

Federal Election Survey I April 2019

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Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on a sample which has been selected for voting intention based on the results of the most recent Newspann 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 and the Australian Conservatives votes as one and labelled them "Nationalist". This is so that we have a statistically significant sample for this group, 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 April 16 through to April 24, 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. Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer. Respondents were selected randomly from their various voting blocs.

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Executive Summary

This poll continues many of the themes of previous polls. There are some clear splits in Australian society, which the Liberals are having more difficulty managing than Labor.

A majority of respondents think the country is heading in the wrong direction. This is a party decision with Labor supporters agreeing net -81%, Greens -91% and Liberals 33%. The Liberals have 26% who think it is heading in the wrong direction, indicating a problem of unity on their side (which plays into Labor messaging).

These figures represent a split in the country, and a split in the ruling party. Some respondents think the country is heading in the wrong direction because of the party in power, which they detest, but the rest divide along the economy, services, rights and social attitudes. Climate change is more mainstream as an issue than I have seen it before, but there is a strong rump on the right that is either opposed to measures to combat it, or thinks economic issues ought to predominate.

Climate change has submerged a lot of the traditional concerns on the left about social spending, although those are still there. And squeezed the amount of chatter about the economy on the right. Despite it being said this is a cost of living election, there is not much sign of this in the polling.

A majority of Nationalists (-54% net) think the country is heading in the wrong direction and Others agree even more strongly (-67%). The protest vote is therefore negative, but they divide their concerns between the major parties. Nationalists (largely One Nation, Australian Conservatives and UAP) tend towards the Coalition, although not exclusively, and Others include a lot of independents, and tend to split for Labor.

When it comes to issues, the environment is top and centre. Cost of living is mentioned to a small degree, but inequality seems to be more prevalent as an issue. Perhaps these are the same thing, with problems meeting living costs being expressed as a problem created by someone else having too much, but I don't get a sense of this in the comments.

Immigration seems at least as prominent as the economy, but there is not much mention of illegal immigration. There is also concern on the right (and to a lesser extent on the left) that the views of respondents will be suppressed by their opponents.

When it comes to which party to vote for, the Labor theme of stability versus chaos appears to have cut through. The argument from the Coalition side is largely economic, Labor's past record, immigration and an underlying cultural concern about political correctness, which is really an issue about nationalism versus cosmopolitanism.

We also asked reasons for preferences in the Senate. These were either a repeat of the reasons for the lower house, or an interest in taking out insurance against some of the things that might happen in the lower house. There were significant numbers of Labor voters who voted Green in the Upper House, and Greens voters voting Labor. Likewise some Liberal and National voters were defecting to the Nationalist parties in the Senate.

There were also those respondents who voted major party in the Senate because they were frustrated by the ability of governments to get their legislation through and wanted to improve it by exiling minor parties if they can.

While we talk about separate parties, like Liberal, Labor, Greens, One Nation, Palmer United, Australian conservatives to some extent these are but different factions in broader movements that resolve into two broad groupings.

Voters are not happy with either leader: -14% net for Scott Morrison and -9% net for Bill Shorten. But this is a change since the pre-election period. Morrison gets marks for being Christian (although this also makes him open to a charges of hypocrisy as well), and also not being one of the plotters against Turnbull (although the angst over the Turnbull removal has largely disappeared). There is even some sympathy for him that he landed the job and admiration for the way he has conducted himself since. If anything his problem is that people do not appear to have particularly strong opinions of him, which is remarkable given his central position to this government in the area of borders and treasury over the last 6 years.

His role in cutting superannuation benefits, a hot topic 12 months ago and a reason for a surge in the One Nation vote at the time, has vanished almost completely.

People have a clear view of Bill Shorten. He gets marks for management and for putting policies out well in advance of the election. But like Morrison, he doesn't inspire. Unlike Morrison he appears to be a little threatening. Hesitations about him centred around divisive class warfare rhetoric and shiftiness.

A majority doesn't think the government deserves to be re-elected, which includes almost all Labor and Greens voters, and 67% of others. 6% of Liberals are of that view, and 20% of Nationalists. That makes it hard to run on your record, which to a large extent, is what the government is doing.

Figures for the opposition are better with a net 2% thinking they deserve to be the government. However, in terms of votes this might not matter. If we look at Nationalists and Others we find that almost all Nationalists disagree, while 55% of Others disagree as well. Combined this is worse than for the opposition, neutralising the very strong ratings because the support is locked-up in Greens and Labor voters already voting Labor first or second preference.

Still, Shorten is the preferred PM by 52% to 48% and voters would rather have a Labor than a Liberal government (47% against 44%). Liberals are resigned to a Labor win, but are crossing their fingers for a hung parliament with 23% expecting ALP to win, 48% the Coalition, but 30% a hung parliament.

Nationalists are even more heavily invested in a hung parliament, while others expect a Labor win (51%) or a hung parliament (41%).

Morrison used to have a good edge over Shorten, but this has narrowed in all the polls. Shorten is benefiting by being in an election campaign, where the opposition leader can go positive, rather than being negative. But he is also a known quantity. People have had time to get used to his shortcomings.

This election seems to be the election where climate change really goes mainstream, 12 years on from the 2007 election, the first where it made its appearance as an issue. It is also a generational issue, with older Australians and younger Australians being clearly divided on what they want.

It is also a fracturing election. As a country we have possibly never been less united in what we believe. This manifests in the number of minor parties, particularly on the right, where the disunity is larger, and the difficulties that the major parties are having in keeping the factions in their parties together.

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

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
Strongly Agree	1%	0%	15%	0%	2%	6%
Agree	4%	1%	44%	15%	8%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%	7%	14%	10%	11%	11%
Disagree	34%	22%	16%	29%	29%	25%
Strongly disagree	51%	70%	10%	39%	47%	36%
Unsure	2%	0%	1%	7%	5%	2%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	5%	1%	59%	15%	9%	26%
Total disagree	85%	92%	26%	68%	76%	61%
Net agree	-81%	-91%	33%	-54%	-67%	-35%

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

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
Australian Labor Party	99%	100%	1%	0%	52%	53%
Coalition	1%	0%	99%	100%	48%	47%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=781

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

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
Strongly approve	1%	0%	47%	24%	5%	20%
Approve	1%	0%	39%	32%	20%	19%
Neither approve nor disapprove	6%	1%	8%	15%	11%	7%
Disapprove	14%	15%	3%	22%	12%	10%
Strongly disapprove	78%	84%	2%	7%	52%	43%
Unsure	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	2%	0%	86%	56%	24%	39%
Total disapprove	92%	99%	5%	29%	64%	53%
Net approve	-90%	-99%	81%	27%	-39%	-14%

n=823

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

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
Strongly agree	0%	0%	36%	10%	0%	15%
Agree	1%	0%	45%	46%	18%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	2%	0%	13%	24%	15%	8%
Disagree	8%	12%	5%	12%	9%	8%
Strongly disagree	89%	88%	1%	7%	58%	48%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	1%	0%	81%	56%	18%	36%
Total disagree	97%	100%	6%	20%	67%	55%
Net agree	-96%	-100%	76%	37%	-48%	-19%

n=823

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

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
Strongly approve	26%	4%	1%	2%	3%	11%
Approve	54%	49%	2%	2%	18%	28%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%	35%	4%	2%	17%	13%
Disapprove	3%	8%	17%	7%	18%	11%
Strongly disapprove	1%	4%	76%	85%	41%	38%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	79%	53%	3%	5%	21%	39%
Total disapprove	4%	12%	93%	93%	59%	48%
Net approve	75%	41%	-90%	-88%	-38%	-9%

n=821

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

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
Strongly agree	53%	23%	3%	0%	11%	25%
Agree	35%	54%	7%	0%	17%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	5%	9%	6%	2%	15%	6%
Disagree	1%	11%	16%	15%	15%	10%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%	68%	83%	39%	36%
Unsure	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	88%	77%	10%	0%	27%	48%
Total disagree	7%	14%	84%	98%	55%	46%
Net agree	82%	64%	-74%	-98%	-27%	2%

n=821

Who is your preferred prime minister?

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
Bill Shorten	99%	100%	1%	0%	47%	52%
Scott Morrison	1%	0%	99%	100%	53%	48%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=757

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

	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
ALP	86%	74%	23%	31%	51%	55%
Liberal National Coalition	3%	3%	48%	18%	8%	21%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	12%	23%	30%	51%	41%	24%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=786

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

Labels	ALP	Grns	LP	Nationalists	Other	Total
ALP	97%	74%	1%	0%	29%	47%
Liberal National Coalition	1%	0%	97%	71%	30%	44%
Neither (Hung Parliament)	2%	23%	1%	27%	33%	7%
Unsure	0%	3%	1%	2%	8%	1%
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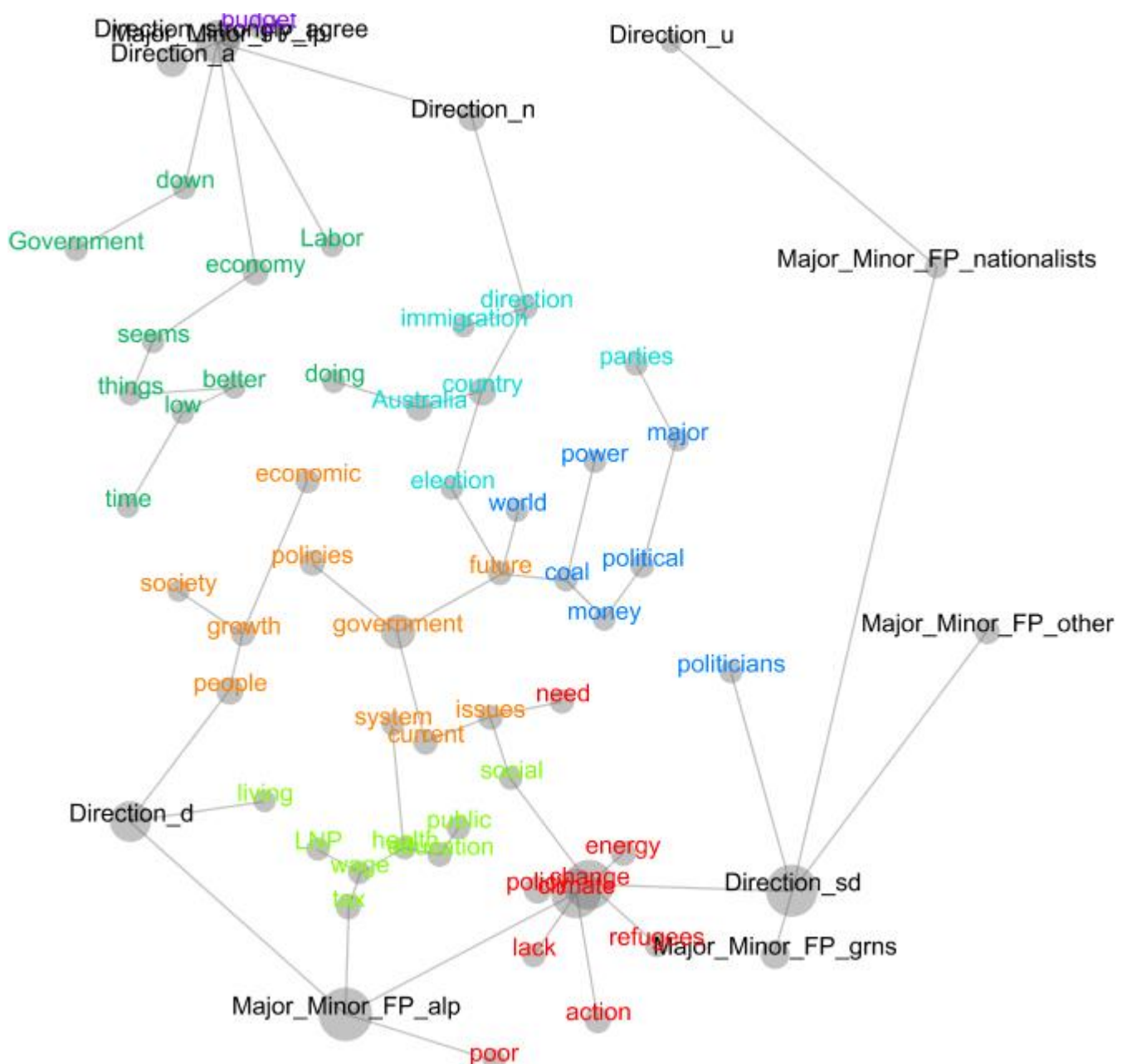
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Qualitative Analysis

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 how strongly would you agree or disagree that the country is heading in the right direction?



Verbatims

We have the most incompetent and corrupt **Government** since **Federation**, held captive by an unholy alliance of far right figures that have only their own, and their sponsor's short term financial interests in mind. As a result ordinary people are losing all the things which made **Australia** great- excellent public education, a health system which worked for both the pauper and the prince, a wage system that was better than most, and had its roots in the idea that a working person should have a full time wage which would provide a decent life for the worker and their family.

I have been a swinging voter throughout my life but despise this government; its capture by the anti-rational troglodytes of its loony right, its subsequent incapacity to deal with climate change, the inhumanity of its offshore detention policy, its instability, its short term policy myopia, the ruination of

our major waterways, the threats to use public monies to build coal powered generators, the unbelievable decision. to give final **Commonwealth** approval to **Adani** hours before calling the election, and the **Spinal Tap** level 11 scaremongering of the **Prime Minister**.

IMO it very much depends on who wins the next election - the current government is **Hell** bent on reducing wages, opportunities for the unemployed, making welfare payments harder to access, reducing budgets for schools and hospitals, while at the same time pushing tax advantages for big business and wealthy supporters. It is impossible to deal with their attitudes toward people living hand to mouth - other than shout their denials regarding unfairness they choose not to address the difficulties that low income voters face every day.

I agree we are better off with the **Liberals** at the helm BUT they need to start listening to the people and stop cowering to the **Labor/Green Ideology** and **Political Correctness** and the fear of having opinions, freedom of speech and allow science to debate **Climate Change** instead of using **CONFIRMATION BIAS** to spread the lie That all has to be thrown away in order for this country to move forward, currently all this constant media hype about about **Green Energy** and how much more we should be doing all needs to **STOP** (starting at **Education** in schools/uni's) because its too expensive and is hindering the process of actually moving the country forward economically

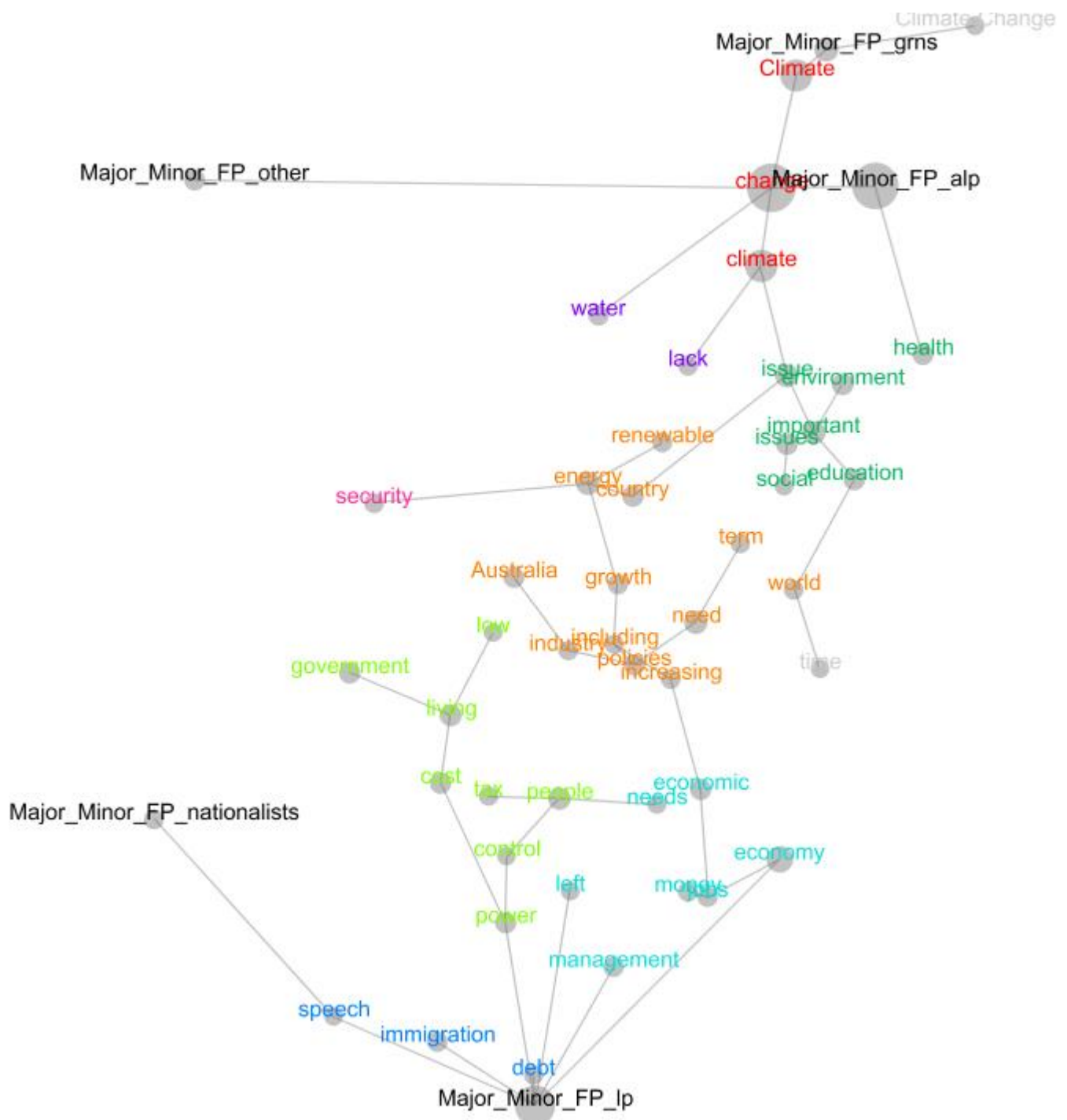
Good economic management but too much 'greenwash' and misguided subsidisation of solar and wind generation against coal as main source of electricity. **Employment** growth seems reasonable but migration intake needs to be more closely tied to capacity of the economy and society to assimilate the intake.

No clear focus - just people pleaser statements that change at a political whim (all parties). Too much emphasis on economic growth over welfare and humane issues, or environment/climate change.

Australia's attitude towards energy production in that we seem to be prepared to put lead in our economic saddle bags. To watch the 7.30 report about energy (a rare event watching **ABC** news product) and some inner city gentlemen gleefully describing how he spent \$40k on a **PV** system to power his own house and **Tesla EV** and having absolutely no empathy towards people who did not have the wherewithal to pay for the same.

Complexity of legislation has resulted in widespread tax evasion, plus difficulties for the average punter, wage earner or small business person to understand what is necessary to comply/remain on the right side of the law and/or the taxman 4. Too much money being spent on private education - need to refocus and spend more on public schooling 5.

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



Verbatims

Political correctness gone made **Climate** change becoming a 'god' to be bowed down to (not that I think we should be oblivious but I think it's gone to the extreme) **Gender** diversity is now considered the 'norm' and like climate change has too much influence in policies and the way we are made to think. We need to be tackling important issues such as the national debt, supporting our farmers and industry and not selling our resources to foreign interests.

*The failure of **Government** to commit to and lead on policies that will help to avert climate change effectively; stop making climate change a political football; bring the public with them on the desperate need to work to avert climate change; help workers to transition to the new fossil-free energy economy; support industry and commerce to transition; give certainty to those involved in the renewable energy sector. and therefore every other sector.*

***Rise** in the cost of living; increasing poverty; widening gap between rich and poor; health; education; climate change; **NDIS** bureaucracy; racism; ill treatment of refugees; too many troglodytes in power - hard to know where to stop.*

*As above I think we should embrace renewable energy as a global issue. **Matters** relating to education health and the economy will always be significant electoral issues but the environment is vital to the survival of humanity.*

*The most important issue is the truth about climate change ... the earth's temperature might not be increasing given the fiddling of the figures by the **BoM**, and even if the unadulterated show a slight increase it is most likely not due to man-made **CO2** emissions, and even if **CO2** emissions are bad **Australia's** contribution of about 1.5% means that no matter what we do it will have no impact (especially as **India** and **China** have annual increases in emissions greater than our total emissions).*

*There are a number of issues and a number that will be concerning if **Labor** wins the election. If **Labor** wins the concerns are: the social engineering push; the **anti-Christian** policies; abortion issues; euthanasia issues; financial responsibility is not their history; the inflationary policies of **Labor**; immigration issues The number of issues: jobs for the unskilled; the bottom tier of the at least 3 tier economy is falling into poverty conditions; the immigration issues; banking and financial accountability.*

*The economy is always important at a national election, however I also believe that, at this time, we need to stop fear campaigns directed at homosexuals, migrants etc BUT enforce laws relating to threatening behaviour and be much stricter in our immigration screening to ensure that militants are not given refuge in **Australia**.*

*In the short term: need to combat the socialist, parasitic, financially feckless, envious economic policies of the left and its tribalism (gender and identity nonsense). In the longer term: the abandonment of clear, foundational values, including the **Christian** heritage.*

*I believe there are two important issues which intertwine. **Firstly** there needs to be jobs which give opportunities to people and help improve the economy, and these jobs should be in environmentally friendly and forward looking to improve the environment.*

This country is separately in need of stable leadership for the greater good of the country. We need (not in ranked order): an energy policy; whole-scale tax reform; a water policy; a climate change policy; and more.

***Living** costs and standards. The threat to this country from the economic vandals via climate change extremism and the lunacy from the political left through the imposition of activist ideas, via non-elected, but tax-payer funded bureaucrats, e.*

***Moral** decay - freedom of speech lost/political correctness out of control/**Judeo Christian Foundations** being attacked by minority groups whom the **ALP** support/pro life advocates attacked/politicians supporting homo sexual marriages. **ALP** threatened taxing of partly and retired workers **ALP Treasurer** in waiting publicly lying about **Dividend Imputation Credits** **ALP Treasurer** in waiting not understanding or wanting to understand that **Family Trusts** are not tax dodges and are for*

ordinary people to use for **Estate Planning ALP Treasurer** in waiting covertly planning to encourage **Superannuants** to hand control of their **SMFunds to Industry**.

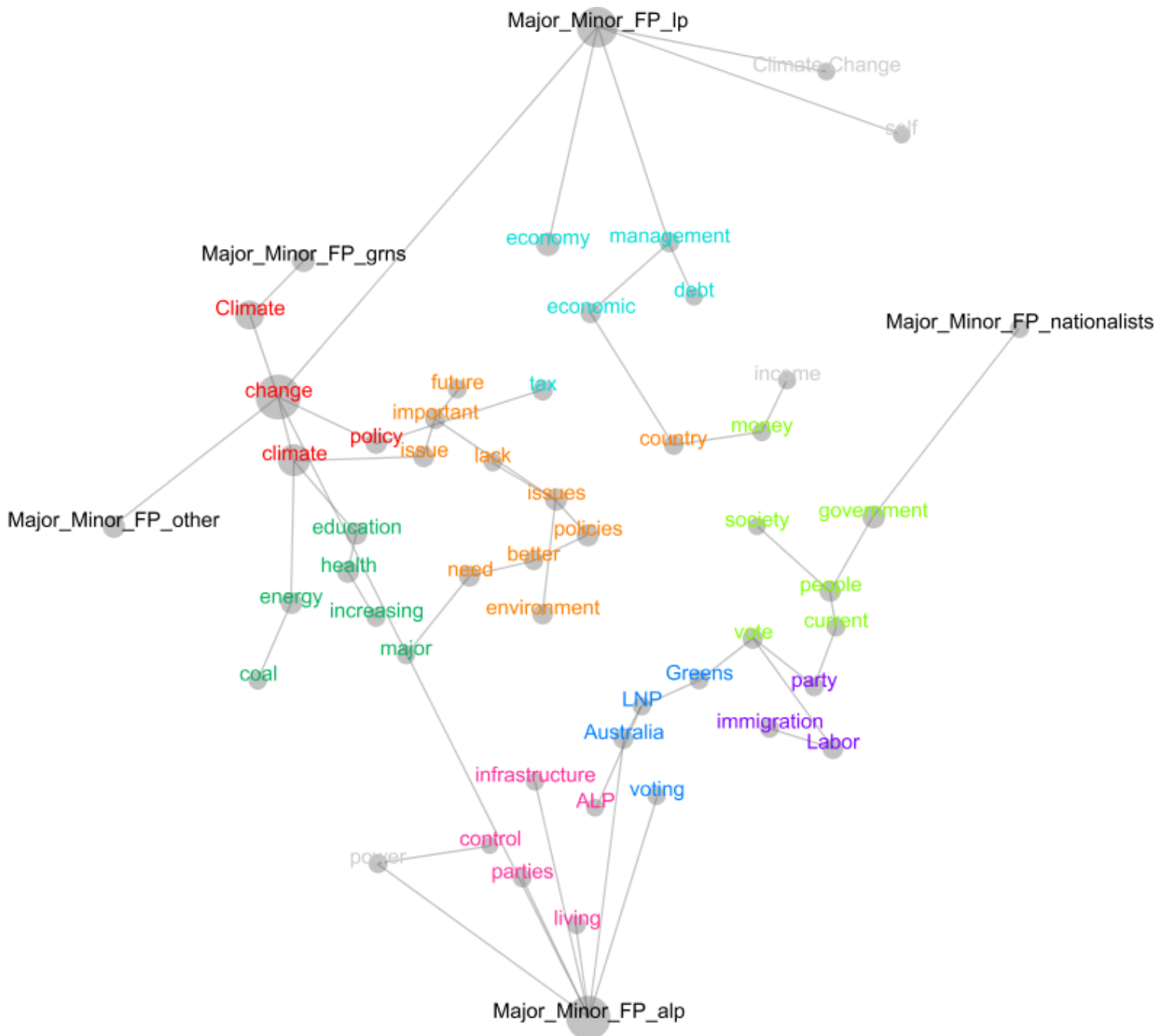
The economic differences between the rich and poor is fast becoming the norm - self interest and bullying of those who express their concerns is the government's first response, leading to frustration and worry for the have nots and for those trying to change things for the better of us all. We need government to work in reducing the harshness of every day life for people who need it most.

And Australia s state schools, which educate the bulk of the most disadvantaged students, get less funding than governments themselves say the schools need. **Improved** educational opportunity will lead to better understanding of **Science** in the population which should ensure acceptance of **Environmental** priorities for **Climate** change- renewable energy and anti-pollution policies.

At the same time ignoring issues around private debt and banks leveraging of deposits into the money they have thrown around in housing indiscriminately. Not to mention tax or lack of ability to reign in the banks.

Rising cost of living (for example electricity costs due to renewable energy subsidies flowing from government policies) are impacting low and middle income earners.

In this year's federal election, in a short paragraph please tell us what issue will affect your voting intention the most.



Verbatims

of most concern is increasing inequality both of the wealth of the top 5 or 10% but also the poverty of the bottom 20%. For example, \$40 per day for **Newstart** is just criminal. **Failure** to manage climate change is another key concern as is cuts to education and health and the inevitable further cuts to services if the **Coalition** ever legislates their future tax policy that overwhelmingly benefits the better off.

Political correctness gone made **Climate** change becoming a 'god' to be bowed down to (not that I think we should be oblivious but I think it's gone to the extreme) **Gender** diversity is now considered the 'norm' and like climate change has too much influence in policies and the way we are made to think. We need to

be tackling important issues such as the national debt, supporting our farmers and industry and not selling our resources to foreign interests.

Climate change is an impending major environmental and humanitarian disaster and should be the cornerstone of economic planning. **Energy** price management includes making voters aware that the disaster premiums that they usually pay after the event need to be paid if we are to prevent climate change in the future.

*Too many right wing, neo-nazi, racist, fascist, misogynistic groups are on the rise infiltrating the parliament without any checks. **Rise** in the cost of living; increasing poverty; widening gap between rich and poor; health; education; climate change; **NDIS** bureaucracy; racism; ill treatment of refugees; too many troglodytes in power - hard to know where to stop.*

*There's no specific issue, other than that I believe that, of the two major parties, the **ALP** is more committed than the **Liberals** to address the issues of most concern to the majority of the population - climate change, health, education, and a more equitable distribution of taxation.*

*As above I think we should embrace renewable energy as a global issue. **Matters** relating to education health and the economy will always be significant electoral issues but the environment is vital to the survival of humanity.*

*as far as pensioners go this country is worse than **Greece** the way the federal government treats them. The **NBN** is worse than the internet in many 3rd world countries The government stance on climate change is laughable and not what I want to see happen, my grandchildren will need to develop gills at this rate.*

This country is separately in need of stable leadership for the greater good of the country. We need (not in ranked order): an energy policy; whole-scale tax reform; a water policy; a climate change policy; and more.

*I normally vote **Green/Labor** because of social justice and environment issues, but **Labor's** policy on excess franking credits will reduce my after-tax income by more than \$50,000 per year. I'm this turn between my heart and my head and may end up voting for the **Coalition**.*

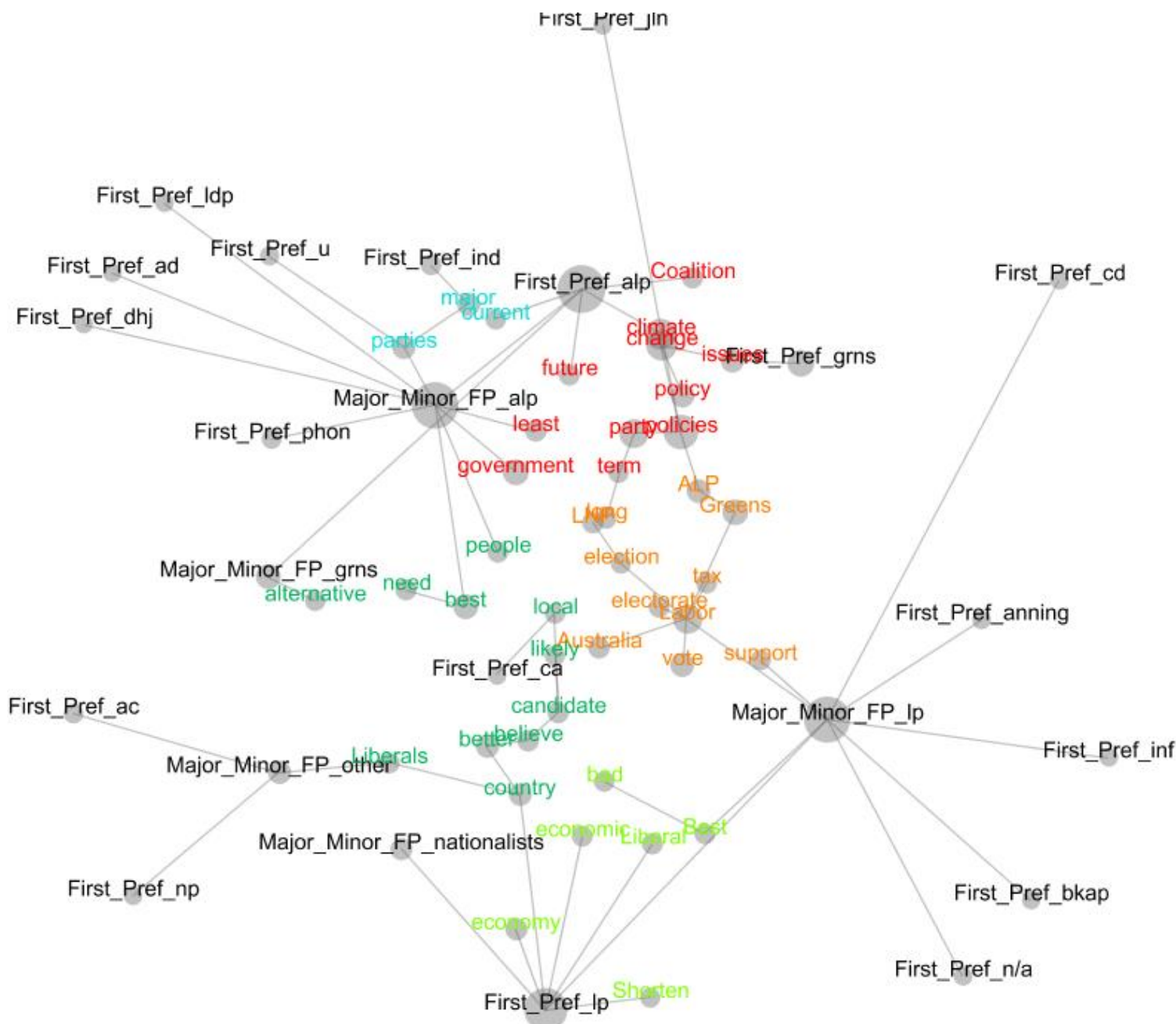
*The complete lack of any future planning, be it for solar farms, low emission power plants, dams to reduce the effect of droughts and floods. The continued stupidity of the **Greens**, **Labor** and in part the **Coalition** to think we can magically turn to solar power and turn off coal fired electricity.*

We have a government that can barely mention the words climate change and is hell-bent on promoting and subsidising coal mining. They are continuing to run scare campaigns on anything that looks towards renewable energy, like electric cars.

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Good economic management so that people have jobs and a better way of living and that there is enough money to support a quality education and medical treatment for those who need it.

In this year's federal election, which of the following parties will receive your first preference in the House of Representatives?



Verbatims

The **Australian Greens** are the only political party that are treating climate change with the seriousness of a national crisis that it deserves. They also have pillars of social equity, sustainability and participatory democracy to guide their policies all of which are crucial for the government we need to meet future challenges.

*Since the debacle of the **Rudd-Gillard-Rudd** years the party has shown discipline also seems the only major party to be aware of the long term climate change effects. The policies also show a tend to be fairer across the economic divides.*

Best of a bad bunch, **Shorten** is totally irresponsible in his quest for power. Cannot believe that the **ALP** will sacrifice our economic future on the altar of climate change.

None of the major parties have a good long term plan for the future of the government and none of their ministers represent the electorate over the party and themselves. The **Minor** parties are all loony or focused on single issues.

The **Greens** are the only party likely to be available for election, within my electorate, with a decent policy on climate change and likely to gain sufficient votes to qualify for **AEC** funding.

ALP far outstrips the **LNP** coalition for overall policies, but **Greens** have better climate change policies. May be tempted to vote **Greens**.

Fiona Kotvojs is a good candidate who was preselected in a plebiscite by **Eden- Monaro Liberals**. Even though I am no longer a member of the party I believe she is the best candidate who presented (originally 6 including some hotshot from **Sydney** who had the backing of **MT** then 3 for the vote).

Neither of the major parties are addressing climate change sufficiently. **Labor** seems to be hedging its political bets but the **Coalition** is hopelessly addicted to coal.

The best of a bad lot. **Whilst** I support the **Green's** policies on climate change and refugees I am appalled at their consistently **anti-Catholic** bias

My views on environmental protection and climate change aligned most closely with **Greens** policies. **Libs** are pro **Adani**, **Labor** is sitting on the fence while **Greens** are against any new coal mines and for phasing out of coal asap

Labor will fuck the economy cause a recession stuff up long term growth. Their tax hikes will stay and be impossible to get rid of their spending hikes will be impossible to wind back

they have been saying for 20 yrs this country is being sent down the crapper, & both major parties, and the main stream media have done all they can to silence this party as anything from racists to far right or some other crap. more resently claiming they are wanting cash from the **NRA**, pure crap that line

The **ALP** is the only party with a vision for **Australia** in terms of closing tax loopholes, promoting investment in renewables, dealing with climate change, funding for health and education and transport

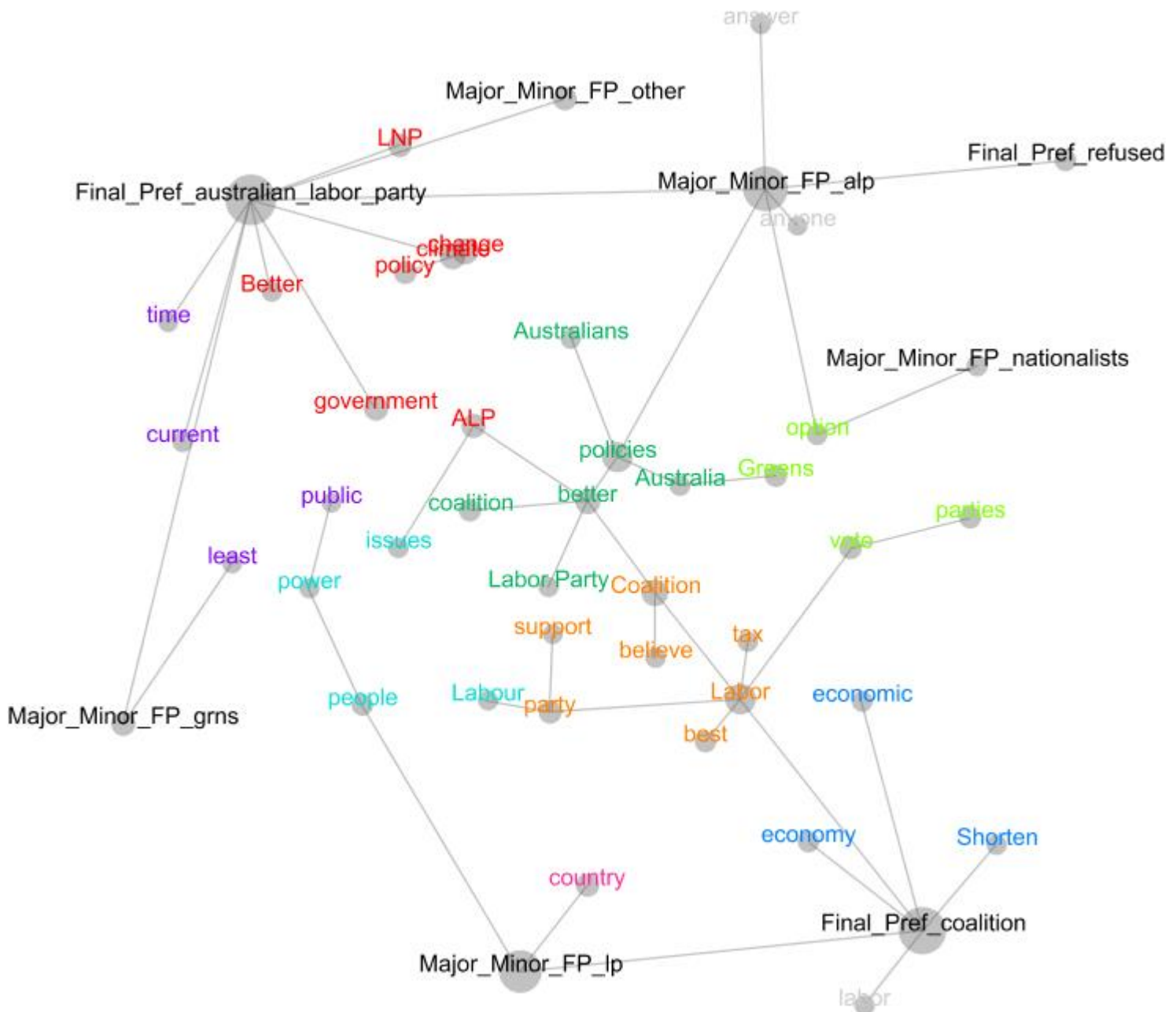
Labor has a more unified leadership and a better chance of addressing some of the main issues with its tax policy and investment in renewables even though it might not be much better than the **LNP** on refugees or de-afforestation hopefully they will listen to argument.

It looks very much as if the **Labor Party** will win this election; I usually vote for them, but this time I do it because our region would not get any of the money promised for various infrastructure items if the **LNP** is returned here, but the **Federal** government is a **Labor** one.

Refer answer in question 4. **Plus** I believe the government are the better choice for managing the economy, protecting our borders and are less politically correct than **Labor** and less likely to impact on individual freedoms.

The **Labor** part represent change from the current shambolic government. **Labor** are presenting a set of policies that I think will help advance **Australia**.

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



Verbatims

*I believe the **Labor Party** have fairer policies for all **Australians**, and will be able to implement a climate change policy finally that the **Coalition** government has not been able to do over the last six years. **Labor** will fix the **NDIS** and employ more **NDIS** staff.*

*The **ALP** have a much better policy of climate change, on tax reform, on funding services such as health, education and the **ABC** than the **Coalition**. The **ALP** is still partially captured by powerful industry interests, but not nearly as completely as the **Coalition** is.*

***ALP** is genuine about taking meaningful action on climate change, supports renewable energy and economic transformation away from fossil fuels. Of the two mainstream parties, **ALP** is concerned at the well-being of all **Australians**, not just the wealthy.*

*Although their climate change policy is completely inadequate, it is a marginal improvement on anything offered by the coalition, and capable of being improved. **Besides** which, it is utterly necessary to remove the most dysfunctional and destructive **Australian** government in living memory, worse even than the lost years of the **Howard** government.*

*As above, I'm torn between voting **Greens/Labor** and the **Coalition**, given the impact on my income of **Labor's** policy on excess franking credits and the **Coalition** promise not to change the taxation rules with superannuation.*

*I would normally prefer **Labor** but I'm bamboozled by their election policies so far and disagree with focus of millions of dollars to cancer research (as I think this is just a profit-making industry and a sham that rides on the sentiment and demise of the public). I've never been a **Liberal** voter but for the first time ever they seem to make more sense to me than **Labor** - more thorough and thoughtful.*

*I think the **Coalition** will manage the economy much better and is less divisive. I couldn't vote **Labor** if **Shorten** was my twin brother (see my answer to #6)*

*The **Labor** party has been more active in outlining policies that address the current and future. The **LNP** are more concerned about how to retain power and are not pro-active*

*The **Coalition** is best placed to look after the economy, support health, education and infrastructure programs and all their services which are the federal government's responsibility. It has the best ministerial team including the **Prime Minister***

***Given** the shambolic policy vacuum and leadership debacles that is/are infesting the **LNP**, there is NO way I'm wasting my vote on anyone apart from the **ALP**.*

*The government option I most favour this election - preferred coalition under **Malcolm Turnbull**. **Coalition** cannot address inequality and climate change*

*The current government has shown itself to be locked into a death spiral of internecine rivalry and who has shown itself singularly incapable of balancing the books unlike their public rhetoric claims with net public debt doubling in 6 years during a once in a century mining boom. Their (then hopeless) predecessors managed that feat with the aid of the **GFC**.*

*I am not very supportive of a **Coalition** government, though things are better now they have knifed **Turnbull**. In the end, though, there is nothing worse for the country than an **ALP/Greens** government.*

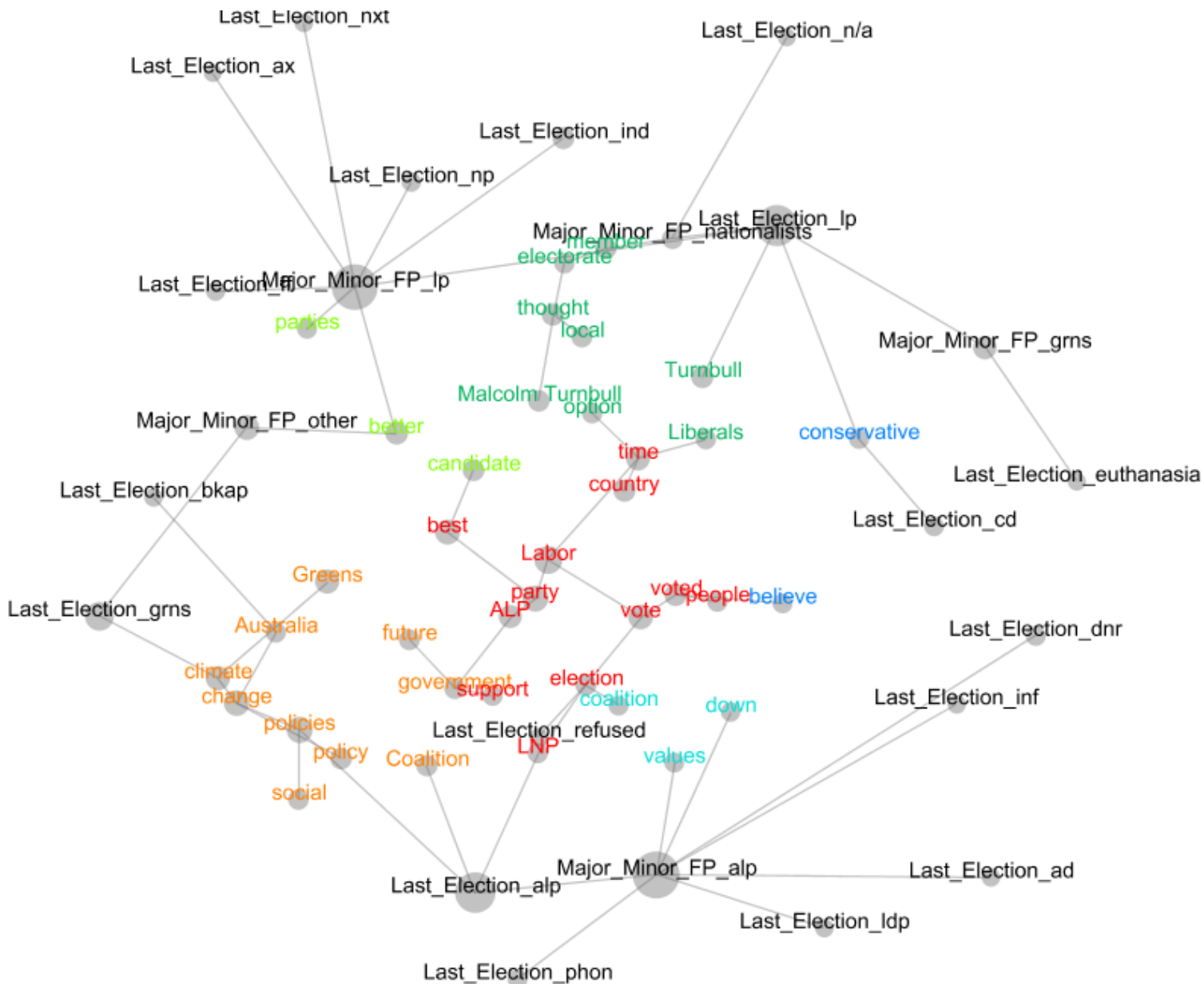
They, maybe, are a little more cautious when it comes to climate change, recognising that people cannot go on absorbing ever increasing energy prices, thus supporting purveyors of windmills and solar panels which, paradoxically, rely heavily on coal fired energy for their manufacture.

*The **Coalition** is by far the best option for **Australia** at this election as a **Labor Government** headed by **Bill Shorten** would have policies that favor his mates in the **Unions** and not small business and families.*

*At least **Labor** has a climate change policy. **Labor** is also thinking about wages and assistance for those without a big salary.*

*The media **MUST** accept the blame for the brain washing the public has endured over several decades about the selection of the candidate over a party. Also, if I found that a candidate was not enrolled in the electorate he/she aspired to represent, then I don't care if he/she is the best candidate since **Menzies**, he/she will **NEVER** get my vote.*

Thinking about the last Australian House of Representatives election, to which party did you give your first preference?



Verbatims

*The **Australian Greens** are the only political party that are treating climate change with the seriousness of a national crisis that it deserves. They also have pillars of social equity, sustainability and participatory democracy to guide their policies all of which are crucial for the government we need to meet future challenges.*

*I cannot with a clear conscious vote for anyone apart from the **ALP**, my children and grandchildren deserve a future much kinder than the capitalistic **LNP** are imposing on our country and it's people.*

Because they will not run **Kangaroo** courts as this **Govt** does, the **ABCC** is such a court, they say they will introduce an **ICAC** I hope the model is the original **NSW** one not the dumbed down one they have now wrecked by **Some Right** wing **Liberal Members Who** thought the **ICAC** should only jail **Labor** not corrupt **Liberals** of which there's more than a few

*We had a very young liberal member representing our electorate who was really starting to improve and I thought it wise that he be given a further chance. **Sadly**, he lost and an **ALP** candidate won the electorate.*

*Three years ago I had the same views as described above about climate change. **Greens** best and **Labor** better than the **Coalition**.*

*I had previously, from the to time, voted **Greens**. However, when the contest was going to be close, I voted **Labor**, as I am overall more in tune with their notional social values.*

*The **Coalition** under **Malcolm Turnbull** were a very divided group unable to collaborate a decent path on energy or climate change policy.*

*I was not happy with the local **Labor** member at that time (ineffective, I thought) and I believed that **Malcolm Turnbull** would make a better **PM**. I was wrong.*

*Every time the **Liberals** are elected to **Government** this country goes backward in terms of equity and fairness to all **Australians**. They are a **Government** enslaved to big business, the **IPA** and are gradually turning **Australia** into the worst aspects of **Pirate Capitalist America**.*

*That is how I voted and I did so because the other candidates. in the electorate in which I lived at the time, were people who I believed would be strongly anti **Christian** and would draw our country into an unholy morass.*

*My local member is **Labor** and despite the party she represents. She acts for all, for the good of the people.*

*Pretty obvious - the **ALP** is the only party that will deal with community expectations: - quality of life for all the population; - action on climate change; - action to improve public education; and - extra funding for p.o public health.*

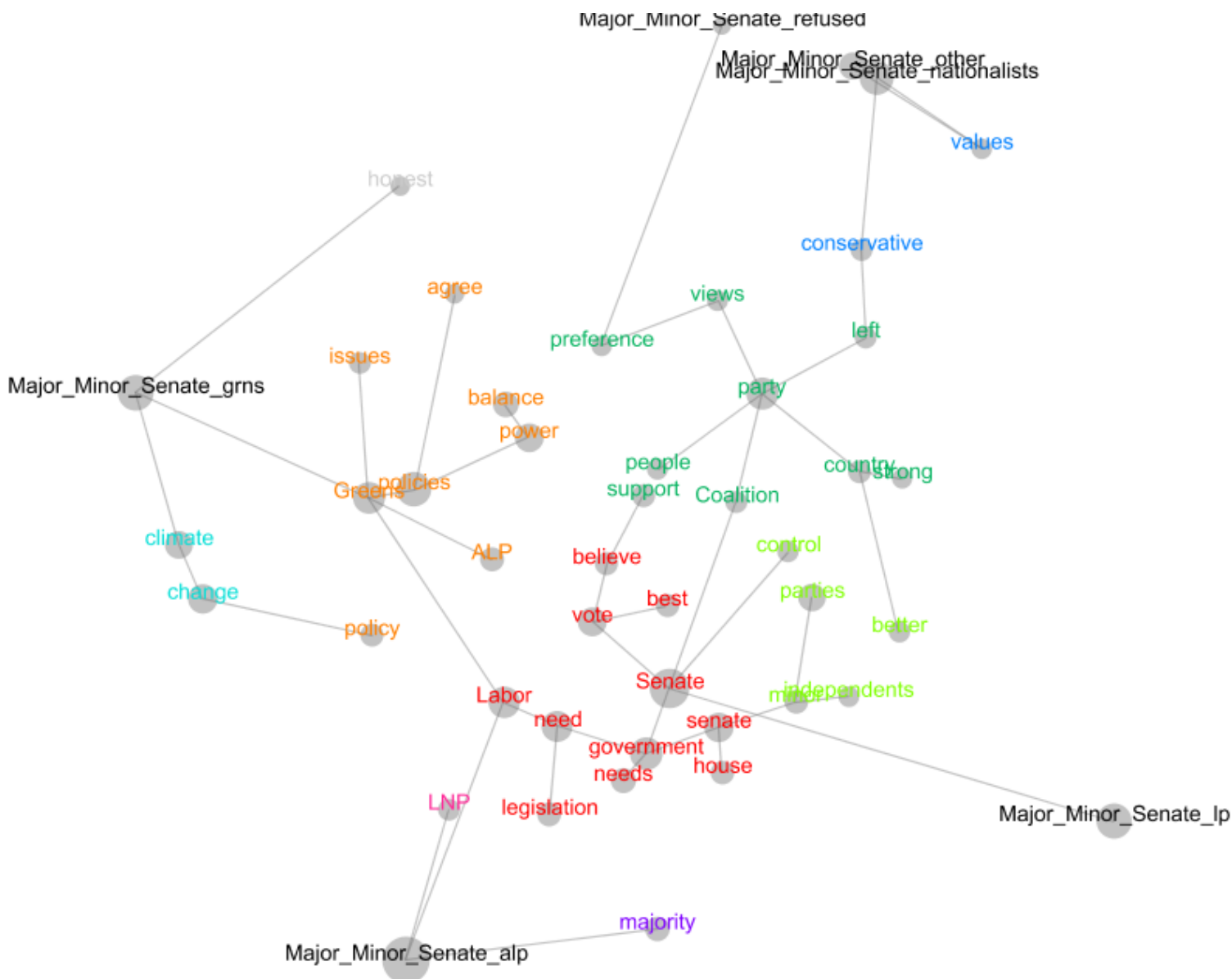
*The **Greens** support action on climate change, renewable energy recognition of the **Uluru Statement**, bringing refugees from **Manus Island** and **Nauru***

*I thought that candidate was the best option for this strongly **National Party** electorate. The **National Party** has done nothing for **Cowper** for decades.*

*I couldn't bring myself to vote for the **ALP** and nor could I vote for a party led by **Malcolm Turnbull** so I voted informal.*

*Since leaving that area I have since discovered the **National** member was not worthy of my trust. The candidate for **Labor** was a unknown quantity so I directed preferences to the **Greens** if unsure.*

In this year's federal election, which of the following parties will receive your first preference in the Senate?



Verbatims

Getting the **LNP** out is imperative and the best way to do that is vote **Labor** so they can form government and **Labors** environmental economic policies have greatly improved. **Not Greens** because if **Labor's** environmental and climate change policies are good, there's no need for the **Greens** and the **Greens** are so internally riven, they deserve a kick in the electoral goolies.

this country had the best **PM the ALP** never had as leader, the great waffler turnbull, which left this country with the **ALP** and the **ALP-light**.no conservative party as is what the liberals are meant to be, so, as i cant stand that elitist wanker turnbull i went for a party that best suited my views and gave the then turnbullshit liberal the middle finger.

The **Greens** have an excellent role in the **Senate** in providing review of legislation and influencing legislative change that would not be possible from them in the **House of Reps**. In **NSW** I believe it is a priority to have a **Greens** senator instead of risking preference flows elsewhere.

*I want the **ALP** to have the opportunity to have their legislation passed. Do not want a repetition of the 2007-2010 parliament when the **Greens** opposed **Labor's Pollution** climate change abatement legislation agreed with **Turnbull** in favour of an unattainable policy and effective action was delayed and ultimately failed.*

*I often give the **Greens** my senate vote because I think they have policies that align with my beliefs, however after they were so rigid and would not negotiate with **Julia Gillard** forcing her hand, yet are generally less rigid with the **LNP** government, I am not inclined to give them any power to do so again.*

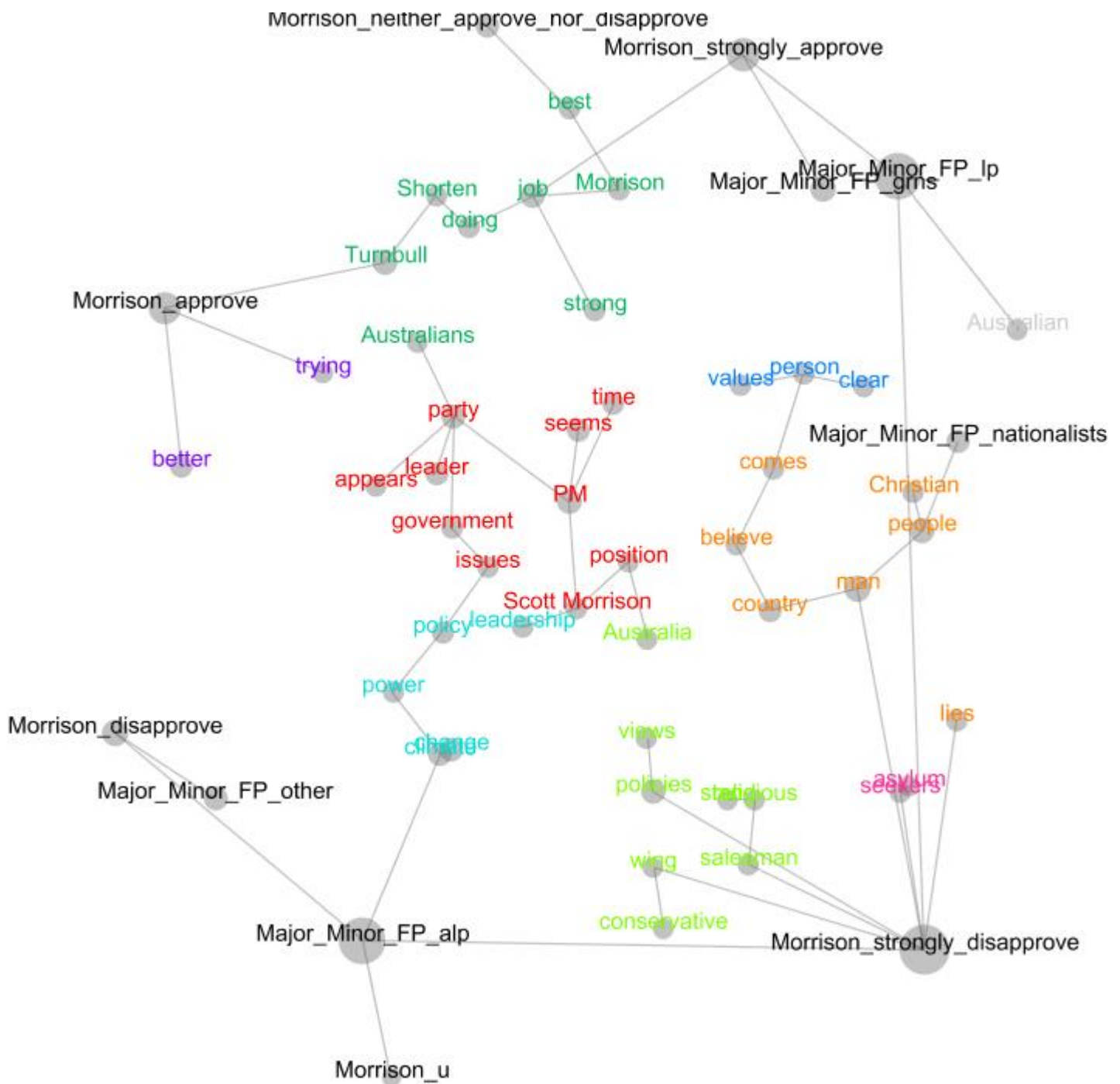
*Either the **Coalition** or **Labor** will form the next government and the **Coalition** is the party of sound government policies unlike the left wing dangerous policies of **Labor** heavily influenced by the **Greens***

I vote for labor but put my preferences to the greens as I believe that the senate needs to have a balance of power otherwise policies will not be properly reviewed.

*While I generally support **Labor** I am sometimes concerned by it's shift towards the centre/right. I am more closely aligned with **Labor Left** so I believe having **Greens** members in the **Senate** is a good check on **Labor** passing policies that align more closely to the centre.*

*I am resigned to the fact that we are a 2 party system and so I vote for the party I see will do best for **Australia**. It's pointless voting for minor parties for the reason stated in 11 - the country needs stability.*

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



Verbatims

*Our current **PM** (and one not necessarily destined for a lengthy tenure I'm sure) is supposedly a good, **Christian** family man. That may be so. He's also a member of a rather fanatical religious organisation who believe that when the end comes, **ONLY Pentacostals** will be saved (my **Aunt** is of the same persuasion so I've got some idea of what they stand for - which isn't the rest of us, be we **Muslim, Christians** of other leanings, **Bhuddist**, no affiliation) but worst of all, he's a back stabbing, self serving and utterly untrustworthy person and I would NEVER*

Scott Morrison seems a weak leader who only ended up as **PM** after the **Liberal** leadership debacle , his only plan of attack to stay in the job seems to be hoping people like **Shorten** less so he repeatedly brings him up

I consider that **Mr Morrison** has done an excellent job, since being handed the poison chalice, despite **Malcolm Turnbull's** white anting efforts. He has not had much time to put his stamp on the party but I believe that he has handled the position admirably and given a chance for the future I think that he will lead an excellent government which will be for all **Australians**.

He is doing quite well, sounds positive - but, it's such a divided party! The **Nationals** are not doing very well either - it would just be another 3 yrs of division, no climate change / power policy decision and the so-called budget surplus (which will not eventuate till NEXT year is too silly for words!

He is articulate, appears to be very capable, strongly presents & defends coalition party policies, is willing and able to refute **LABOR** lies and presents his answers to questioners in a respectful manner while presenting as a purposeful and strong leader..

I am dissatisfied with the way **Scott Morrison** was brought to power, his conservative stance, his lack of leadership on climate change, his treatment of refugees , his lack of any action on domestic violence. I have found him to be singularly unimpressive

He's too "all things for all men" in some policy areas, especially multiculturalism and climate policy, but he is miles better than **Turnbull** as a retail politician. He's a fluent, persuasive speaker with empathy.

In my opinion he is not totally trustworthy, particularly when it comes to **Turnbull**, the **UN** and climate change. I also wish he would try to speak the language of the average person and be more forceful in his arguments with **Labor** and **Shorten**.

I can not forget his policy position on people seeking asylum to **Australia**. It remains a national disgrace.

Personable Credible, honest **Seems** to lead well, **Prepared** to call out **Labor's** lies and to take on their untrustworthy leader **Shorten** across the issues with detailed understanding and strong conviction to policy

A dreadful, shouty man with nothing to recommend him. his religious views are being foisted on us through policy - **Jerusalem** embassy move - and through his stance on important issues like health, disability and womens health.

I find his values showing him to be an extremely hypocritical "**Christian**. He is confrontational, he lies/ misrepresents, he has little empathy & does not push for fair policies that help poorer people

This man is a car salesman, he does not appear genuine and when he speaks he is like a preacher with very conservative social views, and a cruel attitude towards asylum seekers.

He is terrified to talk about the reasons why he became **PM**, also to suggest anything that would put the right wing of his party off side - climate change being one of those topics.

I cannot understand how as the **No. 1** politician in this country he can rationalise going to church on Sunday and then blatantly lie to the **Australian** people. 'With **Labour** youu will get higher taxes, a worse economy and **Bill** lies' He is shameless.

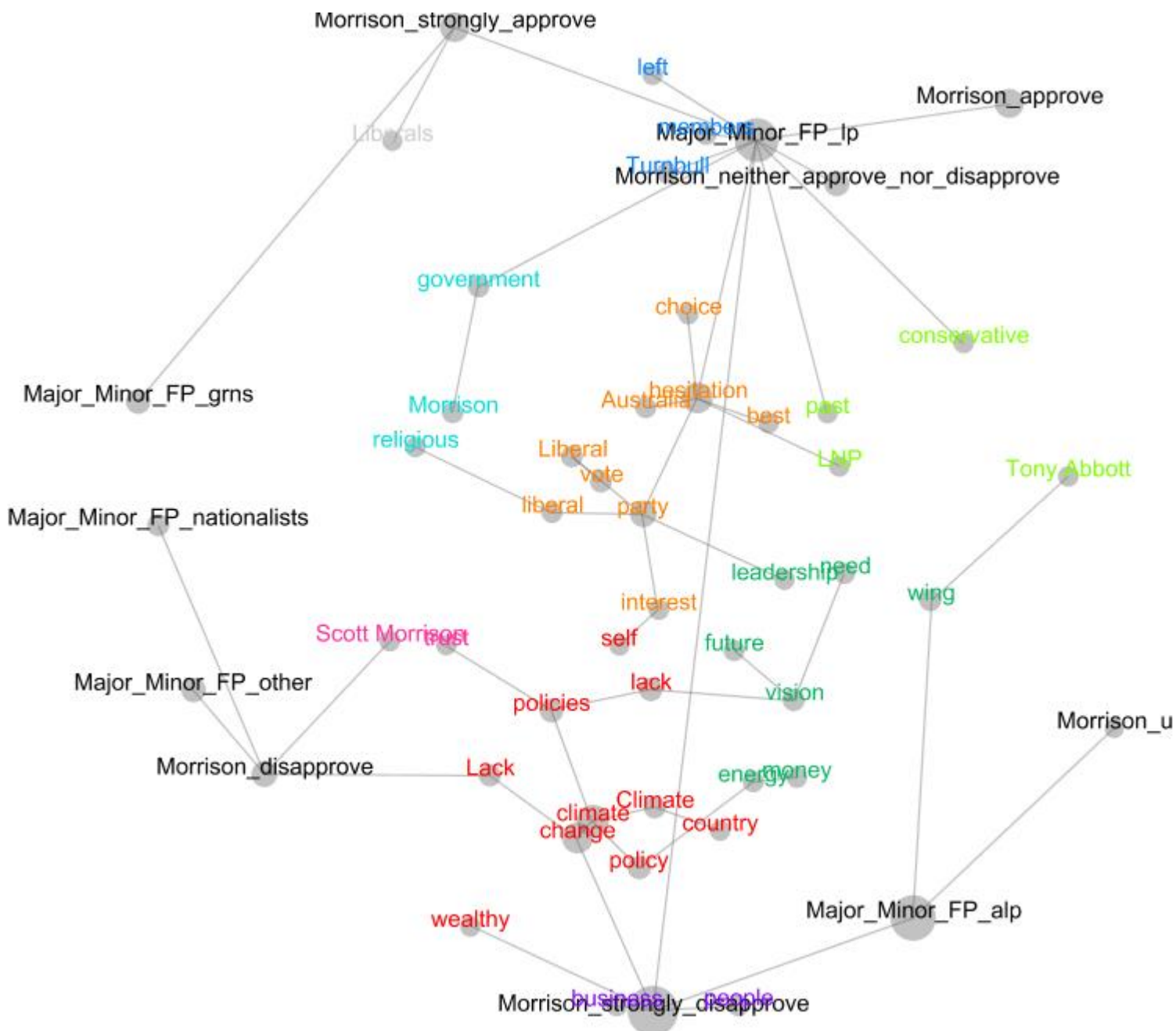
Morrison was thrown into the job of **PM** when **Turnbull** so stupidly called a spill believing he would have overwhelming support. **Morrison** remained loyal to the end and when **Turnbull** was gone, hje took the job.

Generally Morrison has been advocating the correct policies economically. However, he has failed to stand up enough on the issues of climate change and freedom of speech.

relative clarity in his aims providing leadership and values to the government and the coalition despite earlier ructions proven minister (unlike **Turnbull**)

His career in **Tourism** in **NZ** and **Australia** show a man who is all **PR**, not able to sustain a creative high-level job. His time in **Immigrations** show how ruthless he can be and able to avoid the truth with journalists.

Irrespective of how you intend to vote, in thinking of voting for Scott Morrison and the Liberal Party what makes you hesitate the most?



Verbatims

They have no vision for **Australia**, they only act in their own selfish interest. As a former liberal voter and admirer of leaders such as **Fraser** and **Hewson** I believe the party has lost its way and is in need of reform

The only way I would ever vote for them is if the choice was between them and **One Nation**. They have no policy for the future, for climate change, for anything other than their self interest.

Seem corrupt, waste our money on endless pork barrelling, no idea re energy policy or climate change, major women problem, etc

*Their past record on managing the economy, climate change and their own party. The **Liberal** party has been taken over by the nutty right wing conservatives.*

The liberal party is a party of divided ideologies and policies. It is almost impossible to define what is their position on climate change or any other policy.

They are climate change deniers and will never do enough to remedy the damage they have imposed on this once great country by their irresponsible lack of policies.

***Lack** of policy on climate change and the compassionate treatment of refugees. The reopening of **Christmas Island** at great expense to the **Australian** public, for no reason, only to close it again.*

*I would like to see the **LNP** stand up for mining which is about the only thing **Australia** is really good at, and dump the **Paris** commitments which are a huge dead weight for us, but the latter won't happen. In no circumstances do I see **Labor** offering benefits which would give me second thoughts about voting for the **Morrison** team.*

*No concern for the environment, climate change, energy use, unemployed. **Thinks** offering money in the form of tax cuts is all that is required.*

***Morrison** presides over a fragmented party. The **Liberal** party is in big trouble and I see no way it can be fixed and certainly should not be in government.*

*The coalition and **Scott Morrison** have no vision other than trying to scare voters into voting their way. They offer young people nothing other than a narrow view that tax cuts will give us the country we want.*

***Neo** liberal economics and right wings politics and not delivering on climate change but supporting coal. **Talks** but does very little and **Morrison** sound like a spin doctor.*

***LNP** policies show a lack of vision for the future of my children and grandchildren.*

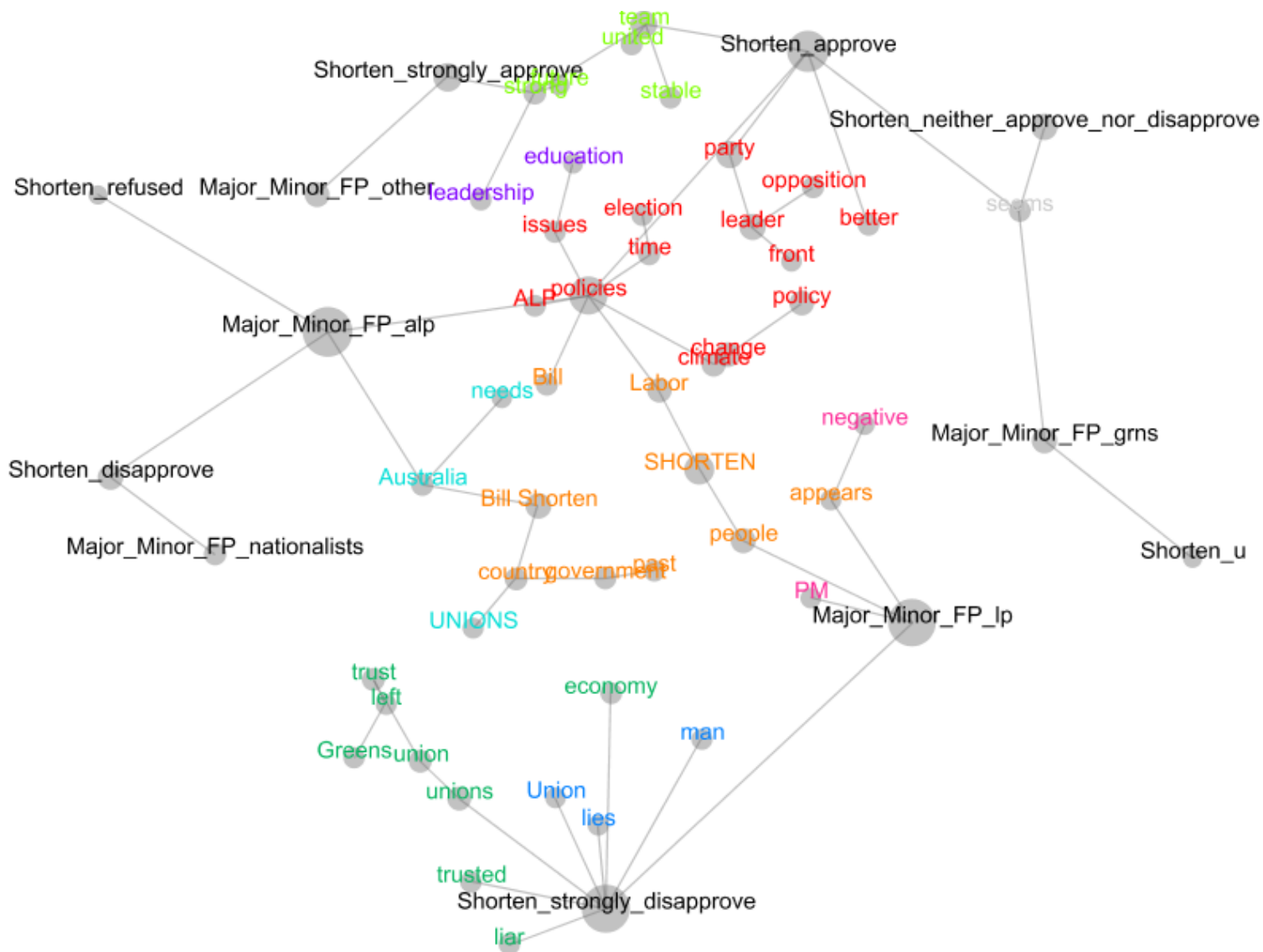
***Unable** to come to grips with climate change, inequitable funding of schools, no respect for those most in need.*

***Stands** for the status quo and supporting big business and wealthy people. **Brings** too much of his religious baggage.*

***Lack** of action on climate change, complete disinterest in furthering equality (in terms of wealth or otherwise), their main focus is ensuring that those on high incomes pay the lowest taxes etc etc.*

***Climate** change denialists, incompetent, shifty, party is not united, lost their talented people*

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



Verbatims

*At least **Bill Shorten** has been the leader in putting policies out to the people well in advance of the election so that there is a clear choice between labor and coalition. I feel that **Bill Shorten** has some trust issues given his past records with the **Unions** and workers in the past, and some workers feel that he left them to hang out to dry, when negotiating workplace agreements with employers.*

Under Shorten the ALP have been stable, they have a fucken clue (ie, an agenda), policies that are based on economics, engineering and science, a solid team, they look ready. **Bill** is a bastard who has backstabbed plenty on the way up, but it might be better to have leader who isnt going to waste his time repaying his mates, and will better spend it governing.

Labour under **Shorten** has displayed extraordinary discipline and cohesiveness, and developed into a very strong team with clear policies and plans to get **Australia** back on track. I am impressed and see that he has stood tall as a leader - whilst at the same time the **Cooalition** has spectacularly self-destructed.

ALP under **Shorten** has released many tax policies that close unfair tax loop wholes that will help increase **Government** revenue. His party has a better climate change policy, and a more progressive set of tax reform proposals.

Bill Shorten may not have the looks of a movie star I'm voting for a **PM** not the logies He leads a united party with a good team who care for the people they have carefully worked through their policies

Shorten suffers for from bad (**Murdoch** in particular) press. He presents an image that may be considered 'shifty' but on the plus side, **Bill Shorten** has united the **Labor** party and he has presided over a united team, producing coherent policies.

He has maintained and led a strong, unified, competent front bench team and wider caucus, developing well thought-out and valuable policies, which **Australia** desperately needs put in place.

Bill Shorten is too beholden to neoliberal philosophy, and weak on climate change, but the **ALP** has proven itself a much more functional **Government** than the **Libs**, even at their most unstable. **Shorten** is doing a good job of keeping the **ALP** stable.

On his policies on carbon emissions (mandating 50% electric vehicles by 2030), climate change and taxation will damage the economy by increasing the costs of living and lower my fixed income standard of living. By avoiding giving details of the cost effects of his policies I have no trust in him.

If **Keating** is concerned on some of **Labor's** policy direction, it shows **Shorten** is very dangerous for the country with him beholden to the **Greens** for preferences for any chance to form government. The the unions will start pulling their puppet strings to fully control their candidate.

I think **Bill Shorten** has worked with his team to determine principled policies on most issues. I would like him to be even stronger on climate policy, otherwise he with his team have developed sensible policies.

Shorten's recent statements show some attempt to change policy from the standard **Labor/Coalition** line of the past 15-20 years. There are some, rather weak, plans to address climate change and the incomes of the poorer parts of our society, but its to early to know if he really means it or if he will revert to form post-election.

Ideological economically disastrous approach to policies. **Clearly** does not understand the two critical points to consider in policy making (on any subject) firstly things do not remain the same after a policy change ie taxing people will mean that they do things differently to minimise the impact thus the outcome will not be as expected.

Shorten and **Labor** seem to be more interested in trying to change attitudes for a better future climate and economy wise for the majority

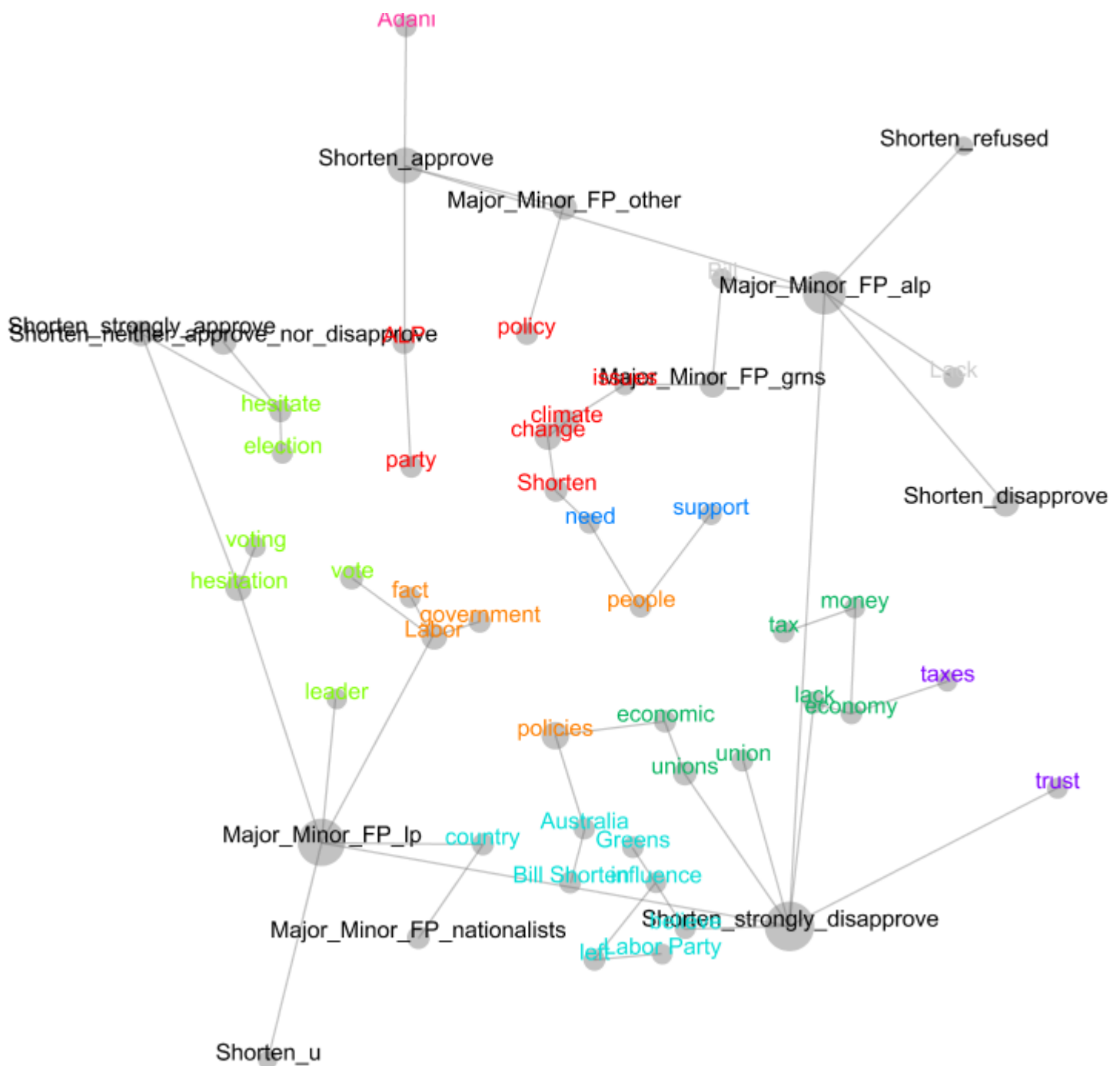
Shorten is a liar who took kickbacks to rip away work entitlements from people he claimed to represent and he hasn't a clue about his own party's economy destroying policies.

Bill's as boring as batshit, as inspirational as a damp towel and heads a united team with good, good especially compared to the **Coalition**, progressive policies across a rang of policy areas that could get us onto reducing greenhouse gas emissions and winding back neoliberalism.

*In his reply to the budget speech, **Bill Shorten** set out a comprehensive plan for **Australia** in terms of properly funding health, education, transport and how he will pay for the funding including encouraging investment in renewables and dealing with climate change*

***Shorten** will do everything he can to impliment ~~UN~~ policies which **Favour Big Corporations** and most powerful people and diminish conditions of the masses. **Shorten** is so **Corrupt** he's pretty much in the same **League** as the **Mafia** in **Australia**.*

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



Verbatims

Socialist policies based on class warfare and climate change policies based on ignorance of science and engineering and life in the real world of private business away from the magic money tree of tax payer funds

*economic stupidity, slaves to the **PC** left wing of the party and unions. constant attempt to play up class warfare and attempts to come across with warm and fuzzy policies.*

The total lack of substance to their policies, desire to tax whoever they believe has many, favouritism to sections of the community over others and desperate need to do deals with the crazy fringe to get elected.

***Labor**, and **Mr Shorten** in particular, will do ANYTHING to oust the current government in order to get themselves back to where they feel they belong - which is running the country. Along with salvaging their group ego, they believe that they can fix **Australia**.*

the influence of far left policies and the lack of support for rural and regional issues.

*The influence of the unions and far left parties on **Bill Shorten** and the **Labor Party**. How much he and the **Labor Party** are out to change the basic fabric of our society for the worse.*

***Bill Shorten** - not a suitable character to lead this nation **Labor Party** - policies will harm us just at the point where we are finally escaping the damage caused by the **GFC** (under **Labor**)*

The thing that makes me hesitate the most is their disregard, despite some platitudes, of people of faith and I also believe that they will not handle the economy effectively.

*He will not release costings of some of his main policies and I do not want to see **Australia** sent broke because of their extreme climate change policies*

*I am not hesitant to vote for **Labor** at this election as I feel the country needs a change of government.*

*I'm concerned that they too are in the pockets of the big resource companies, or are too scared of the racist bogans in marginal far western **Qld** seats to put into place the climate change policies necessary*

***Lack** of popularity with the electorate. Not that we need another **Rudd**, but the metric for success as a **PM** has recently been popularity with the people, which **Shorten** doesn't seem to have.*

*Their inability to articulate simple messages about how they intend to go about putting in place a broad array of policies. They seem to be starting off the election with a splintered focus on how to get **Australia** behind them.*

*I loathe all of their policies, and even more, the **Greens**, who would have a baleful influence pulling them further to the destructive left.*

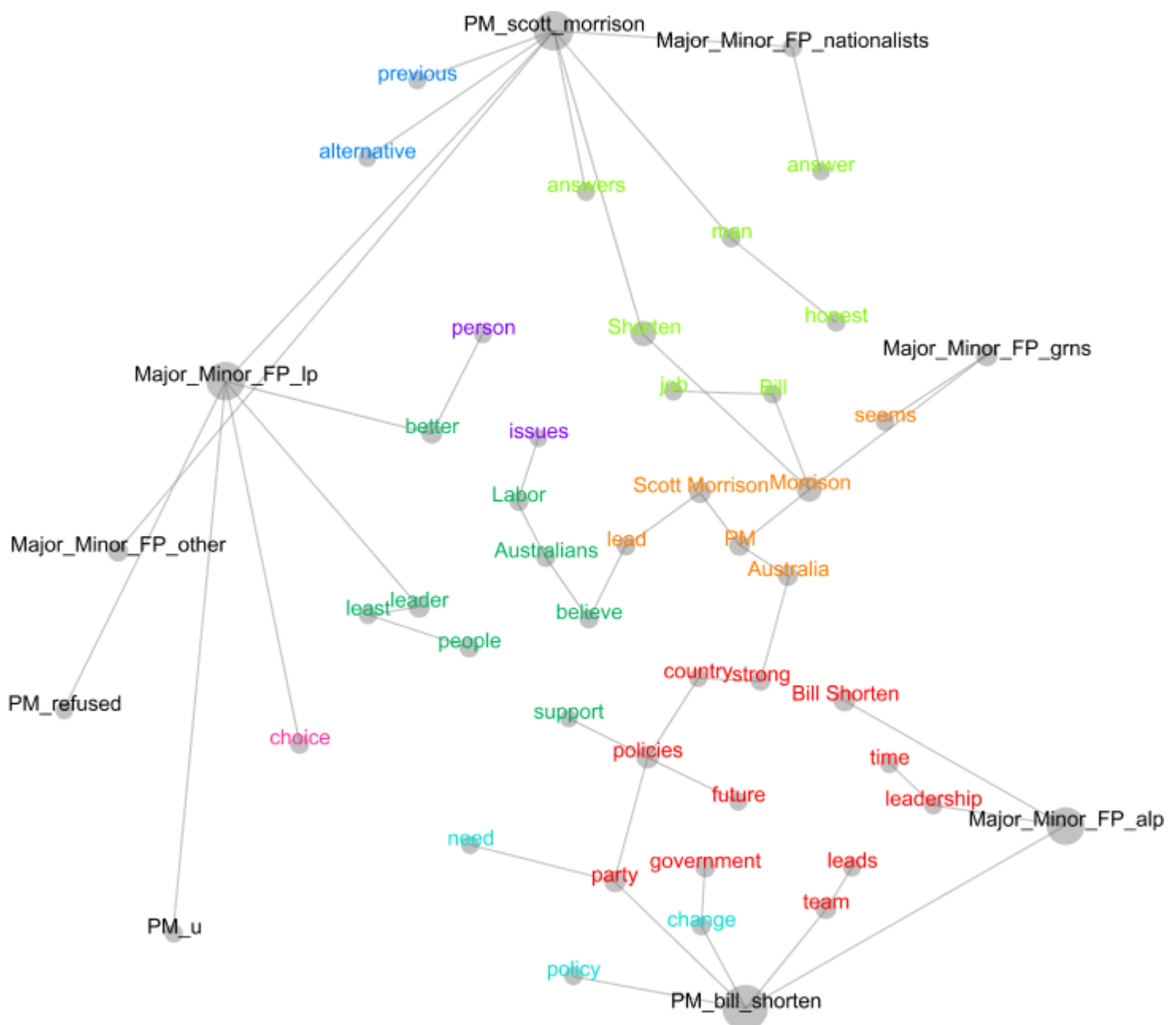
*He is an unprincipled, immoral liar and power-monger. His reckless adoption of extreme left cultural **Marxist** policies will be disastrous for our economy and society.*

***Coalition** with The **Greens**, minor parties and independents to further sectional interests. Where does the **Labor Party** expect to generate revenue to fund policies such as a 50% renewable target for energy production?*

***Labor** always destroys the economy in a very short time....and will take from the millions of self-funded retirees the money they and the share companies have already paid tax on!*

***Nowhere** near bold enough on climate change, appalling on refugees, compromised by coal-mining union connections, relatively conservative compared to my own positions.*

Who is your preferred prime minister?



Verbatims

*I consider that **Mr Morrison** has done an excellent job, since being handed the poison chalice, despite **Malcolm Turnbull's** white anting efforts. He has not had much time to put his stamp on the party but I believe that he has handled the position admirably and given a chance for the future I think that he will lead an excellent government which will be for all **Australians**.*

*I am more concerned about a coherent party and policy platform than about a specific leader. **Nevertheless**, the coalition has no agenda beyond staying in government, delaying action on climate change and looking after the wealthy while pretending to be concerned about poor and middle-income **Australians**.*

Scott Morrison is clearly the better candidate to lead **Australia** as its **PM Shorten** would be an embarrassment on the international stage and would cause business and investment confidence to slump in the **Nation**.

Bill Shorten I believe is interested in working to make this country fair and equitable, addressing climate change through policies, including **Aboriginal** people genuinely in **Government**, developing proper economic policies that will be fairer to **EVERYONE**.

Bill Shorten may not be the most liked future **PM**, but he has behind him a solid and experienced team of **Ministers** who will drive **Australia** into a new era of fiscal responsibility and socially moral conduct, unlike the reprehensible idiots in charge at the moment.

See above **Morrison**: Very unintelligent, fake **Christian**, suspicions re corruption, no idea re climate or energy policy, power for the sake of it, bunch of shonky or useless **Ministers Shorten**: **Experience**, consistent re centre left policies, climate and energy policies, not corrupt, good team

I cannot believe **Australians** will trash their current lifestyle to risk another **Rudd-like** person to manage the country. All the other **Labor** identities are the same as when **Rudd** controlled the purse string and they were duds.&

I can think of **Labor** politicians I would rather have as leader but, given that I have no other choice, I'll support **Shorten**. Whatever his limitations, he's a far better person than **Morrison**.

We need a change of **PM** and **Bill Shorten** has led the **Labor** party effectively for quite a time. He needs to now prove he can be a progressive **PM** if elected.

He is an ethical man with strong convictions, he is a strong leader who is obviously highly intelligent and communicates more clearly than any of the previous 4 **PMs**. He is a "people's man" who is genuinely in touch with mainstream **Australia**.

Shorten deserves to be **PM**, he's served his apprenticeship. He may not be charismatic but I believe he is entitled to be elected because of the policies **Labor** has produced while in **Opposition**.

Scott Morrison was the accidental **PM** thanks to the **Durrin** conspiracy. **Bill Shorten** leads a very good team - I hope he can manage it well.

Morrison is a pm because **Liberal MPs** are too cowardly to stand up to their right wing faction. The **Liberals** only chance is to form a minority government with the support of ex **Liberal** party members who are running as independents because of the right wing faction polluting their party.

He has been the leader of the **Labor Party** for the past five or six years, and is the only leader to keep his team united and committed, and I believe he is ready to lead the next government of **Australia**, unlike the **Coalition**, who have have changed **Prime Minister** and **Treasurer** three times in the last parliament.

Morrison is a straight-talking, honest man who cares deeply about his fellow **Australians**. **Shorten** is a liar who only cares about **Bill**.

I respect **Bill Shorten** and how he has lead the **ALP**. He is more honest, and is more transparent with the policies that his party proposed to implement, and what the consequences of those policies will be.

*I believe **Morrison** is genuinely concerned with all **Australians** unlike **Turnbull** who was only interested in helping himself and was untrustworthy. The same applies to **Shorten** - I do not trust him and do not approve of labour policies.*

***Scott** is too smug, too fast with the answers, too quick to answer the next question, no one knows what he stands for. **Bill** has been around long enough so everyone knows what he stands for, he seems to be his own man, he has held power before in the union movement and been at the top.*

***Best** of the bunch but what **Australia** really needs is a refresh of leadership, someone who is not a party hack, someone who relates to the young and our future. **Plibersek** and **Keneally** are first thoughts.*

*Every one I know are dedicated hard-working people who work not for themselves but for all **Australians**. **Shorten** was described as "an unreliable witness" **Burke** - ditto, **Plikerchek** - ditto - and so on not one person I know I could give money to and ask them to donate to charity.*