

New South Wales State Election 2019

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Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on a sample which has been weighted for voting intention based on the results of the most recent Newspoll to the date of the questionnaire, 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, the Australian Conservatives, Shooters Fishers and Farmers votes as one and labelled them "Nationalist". This is so that we have a statistically significant sample, and because these parties in our sample attract similar voters, with significantly more having voted Liberal or Liberal National previously than have voted Labor.

The poll was conducted March 11 through to March 15, 2019 using those of our online panel of over 13,000 Australian voters with New South Wales postcodes.

Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel, and responses were weighted for voting intention. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer on a subset of responses which mirrored as close as possible relative concentrations of voters for each of the parties. Respondents were selected randomly from their various voting blocs.

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Executive Summary

I'm wondering what a girl named Gladys has to do to get elected these days. On every measure but one, Gladys Berejiklian, and her government, is superior to her opponent Michael Daley, according to a poll of participants in our qualitative focus group.

Respondents aren't wildly excited about Gladys, but then they aren't wildly excited about any politicians these days. 39% approves of the job she is doing, and 43% disapproves. Daley can only get to 33% approval with 42% disapproval.

They prefer Berejiklian to Daley by 49% to 42%, and 41% thinks her government deserves to be returned, versus only 30% who thinks the ALP deserve a win. Head to head, 47% wants the next government to be a Liberal and National Party one versus 40% for Labor.

So, she's going to win by a reasonable margin?

That's not what the two-party preferred vote says. Many pollsters calculate their two-party preferred results by allocating second and later preferences as they were cast last election. We think that is unsafe so we ask our respondents how they are going to distribute their preferences in the coming election.

When we do that we get a 52%/48% victory for Labor. How can that be?

It's a by-product of New South Wales' optional preferential system and the fracturing of the centre-right vote.

Out of the three minor party blocs, the Greens preferences go 80% Labor, 12% exhaust and are not distributed to either major party, and there is an 8% undecided vote.

For what we are calling the Nationalist bloc (a combination of mostly One Nation, Australian Conservatives and the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers) we have 45% going to the Coalition, 8% ALP, 37% exhausting and 11% undecided.

Others, who tend to be left-leaning independents, are going Labor 49%, Coalition 2%, exhausting 33% and undecided 16%.

Given the ALP has done a preference deal with the Shooters, this could be even more bleak for the Berejiklian crew.

The failure to allocate comes down to the right being grumpy with its own. That is why the vote has fractured. The historic compromise between the big C conservatives, and small L liberals, has broken down over issues like global warming, free speech, gay marriage, euthanasia and abortion.

There is also a touch of envy from voters in the regions who see the inhabitants of the Big Smoke enjoying a lifestyle alien to their own, and unattainable on their income.

Overall there is a sense that the state is doing well economically, and the main battleground between the government and the opposition is priorities for spending revenue, and whether it is being spent competently.

Berejiklian gets marks for moving to fix the state's infrastructure bottle-neck, which is invariably blamed on immigration and frequently blamed on 12 years of Labor inaction. As one respondent says "She does what she says. Hardworking. Genuine."

But there is a question mark over her execution, with road and rail bills blowing out, projects taking too long to finish, and construction work gumming-up existing infrastructure.

One piece of infrastructure has become talismanic – the promise to knock down and rebuild the ANZ and Allianz stadiums at a cost of \$2 billion.

This is infrastructure that does not contribute to anyone's quality of life, apart from those who go to events at these stadia, which will be only on occasion, no matter how regular they attend.

To those outside Sydney, it seems that money is being wasted on the privileged few, when you can identify needs in health and education in your local area that could do with just a fraction of it.

The decisions appear to be a reaction to pressure from Alan Jones. This feeds into the Liberals' perennial problem with looking like they favour the big-end of town, as well as a fair bit of left-wing animosity to Jones.

It was remarkable that a massive 15% of people unprompted nominated Michael Daley's promise that were he to win Alan Jones would be sacked from the SCG Trust as a big positive for him.

Climate change is an issue in this election, but only for those who have already made up their mind to vote Labor or Greens, which makes me wonder why the Liberals don't try to differentiate themselves more strongly from Labor on this point.

The cost of electricity, and the cost of living, are two issues in this election, and ones where the coalition generally has an edge. A warm-hearted but hard-nosed approach to climate change issues wouldn't have lost any votes – they've gone already – and might have gained a few first preferences from people who are struggling, and could have resulted in higher preference flows from the minor parties.

Both leaders carry institutional baggage from the past. The corruption of the last Labor regime is not far from the surface, combined with a perception it did nothing. For the Liberals there are widely disliked progressive power brokers like Michael Photios and Dominic Perrottet, and some of the decisions of the Baird government, like the greyhound racing ban and council amalgamations.

But ultimately voters appear to put their trust more in Berejiklian, the intense, school-marmish performer, who has "never gotten stoned at a music festival - was way too serious growing up," than they do in Daley, the avuncular, ruby-faced frontman for the party that doesn't follow through, and can't really be trusted.

Yet that may count for nothing. Politics has become gamified. Voters probably care more about who will get voted off Big Brother, than they do about those set to run the country for them. If Berejiklian were just a little bit warmer, more of an entertainer, things might be different.

As it is, she's going to need all her dour grit and determination election night, if nothing changes.

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

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Other	Nationalist	Total
Strongly Agree	1%	2%	48%	2%	18%	22%
Agree	4%	0%	41%	9%	32%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	10%	7%	18%	24%	13%
Disagree	35%	29%	2%	22%	18%	19%
Strongly disagree	43%	59%	2%	44%	8%	25%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	6%	2%	89%	11%	50%	43%
Total disagree	78%	88%	4%	67%	26%	44%
Net Agree	-72%	-86%	86%	-56%	24%	-1%

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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? Please note, New South Wales has optional preferential voting, so if you do not intend to preference either of the major blocs, please indicate that.

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
Australian Labor Party	96%	91%	2%	13%	73%	49%
Undecided	2%	9%	6%	17%	23%	6%
Liberal Nationals	2%	0%	92%	71%	3%	45%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=272

Dissection of preference allocations by voting bloc.

Row Labels	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Grand Total
Australian Labor Party	87%	80%	2%	8%	49%	57%
Undecided	2%	8%	6%	11%	16%	7%
Exhaust	9%	12%	2%	37%	33%	15%
Liberal Nationals	1%	0%	91%	45%	2%	22%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Thinking about your vote this election, which of the following parties would receive your first preference in the Legislative Council?

Row Labels	ALP	Grns	LNP	Other	Nationalist
Advance	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AJP	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Christian Democratic Party	2%	0%	6%	7%	16%
Conservatives	0%	0%	12%	2%	35%
Country Labor	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Independent	5%	13%	2%	27%	0%
Keep Sydney Open	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Labor	64%	8%	2%	17%	5%
Liberal	1%	0%	56%	0%	8%
Liberal Democrats	0%	0%	6%	5%	8%
PHON	1%	0%	4%	2%	22%
Shooters, Fishers and Farmers	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Socialist Alliance	2%	4%	0%	5%	0%
Sustainable Australia	2%	2%	0%	12%	0%
The Greens	15%	67%	0%	10%	0%
The Nationals	0%	0%	12%	2%	3%
Voluntary Euthanasia Party	2%	2%	0%	7%	3%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=309

Thinking about your opinion in general of the performance of Premier Gladys Berejiklian, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of it?

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly approve	1%	2%	43%	18%	0%	20%
Approve	4%	0%	38%	29%	13%	20%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%	8%	14%	32%	9%	17%
Disapprove	31%	37%	5%	8%	31%	19%
Strongly disapprove	44%	53%	0%	11%	44%	24%
Unsure	1%	0%	0%	3%	2%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	6%	2%	80%	47%	13%	39%
Total disagree	75%	90%	5%	18%	76%	43%
Net Agree	-69%	-88%	75%	29%	-62%	-4%

n=322

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

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly approve	28%	4%	0%	0%	4%	11%
Approve	43%	47%	0%	8%	33%	23%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%	29%	21%	16%	33%	23%
Disapprove	4%	12%	27%	18%	22%	16%
Strongly disapprove	0%	0%	50%	58%	4%	25%
Unsure	2%	8%	2%	0%	2%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	71%	51%	0%	8%	38%	33%
Total disapprove	4%	12%	77%	76%	27%	42%
Net Agree	66%	39%	-77%	-68%	11%	-9%

n=322

Who is your preferred premier?

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
Gladys Berejiklian	3%	0%	98%	79%	20%	49%
Michael Daley	86%	84%	0%	6%	43%	42%
Unsure	11%	16%	2%	15%	38%	9%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=303

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

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly agree	1%	0%	48%	18%	0%	21%
Agree	1%	0%	39%	37%	13%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	10%	10%	7%	21%	11%	10%
Disagree	23%	29%	2%	8%	13%	13%
Strongly Disagree	63%	61%	0%	11%	56%	32%
Unsure	1%	0%	2%	0%	4%	1%
Grand Total	99%	100%	98%	95%	98%	98%
Total agree	2%	0%	88%	55%	13%	41%
Total disagree	86%	90%	2%	18%	69%	46%
Net Agree	-84%	-90%	86%	37%	-56%	-4%

n=317

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

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly agree	22%	4%	5%	3%	2%	11%
Agree	38%	31%	2%	5%	22%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	37%	9%	18%	27%	19%
Disagree	8%	22%	29%	8%	27%	19%
Strongly Disagree	2%	6%	54%	66%	20%	30%
Unsure	4%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Grand Total	99%	100%	98%	100%	100%	99%
Total agree	60%	35%	7%	8%	24%	30%
Total disagree	10%	29%	82%	74%	47%	48%
Net Agree	49%	6%	-75%	-66%	-22%	-19%

n=320

Irrespective of how you intend to vote who would you expect to win this New South Wales election?

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	43%	46%	4%	3%	31%	23%
Liberal Nationals	7%	8%	70%	49%	13%	36%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	31%	35%	21%	35%	44%	29%
Unsure	19%	10%	5%	14%	11%	12%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=320

Irrespective of how you intend to vote who would you like to win this New South Wales election?

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	87%	61%	0%	5%	40%	40%
Liberal Nationals	1%	0%	98%	74%	9%	47%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	10%	35%	0%	16%	38%	10%
Unsure	1%	4%	2%	5%	13%	3%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

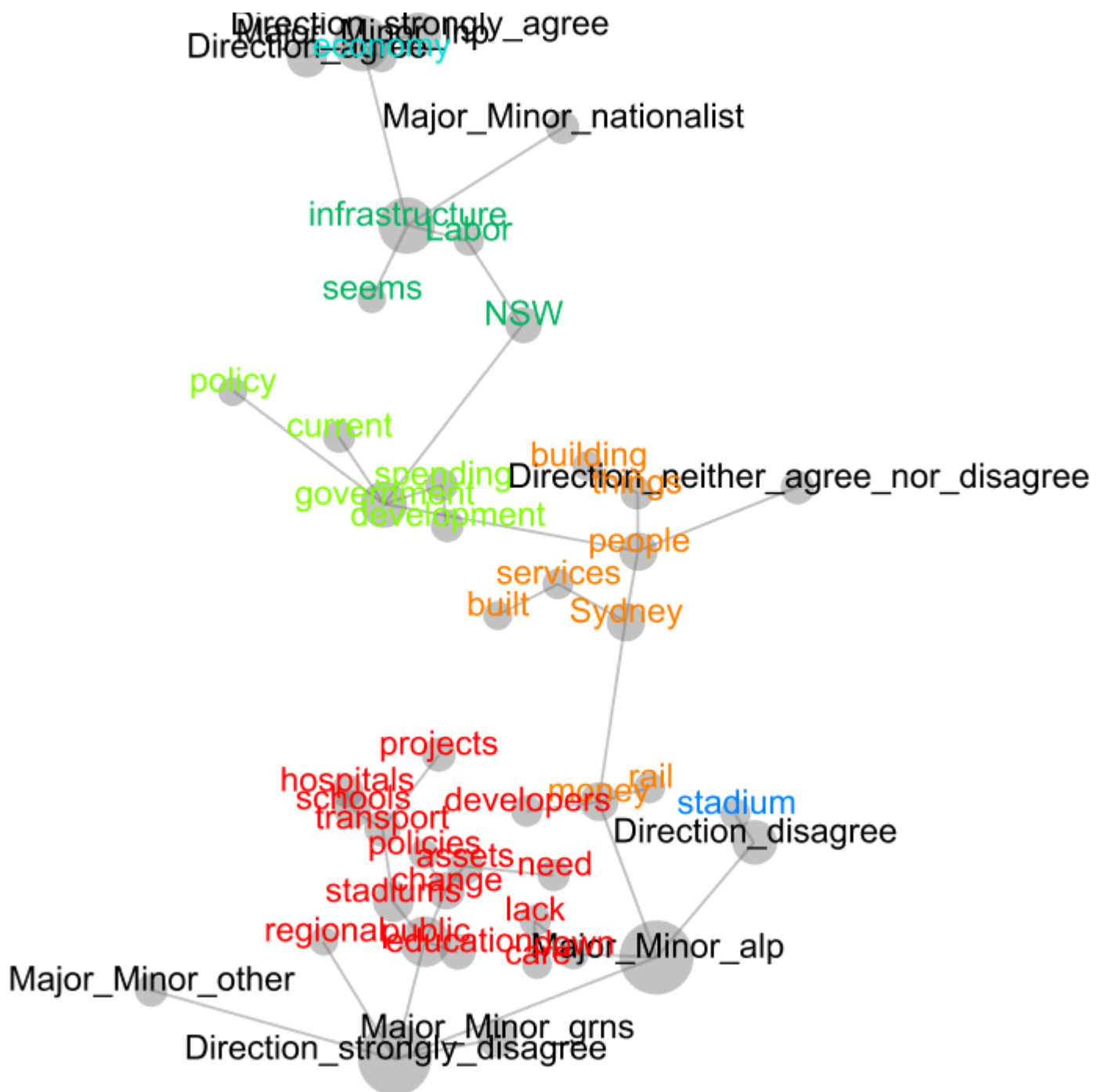
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Qualitative Analysis

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 New South Wales how strongly would you agree or disagree that the state is heading in the right direction?



Verbatims

Totally Sydney-centric; too many infrastructure projects started without transparent vetting policies, and none completed on time; arrogant politicians pursuing their own 'visions' eg knocking down stadiums rather than what the electorate (particularly regional and rural voters) want eg public transport, schools and hospitals; car-centric transport policies; gutting of **TAFE** and other non-university educational institutions; lack .of investment in affordable housing; absence of any climate change policies - particularly around the **Murray-Darling** basin.

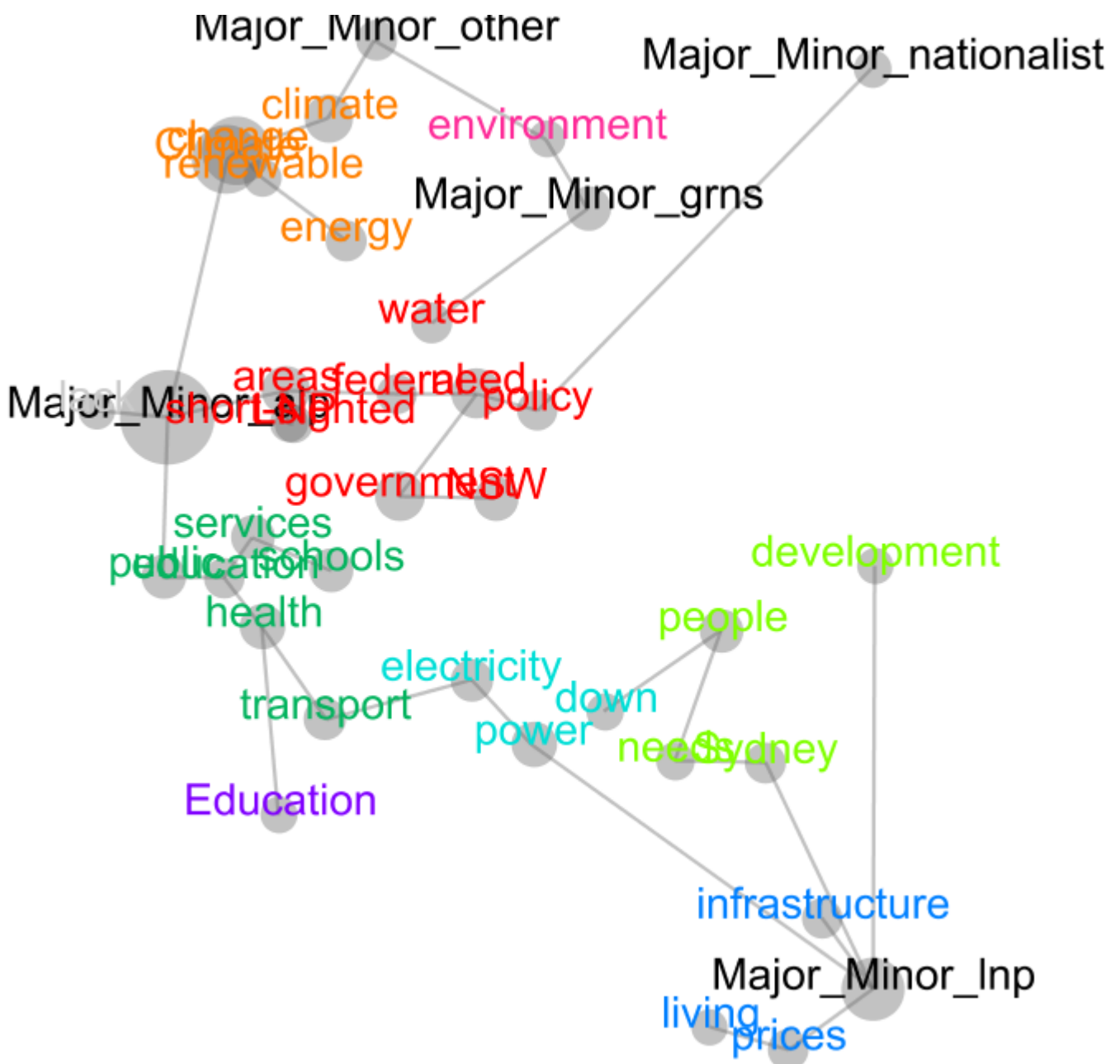
*Some things are justifiable, such as trying to improve the rail system, but a lot of money has gone on big development projects that are concentrated in **Sydney** and benefit those who live there disproportionately to the rest of the state. **Newcastle** in particular has been duded, again seemingly by planners in **Sydney** who don't really consult locals, just pretend to do so, and again in a way that benefits big developers and big showy projects, such as our silly light rail line and car races.*

*After selling off so many public assets football stadiums should not be prioritised over climate change, health or education. The money would have been much better to go to roads eg the missing **M1** at **Beresfield to Pacific Highway** at **Heatherbrae** link There is a definite lack of talent on the coalition eg **Mr Ferry McFerry** face but **Labor** are not much better.*

***Sydney** has become so crowded that unless the infrastructure is upgraded it will not be able to function, so this government has done much to help avoid chaos. **Labor Government** just seem to sell things up and give money to people who are managing OK and the money gets wasted often to casinos.*

*The coalition government has done an amazing job fixing **Labors** mess (what a regular sentence this has become) and then has started building much needed infrastructure, fixed unemployment, and put **NSW** on top again. Like coalition governments, they might change leaders but they continue running good government for all people.*

Thinking about New South Wales again, in a short paragraph please tell us what is the most important issue facing the state?



Verbatims

Privatisation is a stupid, short-sighted action that **ENSURES** three things: dramatic increase in costs (due to profit-obsessed multinational corporate predators wanting immediate profits); the massive reduction of employees and staff (whilst greedy neoliberal **CEOs** earn **HUGE** undeserved salaries and bonuses) and the immediate reduction of services, maintenance and occupational, health & safety conditions! You only have to see the results of privatisation of our water and electricity/power supplies by short-sighted **LNP** governments (such as **Jeff Kennett** in **Victoria** and the **LNP** led **NSW State** governments) to see the catastrophic increase in costs of water and electricity!

*Too much money is being spent in **Sydney** because of federal government immigration policy and not enough spent in rural areas. **NSW** having sold its power generating plants and transmission system now have no control over the electricity industry in **NSW**.*

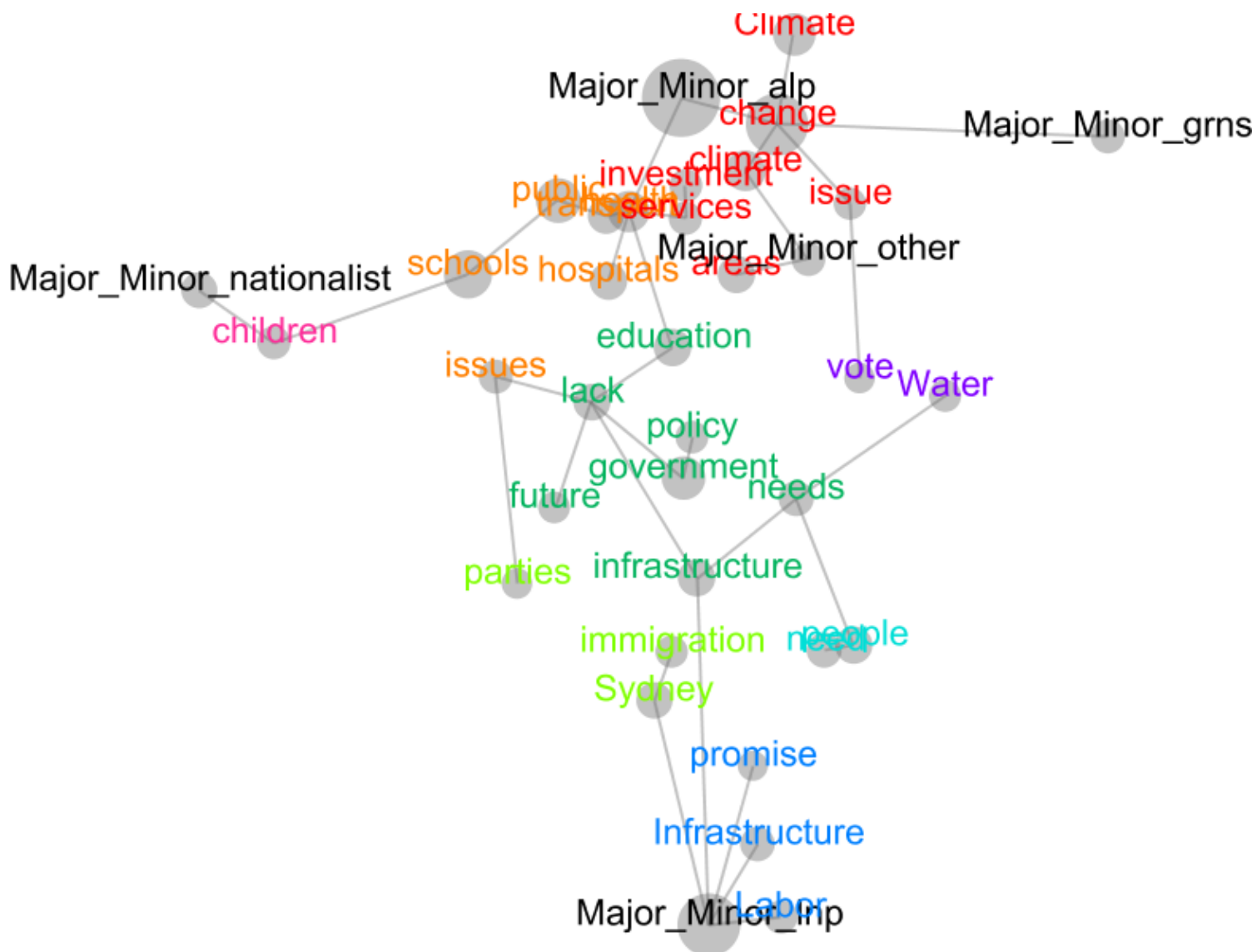
*We need MORE parks, gardens and green space in the ever-decreasing regions of **Sydney's** over-developed urban areas! **Climate** change is a vital issue that this short-sighted **LNP** (at State and federal level) refuse to address.*

***Electricity** prices, youth unemployment, dumbing down of **Tafe, Education** lacking focus for the new world, aged care stuck in the nineteenth century, political corruption an epidemic in **NSW**.*

***Cars** and trucks in transport infrastructure in front of trains and buses, particularly outside of **Sydney** and **Newcastle** is another poor choice.*

We need to slow down the amount of people arriving from overseas, at least until infrastructure is in place.

Thinking about your vote in this election, in a short paragraph please tell us what issue will affect your vote the most?



Verbatims

Public education and **Tafe**, hospitals, mental health, climate change and making all new developments sustainable, public transport, safe bike paths.

Free speech and freedom of religion, hospitals, schools, police, all emergency workers, pension for the age, less immigration and politicians who don't lie and think of ALL people in the state

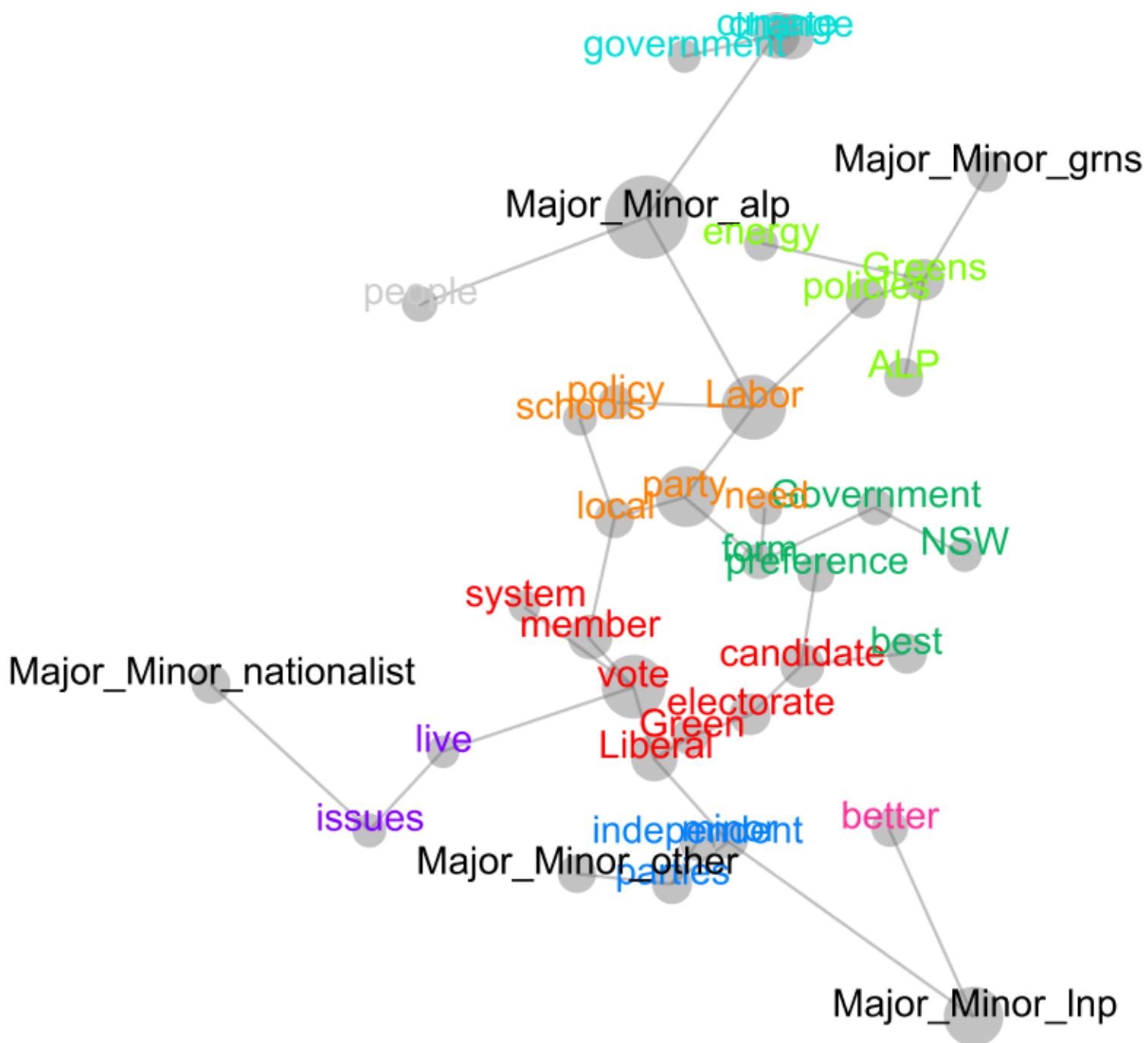
The availability of **TAFE** training in regional areas and in towns where there is little or no public transport there needs to be courses offered locally so that the young in the area can be given skills to find employment

Continue building on the trend set by this government in **Infrastructure** and much more. They need to build fast rail from main inland cities to **Sydney**.

Several issues centred around fairness and waste such as lack of school infrastructure, delays in general infrastructure servicing rapidly growing communities and insane waste such as the stadium debacle as well as council amalgamations that still annoys me

Safe Schools, Special Religious Education, Curriculum Content in schools, **Family** and **Community** policies, etc This means the protection of the rights of parents to choose the school that they want for their children and to determine the character of the curriculum material presented by those schools that differentiates them from other schools (government and non-government).

Thinking about your vote this election, which of the following parties will receive your first preference?



Verbatims

We live in the country so cannot vote **Liberal**. So far the **Liberal** party has not gone down the gender path for schools/ **Labor** seems to go with whatever new **Philosophy** comes up they seem to have no moral basis for their ideas.

It would be impossible for anybody with a brain and a conscience to vote for the coalition, and both major parties need to get to the point of having to negotiate around every issue to form a 'coalition' with members of all/small/independent parties as voters do in their real lives as members of families, workplaces and communities

*I will vote **Green** but I will also give my second preference to a good independent running in my electorate who I hope will win over the very unimpressive **Liberal** candidate who has been imposed from outside on my electorate.*

*I always vote **Liberal**, and am a liberal, BUT, am at a cross-roads with the crazy system of State and **Federal** over pandering to the mostly freeloading "**Refugee**/immigrant adventurers". Am absolutely up to my eye-balls with all the pussyng around with all the huge ongoing daily handouts to these fickle parasites breeding up as fast as they can.*

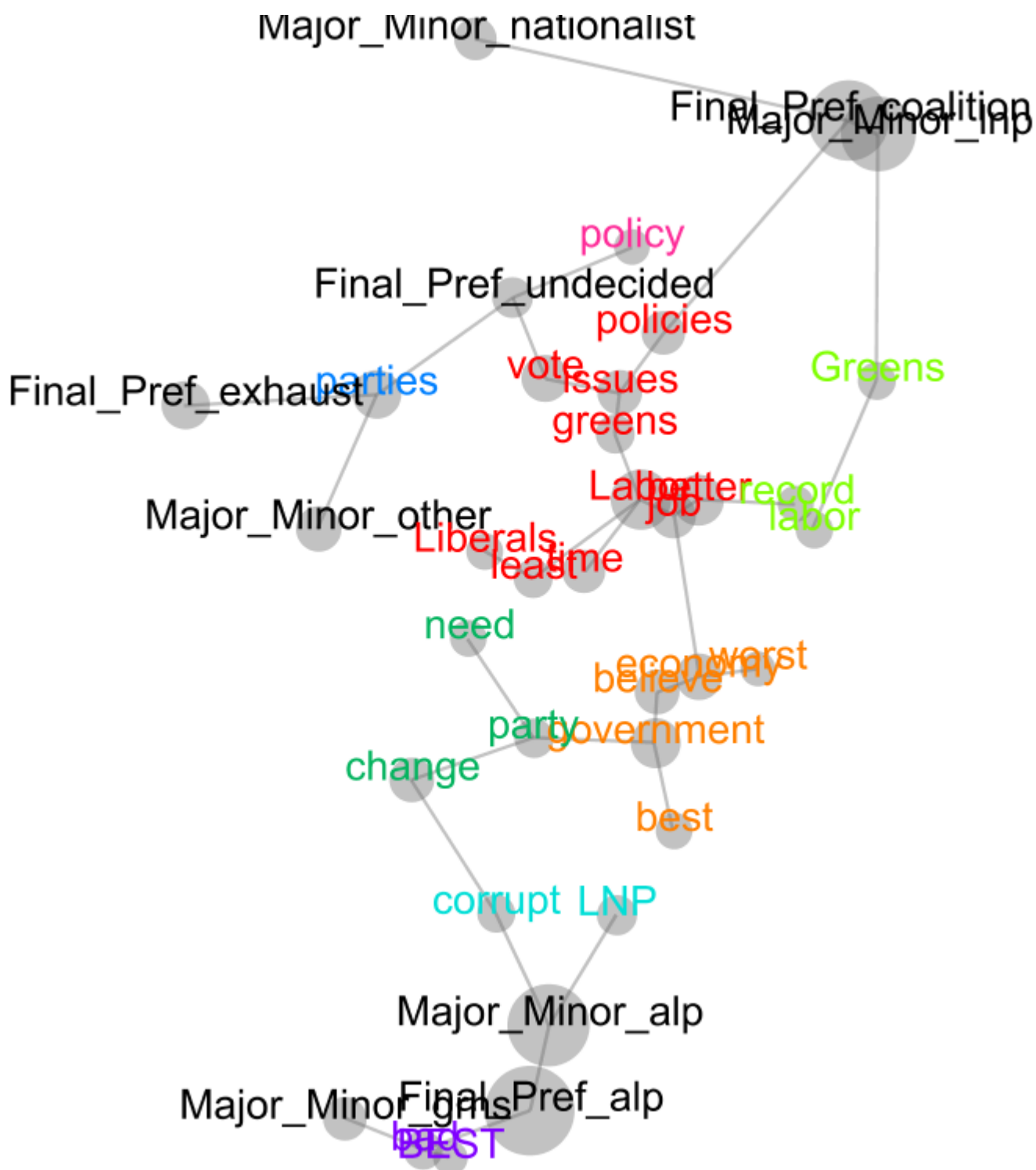
***Labor** has announced policies to try to address climate change. Also, **Labor** promises to fund schools properly.*

*The two party system is the only way things get done. The minor parties don't have enough clout and the **Independents** are useless, They have no sway unless it is a **Hung** parliament and that won't happen.*

*As a rusted on generational **ALP** voter I am sick and tired of political corruption, lies to the electorate and the sheer hypocrisy of the **ALP**machine.*

*I will be voting **Liberal** in the lower house but below the line in the upper house where I will be supporting several minor parties*

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?



Verbatims

*The economy has ALWAYS been better under a **Labor** government who believe that when you enrich the lower- and middle-classes, they will **EXPEND** their money WITHIN the country and stimulate the economy this theory has been **PROVEN** to be the best effective measure AGAINST a recession all over the world and international experts like the **IMF**, the highly respected **European** monetary magazine, **Eurocash**, and the **Nobel** prize winning economist, **Josef Stiglitz**, ALL agree that the worst government(s) we have ever had (containing the most inept and wasteful treasurers) were the **Howard/Costello** regime and the totally.*

*For all the reasons outlined above. I truly believe that anyone who would give the unspeakably corrupt, callously inhumane, hopelessly inept **LNP** ANOTHER change at destroying the fabric of our egalitarian nation, is either a **Murdoch-manipulated** idiot or operating from a place of such self-serving "entitlement" that they don't give a toss about our children's education, future job prospects (for **Australians**), our environment or our economy!*

*Both the current **Labor** and **Liberals** are not worth supporting. I intend to vote for an **Independent** in the hope that they will at least be a thorn in the side of both parties.*

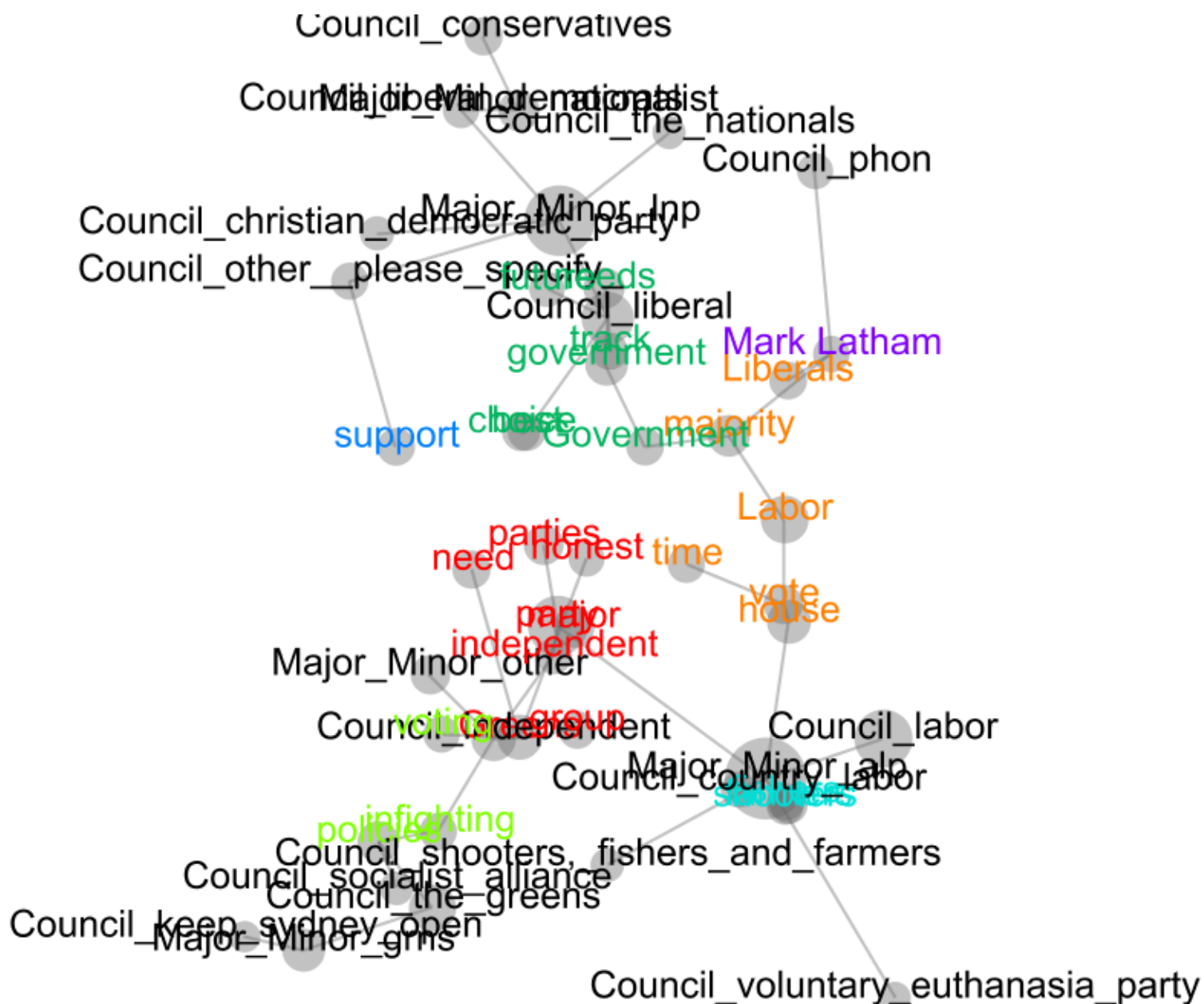
The labor opposition leader has not had time to think through its policies on the big issues and can not put forward a cohesive plan for the state

*At least the **Lib/Nats** have a record of achieving economic results, although if there were any better group, they would get my vote*

*They seem to have a more reasoned and representative policy on these issues than **Labor** and the **Greens**.*

*They are a stable well managed government that has faced the challenges **Labor** left them and have overcome that in spectacular fashion.*

Thinking about your vote this election, which of the following parties would receive your first preference in the Legislative Council?



Verbatims

I can never be sure just how 'independent' they are - self interest, secret major party supporters, red neck, obsessives, - I read about their back grounds and make the best choice I can, though am usually disappointed, especially by the ones who sell their votes to the party who offers the biggest bribes.

Labor has a track record of deficits and inaction, the **Greens** are just plain loopy and the only party with any **GENUINE** idea for the future of **NSW** is the **Libs**.

I am a member of the party and strongly oppose the tories and the destructive fred nile group and shooters and fishers and farmers

*There are too many 'whacky' independents in this election. **Normally**, I think more independents in the upper house is a good thing - but not with the likes of **Latham**, **Leyonhelm**, and the **Shooters** (and fishers and farmers - but the shooters bit puts me off) running.*

*Although I regard the upper house as a complete waste of time and money, one is compelled to vote. So I will vote for **Labor**.*

*The **Government** needs a majority in the **Legislative** council to keep its policy direction on track*

*This shameful, profligate waste of hard-earned taxpayers money was pushed through **DESPITE the NSW State LNP** defunding our children's State education, hospitals and mental health facilities! The ongoing corruption, blatant **NEPOTISM**, environmental vandalism, over-development of **Sydney's** inner-city and shameless favouritism of their rich neoliberal donors by the **NSW State** and federal **LNP** is absolutely intolerable!*

Understanding that the government has the money from the sale of the electricity - I strongly support a great deal of infrastructure projects. **Thus** government has put up two really decent education ministers in a row.

I think the **NSW State Liberal** government are the most corrupt, self-serving and arrogant on record. **Despite** the wishes of the overwhelming majority of **Australian** voters living within **Sydney**, the **Gladys Berejiklian State** government arrogantly went ahead and tore down the perfectly usable **Allianz Stadium** to waste more than \$2.2 billion on building a new stadium that **NOBODY** wants!

Some of her decisions are good, some are not so good and some are just stupid and a waste of money (she like all previous governments are hampered by the previous governments) **Baird** stuffed the councils up and we the people are paying for it, labor stuff up the water and the people of **Sydney** are paying for it. **Previous** governments have a lot to answer for as do current governments.

Ms Berjiklan has led and drives the current government to mostly well thought out action and initiative. **Mostly** without turning every which way to suit minor voices and lobbyists.

I was sceptical about her years ago, but she delivers so well, first across transport and now across government.

She has managed difficult times since **Baird** resigned and has stabilised the **Liberal Party**. The **Government** she is managing has performed exceptionally well.

A general disinterest in conservative politics including the religious overtones from many, the stupid middle aged men from uninspiring small business backgrounds who litter both coalition parties and become arrogant once in parliament, the lack of movement towards clean energy.

*There are so many reasons NOT to vote for the corrupt, deceptive and contemptuously arrogant **LNP** (at State and federal level), I need a lot more space to list them all. **Truly**, the most despised and internationally condemned government on record.*

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Authoritarian social instincts. She's never gotten stoned at a music festival - was way too serious growing up.

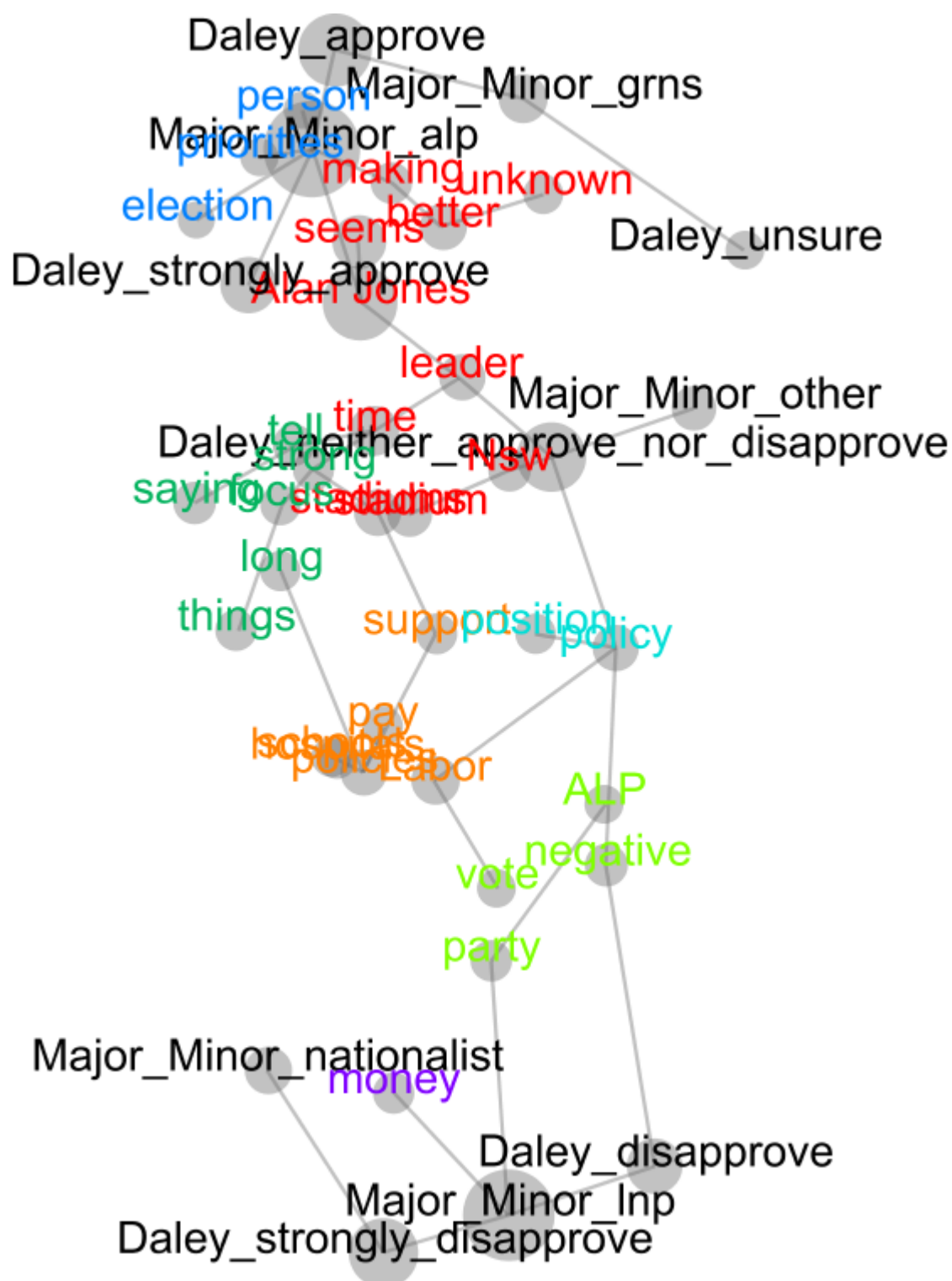
Influence of the lite left within the coalition

That behind her is a pack of hard left self interested socialists

How they have mishandled large infrastructure projects

Way too much unfettered development across the state - what are the politicians getting in their back pockets?

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



Verbatims

He and the party want to stop free speech, freedom of religion, impose a tax for the greenhouse gas all they seem to do is put us in more debt and make our lives harder while they fly in plans, drive cars, etc all

the time telling us we have to pay more, have no right to speak or believe what we want, they want to twist the minds of our young ones and then tell us we have no rights in the way we raise our children.

Clear firm not bullied by **Alan Jones** . **Restoring TAFE**, not building stadium, money for schools and hospitals.

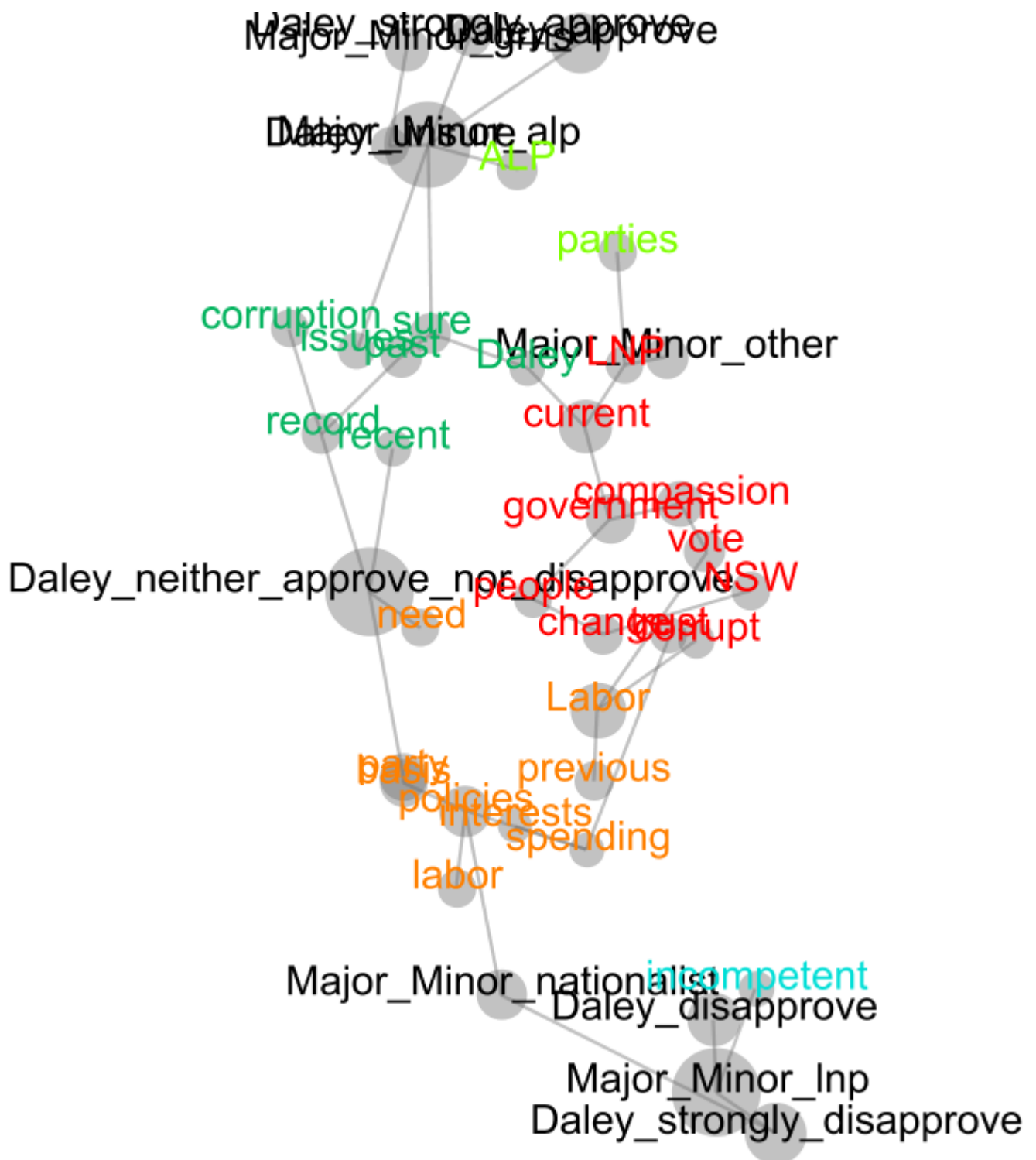
*A lot better than that ghastly predecessor making him glow in contrast but the jury is still out on his overall ability. **Standing** up to **Alan Jones** and the **SCG Trust** was a good start and support for public education most welcome*

Largely untried **Mr Daley's** still needs gum boots to stop the dirt and loose government of past **Labor Governments** in **NSW** from infecting him and his party. **Short** story - I've not seen enough of him to trust him as leader of the **Government**.

He's been leader for a short time only and is making his mark quickly. He seems to have some guts, and his team looks ok too.

Unlike Independents who have vision and passion, but like all **PARTY** leaders; **Daley** is just another **ALP** puppet. I doubt he would ever tackle **Alan Jones** re stadiums as promised.

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



Verbatims

*The stubborn resistance to good ideas that require a move away from the old ways - often resulting in a lack of infrastructure spending and failure to embrace the new world. **Capture** by interests - I m still feeling the benefits of having moved from the south sydney council area with its disgusting development*

*approvals to the city if **Sydney** with its big picture community (including business) focussed decision making.*

*Their following the federal **Labor** party and **Mr Shorten** who seems to have no basis for his policies*

***Old** problems in the labour party - need to make sure the influence of the old power brokers is gone.*

*I won't hesitate to vote for **Labor** against the **LNP**. **Anyone** with any compassion, foresight or intelligence feels the same.*

***Single** dimension thinking and a history of economic mismanagement.*

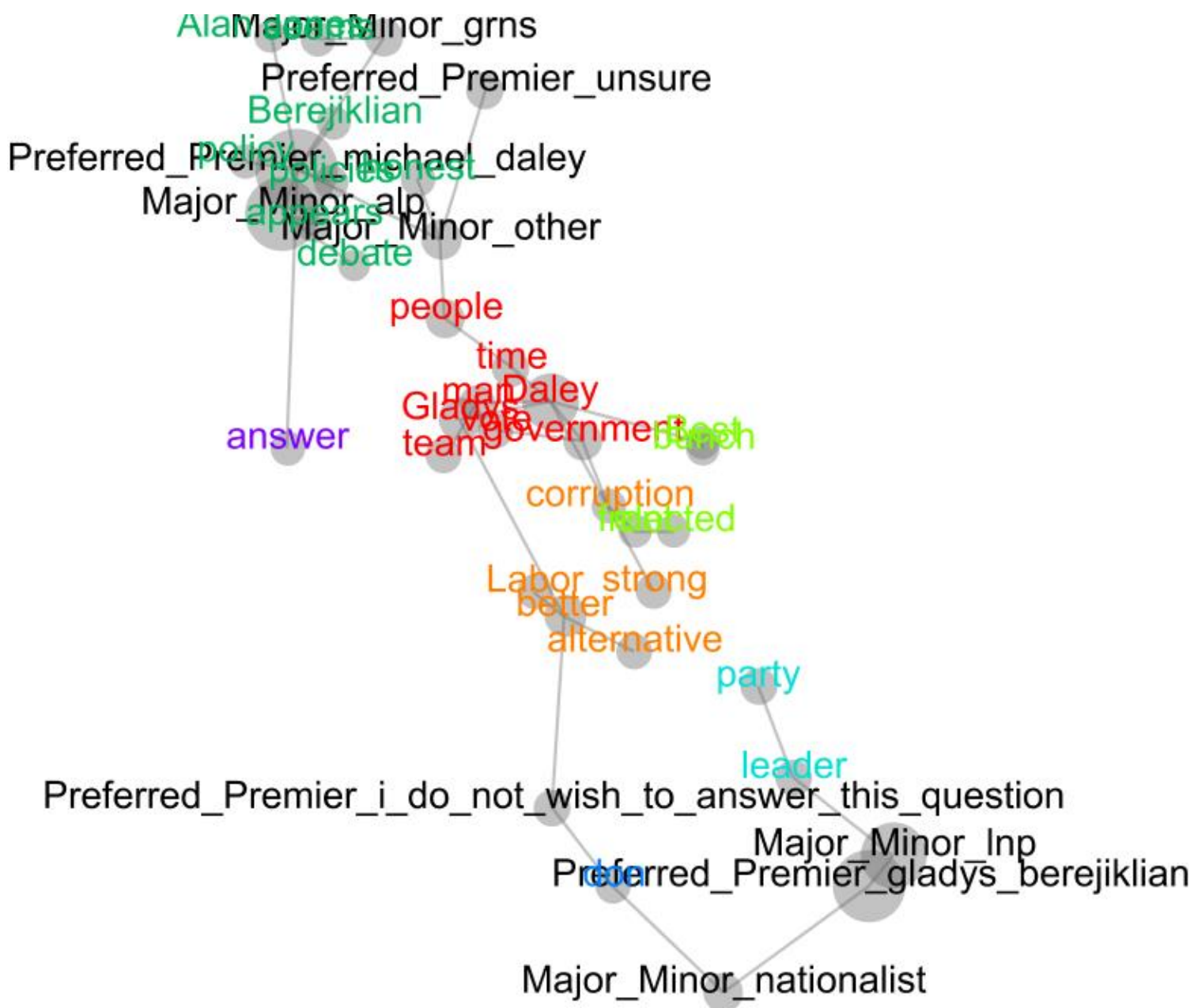
***Union** and looney left influence*

Memories** of the last **Labor Government** with **Eddie Obeid**, **Joe Tripodi** and **Ian McDonald

I don't know enough about him.

*I am not hesitating. I want to see a change of government and then I will judge them on how they perform but the current government is not performing for most people and especially here in regional **NSW**.*

Who is your preferred premier?



Verbatims

I disapprove of **Berejiklian** in so many ways that I could write an essay on it, but main disgust is in forced council amalgamation process, lack of spending on roads, schools and hospitals (all plainly evident until election time in our area), her economic policy especially asset sales and her stance against renewable energy.

Daley is suspect on the corruption front, visited us locally promised the world. He has no intention of meeting his promises, everything and anything to get elected.

Daley is presenting well. **Unlike Gladys** he has not resorted to snide remarks (**Gladys** and **Constance** at **Newcastle**, slinging off at a journalist from the **Newcastle Herald**) or to harrassment (**Gladys** in the leaders debate).

Gladys is no world-beater, but even she is a better alternative than a lying, incompetent sociopath like **Daley**.

Daley appears to like people when he meets them, **Gladys** doesn't. She looks down on people she doesn't think is her kind.

He is the better alternative. **Gladys** may have shown some promise in the beginning but she has been an enormous disappointment and shows little judgement.

She is strong and is getting a lot of work done. I don't agree with all of it, but it is getting done.

Her ability to focus on the task at hand and not be distracted by outside influences. **Gotta** love her for that

She was attacking **Daley**, claiming he is not being honest but it is time that she was honest about in whose interest her government attempts to govern because it is not in the interests of most ordinary people.

The man has values and is not afraid to present them; he also has an excellent team to support him. **Penny Sharpe** is a hum-dinger.