW Greens** internal politics I belief that votes for the **Greens** may influence **Labor** to support better climate change policy.

The **LNP** as a party is more than partly responsible for the above issues, but its voter base seems aware and actively trying to steer the party back to sensible policy. So I think it has the most chance of getting **Australia** back on track, if not without a lot of internal restructuring.

The **Greens** are less beholden to business interests than the major parties and so are able to develop policy rationally, based on what is best for the majority of the **Australian** people. I also agree with their ideological stance and priorities, especially around health & education policy, taxation and the environment.

As a potential retiree the **Libs/Nats** offer a better future and they are stronger on illegal immigrants, but still slack on energy policy and welfare fraud. **Sad** but true that they are almost as left wing as the **ALP** but not quite.

The **ALP** listens to the needs of the people. It does not run away from climate change, and is interested in doing something about mental health, aged care, education, low housing options, families and unemployed.

The current government is unstable and bereft of ideas. It has lurched too far to the right, seems pre-occupied with peripheral issues and seems unable to provide the leadership on major issues that we need

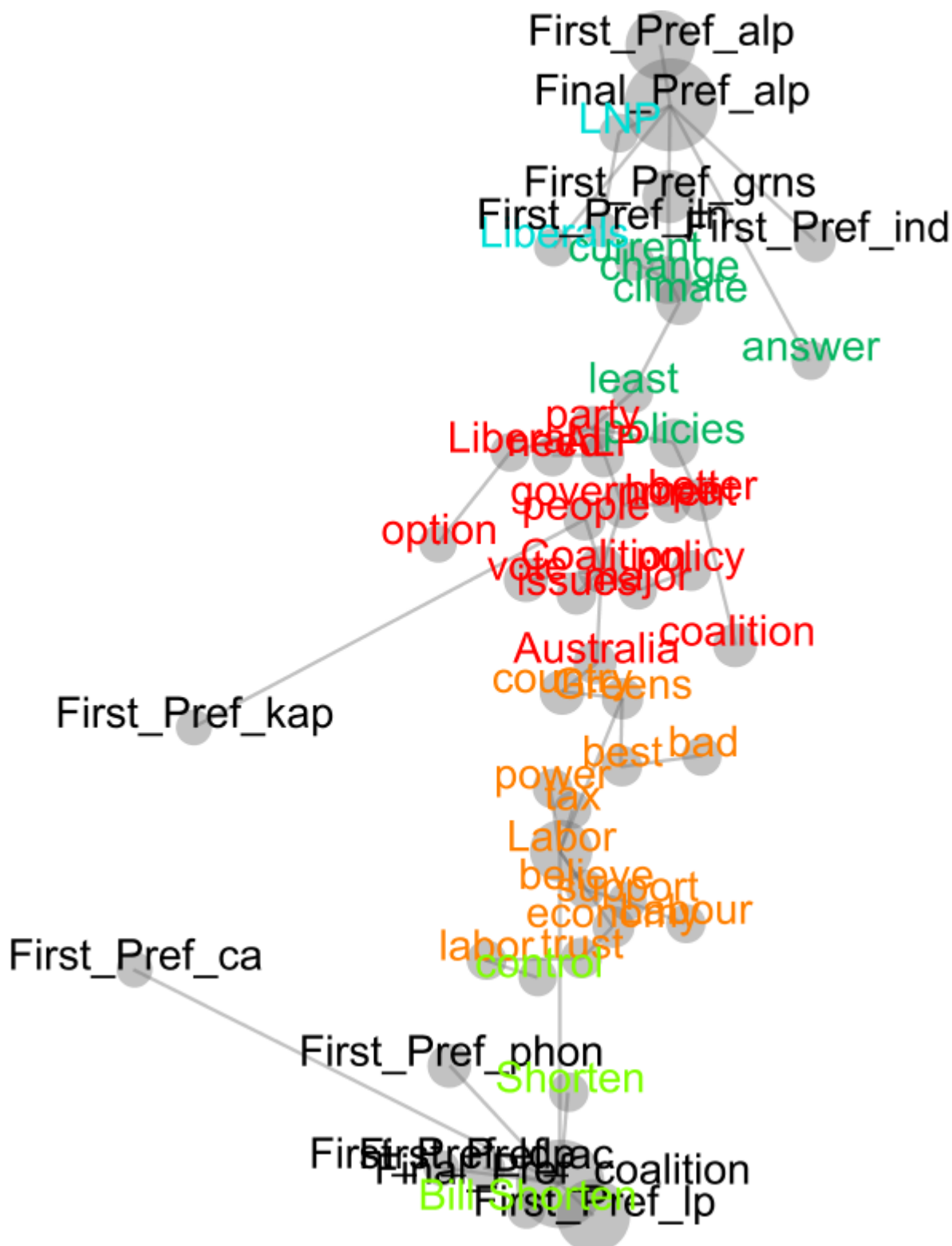
I am not a huge fan of either the **Labor** or **Liberal** parties at the moment and until we break the two party system and an alternative party emerges that is capable, I have to choose between the two in all honesty. **Labor** is lesser of two evils at the moment and from a State perspective labor has been kicking serious goals.

would not vote for **Labor** with it's taxation policy based on envy would not vote for a 'vanity party' anything with a persons name would not vote for any colour party as they would economically ruin the country

As Kelly O'Dwyer said recently, the **Libs** are perceived to be a party misogynists, homophobes & **Climate Change** deniers. - **Australia** needs to focus on the future for young people & recognise that the 1950s have long since past!

*We need true investment that can be funded from not giving tax cuts to the super rich and by properly policing taxes on large corporations that wish to do business in **Australia**. We need to follow the **Irish** example on taxing large companies like **Apple** and we need to invest the income on all the usual items that can grow our country and protect the most needy in our society.*

Thinking about your vote in the House of Representatives, which group, Labor or Coalition, would you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government?



Verbatims

although the **ALP** is well behind the rest of the globe in terms of effective climate change management, they are slightly less disastrous in general terms - at least things could slowly change for the better under

their government if the **Greens** continue to have any influence on policies as they did with the **Gillard** government..

The **Coalition** understand that you need business confidence and private capital to make the economy prosper. **Labor** and the **Greens** just want to increase taxes and spend other people's money in their pet projects and socialist policies.

See previous plus wannabe **Shortman** never had a job running or owning a business that had to show a profit and he wants to run the country labour is a high tax, high borrow government happy to run the country into debt. The enjoy support because the dyed in the wool working class believe means looking after them.

I believe that the coalition is best suited to repair our economy and they are more likely to resist the trending destruction of morals than is the **Labor** party.

The **ALP** are the only party that has any coherent policies that will steer **Australia** away from the hell hole that the **LNP** is driving this country into.

At the moment with **Labor** trailing on the coat-tails of the **UN** and the **EU** and doing their bidding regarding climate change and migration I have no alternative but to vote for the **Coalition**.

The only **Party** worthwhile considering. **Shorten** is a crook and will lead this country to even greater disaster than it is facing under the fake **Scientific** policies of anthropological climate change.

The **Coalition** need to be sent to the wilderness to purge the hard right, the pigs with their snouts in the trough, the talent-less suits that inhabit the **LNP** and for **Australia** to reject their mealy-mouthed racist brand of politics.

Labor under **Shorten** is a far better alternative than the **Coalition** ...particularly like their intentions to crack down on corporate tax avoidance and to close loopholes being exploited by the wealthy.

Change is required, and hopefully a resetting through a minority government. Neither major party is especially attractive but with flat wages growth, and a stripping of social supports and safety nets the **Coalition** it too much on the nose.

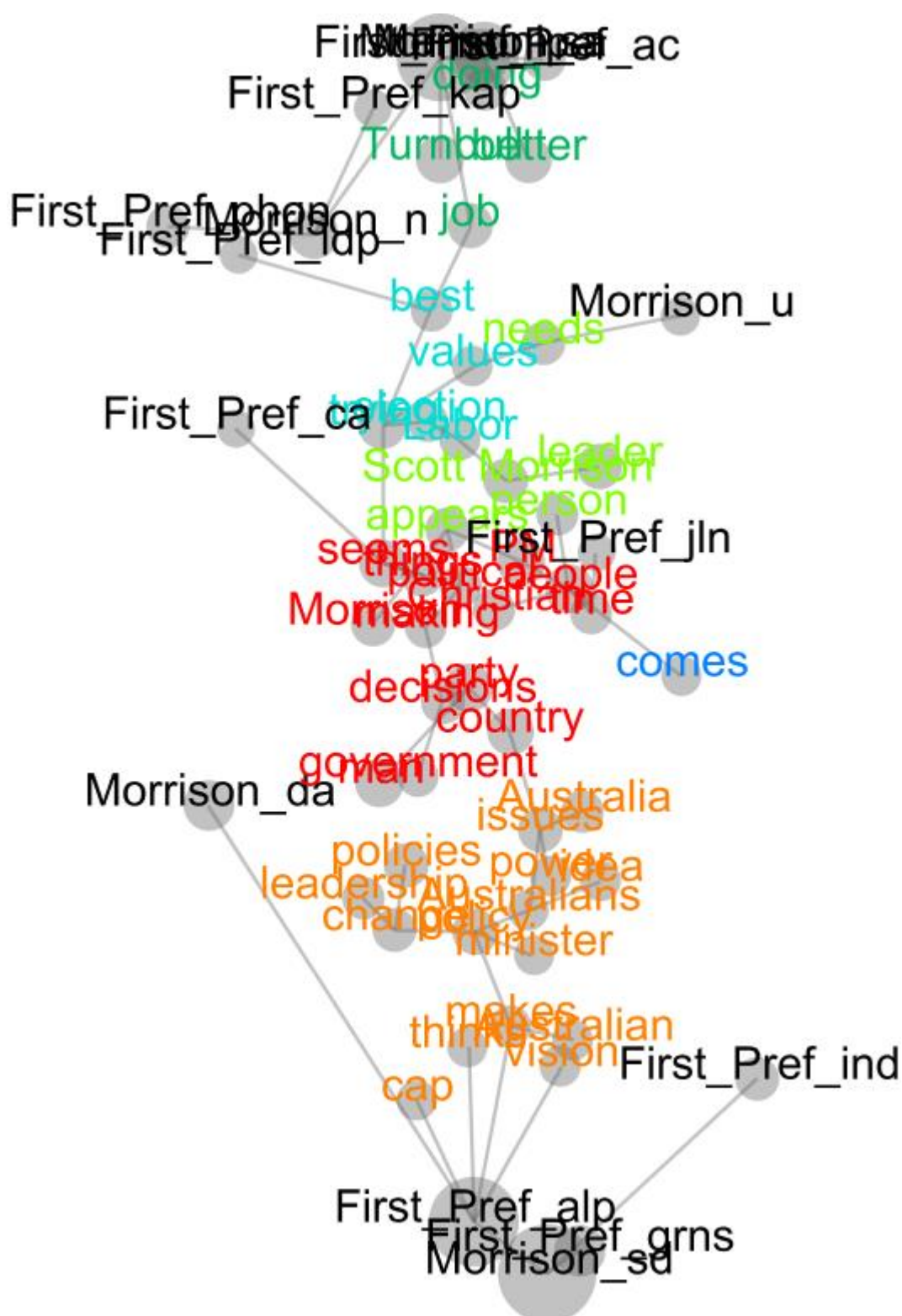
They have always invested more into biodiversity protection and **Aboriginal** ranger programs than the coalition and are more likely to deal effectively with the degradation of our rivers and water resources, especially in the **Murray Darling Basin**. Their energy policies and climate policies are also much better.

Labor will severely damage the economy and the country (as always). **Independents** are chaotic time wasters who have no idea about good governance or delivering outcomes to the people of **Australia**.

I think the election of a **Labor** government federally at this time will represent an opportunity for renewal within the tired, fractured and dysfunctional governing coalition. I'm not overjoyed by the prospect of **Labor** in power, but these things are cyclical and only partisans think **Australian** politics are things to die in ditches over.

The **Coalition** seems to be in disarray, the **Labor** party has formulated some policies that will help get **Australia** onto a better track.

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



Verbatims

*He has an insufferably offensive born-to-rule attitude; has not achieved a **SINGLE** thing and his outrageous profligate waste of taxpayer funds on nonsensical issues (**Captain Cook** statue is just one example) at a time when so many people are suffering from real hardship, loss of permanent jobs etc, proves that **Morrison** (and his insular, self-serving cabinet) are completely **DISCONNECTED** from the wishes and needs of ordinary **Australians**.*

*Despite his **Christian** commitment he appears to have few principles and moves with what ever way the wind is blowing making hasty and ill-advised decisions further undermining the credibility of the government and any belief that it can reform the **Australian** economy. There remains deep divisions with the coalition which work against any cohesive poli agenda for change.*

*I can only go by his commitment to the **Lord**, the country and the people - through **TV** interviews and news reports - which I know are not always reliable. The average citizen can't ever get to know a **Prime Minister** - although we knew **Kevin Rudd's** family and that was enough to judge how he would be as **PM** - **Scott Morrison** appears to have a decency about him that is apparent in his decisions and actions.*

***Scott Morrison** seems yet another symptom of internal **Liberal** turmoil, but he seems to be trying to change the party. It will take more than one man though, and it remains to be seen whether he will sacrifice political power to do what is right.*

***Apart** from my primary concern regarding a serious commitment to climate change which our coal waving **PM** clearly showed he did not have such a commitment - he and his government's resistance to having a **Banking Royal Commission** plus their never-ending attack on unions, the continuing casualization of work plus zero growth in wages are just some of the issues that give me no confidence that our current **PM** has any vision for. taking our country forward for the benefit of all citizens.*

***Scott Morrison** has had a hard road to travel but it has not stopped him making decisions for the benefit of the country. If he had greater stability in his party then **Labor** would not have a chance in the next election.*

*He needs to get more aggressive with **Bill Shorten** & stop trying to be a clever marketer & show that he has strong moral values, strong **Christian** values, that he has strong leadership & is able to take the fight up to these left wing radicals & expose their dishonest policies & behaviour*

***Scott Morrison** has not been in the job long enough to make a judgement. Every interview or policy release that he makes initially he is one message for 2 minutes, thereafter he all he can talk about what will happen if we vote for the **Labor** party.*

***SM** has conducted himself with dignity during a turbulent time in both the coalition and politics generally. He has not risen to the taunts from the opposition and his own party but shown a level of emotional intelligence & political sensibility that is helping to unify the coalition more effectively than previous leaders were able to do because they let their egos get in the way of good decision making.*

***Morrison** is are at misguided, and at the worst corrupt. The decisions he makes (or don't make) are not in the best interests of **Australia** and they are showing no leadership.*

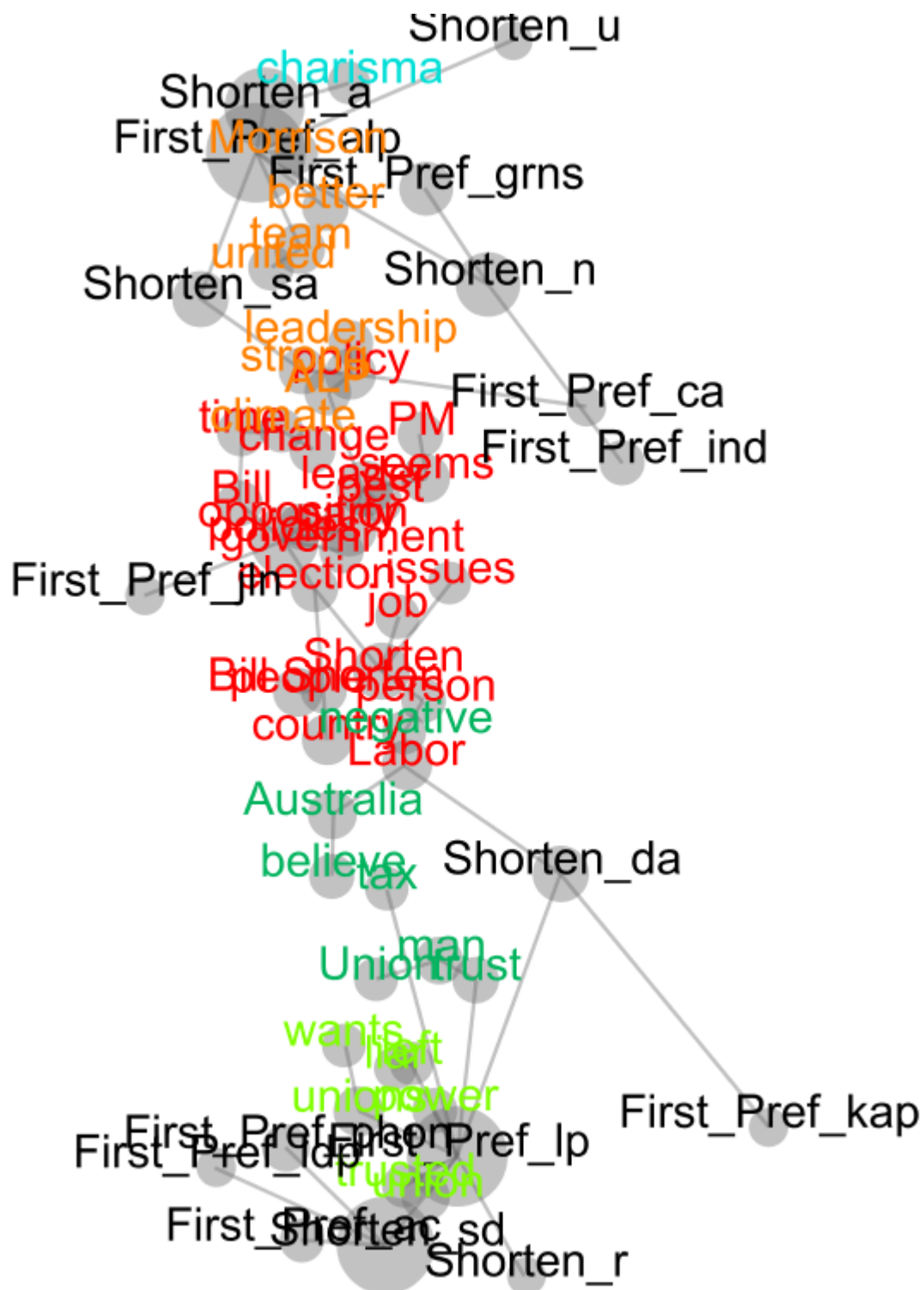
*He seems a shallow man with poor understanding of the **Australian** community and liable to make decisions based on purely his own political agenda .*

*He continues the non progressive ideological **IPA** policies and mentality of the **LNP**. He jokes and is trying to show a side for the election which he is not and will not be there if elected after the election - he is in the thrall of the far right **Waco's** in the party*

*'culture wars' statements to appeal to the **Coalition** base, and a scare campaign (on **Labor's** tax policy) aimed at the broader electorate. He only seems to care about winning the next election, not about putting in place policies which will benefit the country in the longer term.*

*Does not present well nor come across as very bright He's a failed advertising man & talks & behaves in that fashion He talks fast, often aggressively & rudely so that he cannot be questioned & what makes it worse is that the damn media let him get away with it Those damn baseball caps make me want to rip them off and throw them in the bin His pathetic attempts to emulate **Trump** are just that pathetic,. and so so wrong for our country.*

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



Verbatims

Shorten has shown purpose and discipline as opposition leader, and seems to have a united team behind him. Also the **ALP** seems not afraid to announce policies ahead of the election, such as tax and negative gearing, so there is time to look into the detail

Shorten has brought the **Labor** party together and exerted excellent discipline but who would trust a man who twice stabbed party leaders in the back? If he can continue to provide creditable policies and refrain from stupid comment he should be the next **Prime Minister**.

I beleive he is a cheat, a liar, and a person of low intrigity, I beleive ther are better leaders than **Shorten**, and whilst he is leader I will not ever change my vote against the **Labor** party

Not a perfect politician by any means but he has led a united team for 6 years, has developed a range of clear policy positions, and finally, promises the country a climate change policy that doesn't rely upon scientific flat **Earth** theory as its justification

I am not a huge fan of **Shorten** but he is the head of a team that includes some highly competent people, unlike **Morrision**, whose team is mainly incompetents who are increasingly walking away in any case. I think **Shorten** as **PM** will probably take his role very seriously and seek advice rather than rush off with wild statements as **Morrison** does and as **Abbott** did.

He is untrustworthy, proved himself a liar at last election campaign, is beholden to union power, has no obvious respect for hard working people who work hard and make sacrifices to save for their old age and is prepared to plunder their savings and tax everyone to fund his welfare extravagances

He holds the team together, brings out the best ideas from the party, including the rank and file. The 100 positive policies from the last election still stand with minor improvements, these have been on the table for 3 years and no one has given any credible alternatives.

His agenda is now a polar opposite to comments made in earlier leadership and public positions around business tax and international competitiveness so I think his policies are purely to win the election. He wants to take more tax which I think will be wasted.

I think he and the party have spent time developing very strong and clear policies. **Despite** the relentless media attacks on **Shorten** - their relentlessly negativity as they try to put him off to voters, he is putting forward very good policies that will resonate with voters.

I chose approve as I do approve of his dogged persistence hard work & determination since becoming leader to keep the party together & present **ALP** policies to the voters **Overall** he doesn't inspire me but the alternative of **LNP** regardless of who is leaser is just too dire to contemplate

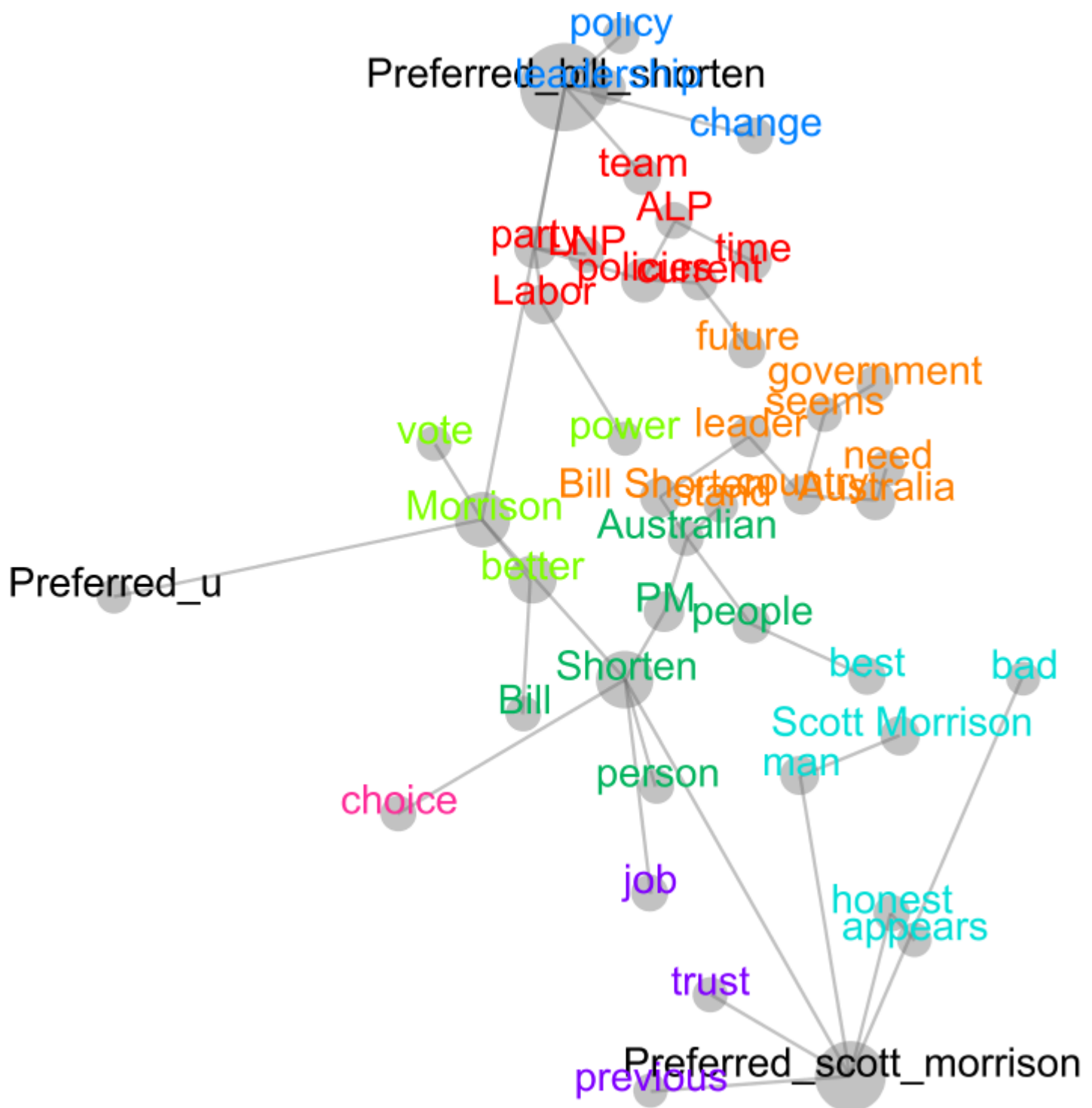
He appears to have been releasing policies for some time, I like the idea of his town hall meetings although I've not been to one and there is an acceptance of climate change/global warming and a willingness to tackle it. I do not like **ALPcontinued** funding of private schools nor support for that idiotic school chaplaincy scheme.

If there is one aspect of **Bill Shorten** that revolts me, it is that he seems to be a pathological liar. Anything that **Shorten** says is instantly suspect since his every move is playing politics, not government.

He is controled by the **Unions** get money from the unions . i dont agree with his economic policies and the changes planned for dividend imputations will hurt me as a retiree and i am locked in and it wont harm people who invest through industry (union) funds

I used to be a true believer that union strength against oppressive business leaders was a good thing. He has changed my mind forever on that subject, I do not believe in climate change, I do not believe in gender fluidity, I do not believe in anything that the **Labor** party now holds near and dear.

Who is your preferred Prime Minister?



Verbatims

Bill Shorten is an honest man, with major concerns for the future of the country and the community, and he is not afraid to take on entrenched interests of influence and business. **Scott Morrison** and the coalition **Liberal** and **National Parties** are beholden to business, and do their bidding to the detriment of the long term future of **Australia** and the community.

*I thoroughly dislike & distrust **Mr Morrison**, do not like his/**LNP** divisive policies and loathe their lack of vision for the future. There has to be someone to lead **Australia** back into the 21st century instead of these continuous ridiculous attempts to drag us all back to some non-existent time when everything was rosy. It's very simple really, almost anyone would be preferable to anyone from **LNP**.*

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*The proverbial drover's dog would be better than **Morrison** but **Shorten** actually has real policies to benefit the whole country while **Morrison** only has abuse and fear-mongering. He hasn't even the loyalty of his own party members which **Shorten** has.*

***Labor** was a rolling disaster from 2007 till 2013; the only thing that saved **Australia** from significant long term damage was the systems and culture in place before then. The current **PM** is far more capable of handling and promoting the **Australian** economy than labor green socialists.*

***Shorten** is going to turn us into union members or tax us at a higher rate, while **Morrison** is doing a fair job under difficult circumstances. If, by some miracle, the **Coalition** gets back at the next election with a workable majority and half sensible **Senate**, **Morrison** would run the better show.*

*Morrison relates to the average person a LOT better than previous **PM's** - **Bob Hawk** was the last **PM** that related to the people.*

*Not a day goes by when the **Australian** public are not confronted by yet ANOTHER scandal, ANOTHER woman resigning from their misogynistic cabinet of white, anglo-saxon alpha males! The **LNP** sicken me and there is not a single person I know - even friends who used to vote for the **LNP** - who can stand the sight of them any more!*

***Shorten** is a self-absorbed, evil man. He is part of the "new world order" crowd.*

***Scott Morrison** has a higher moral compass.*

***Shorten** is a cardboard cutout and a stooge of the militant unions and looney left.*

***Scott Morrison** is a moral man and has the potential to be an effective leader of the government, if he can curtail some of his "moderate" (**Orwellian** speak for left wing) parliamentary colleagues.*