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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 YouGov poll published on June 7 in *The Courier Mail*.

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 Katter Australia Party and United Australia Party votes as one and labelled them "Nationalist". Given their small size in the sample, on their own they are not statistically significant, whereas combined in one group they are. 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 August 27, 2020 through to September 2, 2020 using our online panel of over 13,000 Australian voters and only inviting people to participate who had Queensland postcodes.

Qualitative analysis was undertaken using Leximancer. Respondents were selected randomly from their various voting blocs. Quantitative analysis was undertaken using Microsoft Excel, and the respondents selected by voting intention for the qualitative analysis.

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Executive Summary

Our general findings are that, as in the 2017 election, electors are unenthusiastic about the two major parties. While they rate Labor ahead of the LNP on key issues, they harbour an on-balance desire to see LNP elected. This makes both parties' positions fragile. Labor's performance is obviously, despite the numerical differences, not vastly different to the LNP's in electors' minds, and while the LNP has a small final preference advantage, this could easily evaporate.

Annastacia Palaszczuk has set the high bar for this election so low that it's possible Deb Frecklington could get over it with an old-fashioned scissors kick. But there's a reason no one uses scissors kicks anymore – they are a high risk, inefficient way of achieving the same thing as a Fosbury Flop - but can Deb do the Flop?

And how low has Annastacia set the bar? Afterall, her Newspoll approval ratings are extremely high, so how can she potentially be losing. Our polling suggests her approval is mostly based on her handling of COVID, and that electors are looking past that to the future when assessing the next election. They want to know who is best to handle the recovery which puts the emphasis on economic competence, and here Labor struggles. Not that the LNP are rated highly, but it is generally a core LNP attribute more than it is Labor's.

The key points are:

1. COVID impacts on the election, but it is more of an issue for rusted-on Labor and Greens voters than for LNP, Nationalists, or Others. This is because even Labor voters are looking past COVID to the economics and jobs recovery that must occur, and this is where the LNP have a reputational strength.
2. Voter energy in supporting one side or the other, as measured by participation in the poll, is up significantly for the ALP, LNP and KAP, but down for One Nation and the Greens since the 2017 election. The increase in KAP versus decrease in ONP probably reflects the key cross-bench role that the KAP has played for 5 years, plus their superior stability to One Nation. The drop in the Greens is possibly due to COVID dampening down concern for Climate Change in favour of economic recovery.
3. Enthusiasm overall is stagnant with voters unimpressed with either government or opposition, and narrowly inclined to take government from the ALP, but divided as to whether this should be for a minority LNP or ALP government. This is demonstrated by:
   a. Net approval of the Palaszczuk at -8% (Total Approval 40%/Total Disapproval 49%)
   b. Net approval of Frecklington at -21% (TA 25%/TD 46%)
   c. Yet Palaszczuk preferred as premier by only 45% to 44%
4. Further complications in what this means are in these figures:
   a. Does the government deserve to be re-elected? Net -11% (Agree 40%/Disagree 51%)
   b. Does the opposition deserve to become the government? -34% (Agree 24%/Disagree 58%)
   c. Who do you expect to win the election? ALP 47%, Hung Parliament 18%, LNP 15%
   d. Who would you like to win the election? ALP 41%, Hung Parliament 11%, LNP 44%
5. Despite being inferior to Labor on almost every measure electors would still rather have the LNP as the government, even if by only a tiny margin. This says that they

have such a low opinion of both parties that they don't see much real difference between them in terms of performance.

6. It also meshes with the qual in that while COVID is colouring perceptions of Palaszczuk's leadership, voters are looking through it to the future. (Some interesting parallels here with how Trump's polling appears to be picking up in the USA as voters look through COVID to recovery and beyond).

7. When it comes to what is really driving their vote, the bottom-line is economic and recovering from COVID. In our qual the traditional ALP concerns about health, education and services in general have declined in incidence markedly in favour of economic issues, including unemployment. The LNP brand carries more weight in these areas, so absent a strong attachment to either side, appears at the moment to be carrying the day.

8. Greens are a major negative for conservative voters, but don't see any mention of One Nation or Katter from the left.

9. COVID is about the only thing that gives the ALP definition. After 5 years in government they don't stand for anything. Greens see them as too capitalist, conservatives see them as too Green. Culture war issues. Other hesitations are unions, public service, coal. They are wedged in the middle.

10. LNP seen as party of vested interests with lacklustre representatives, run by the backroom and disunited. Not interested in the regions and regional issues. Frecklington negative. Campbell Newman (but restricted mostly to rusted-on Labor). Same problem as Labor too – often seen as too right-, or left-wing.

Quantitative Analysis

Percentages in the raw, unadjusted samples 2017 and 2020 (% change is a measure of how energised various voting blocs are.)

	2017	2020	% Change
ALP	22%	28%	26%
Grns	22%	14%	-39%
KAP	3%	10%	240%
LNP	29%	36%	24%
ONP	21%	9%	-57%

2017 n=311, 2020 n=303

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

Row Labels	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Grand Total
SA	37%	7%	0%	5%	14%	14%
A	48%	30%	2%	8%	14%	21%
N	13%	30%	6%	5%	0%	11%
D	1%	23%	30%	16%	57%	19%
SD	1%	3%	62%	65%	14%	34%
U	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TA	85%	37%	2%	14%	29%	35%
TD	3%	27%	91%	81%	71%	53%
NA	82%	10%	-89%	-68%	-43%	-18%

n=247

Code: SA=Strongly Agree, A=Agree, N=Neutral, D=Disagree, SD=Strongly Disagree, U=Unsure, TA=Total Agree, TD=Total Disagree, NA=Net Agree

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

Party	1st Preference
ALP	31.98%
Grns	12.15%
Ind	2.83%
KAP	4.05%
LNP	38.06%
ONP	10.53%
UAP	0.40%
Total	100.00%

n=247

Thinking about your vote this election, which party, Labor or Liberal National, will you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government?

Party preferred	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	31%	13%	0%	1%	0%	44%
LNP	1%	1%	39%	14%	2%	56%
Total	31%	14%	39%	14%	2%	100%

n=198

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

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
SA	56%	10%	0%	3%	14%	20%
A	37%	57%	3%	3%	14%	21%
N	8%	17%	9%	14%	14%	10%
D	0%	7%	30%	22%	14%	16%
SD	0%	3%	59%	59%	43%	33%
U	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TA	92%	67%	3%	5%	29%	40%
TD	0%	10%	88%	81%	57%	49%
NA	92%	57%	-85%	-76%	-29%	-8%

n=247

Code: SA=Strongly Agree, A=Agree, N=Neutral, D=Disagree, SD=Strongly Disagree, U=Unsure, TA=Total Agree, TD=Total Disagree, NA=Net Agree

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

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
SA	3%	0%	10%	5%	0%	5%
A	4%	0%	43%	11%	14%	20%
N	14%	21%	36%	32%	14%	26%
D	19%	24%	11%	38%	57%	20%
SD	56%	48%	0%	11%	0%	25%
U	5%	7%	1%	3%	14%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TA	6%	0%	52%	16%	14%	25%
TD	75%	72%	11%	49%	57%	46%
NA	-68%	-72%	41%	-32%	-43%	-21%

n=246

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Who is your preferred premier?

	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
Annastacia Palaszczuk	100%	79%	1%	7%	33%	45%
Deb Frecklington	0%	4%	88%	61%	50%	44%
Unsure	0%	18%	11%	32%	17%	11%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=231

Thinking about the performance of the Queensland 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
SA	39%	13%	1%	3%	0%	15%
A	52%	53%	3%	3%	29%	26%
N	8%	13%	3%	14%	0%	7%
D	1%	7%	10%	11%	14%	7%
SD	0%	7%	83%	70%	57%	45%
U	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TA	91%	67%	4%	5%	29%	40%
TD	1%	13%	93%	81%	71%	51%
NA	90%	53%	-88%	-76%	-43%	-11%

n=247

Code: SA=Strongly Agree, A=Agree, N=Neutral, D=Disagree, SD=Strongly Disagree, U=Unsure, TA=Total Agree, TD=Total Disagree, NA=Net Agree

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

Row Labels	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
SA	0%	0%	9%	3%	0%	4%
A	3%	3%	42%	22%	14%	21%
N	1%	3%	23%	24%	29%	14%
D	20%	13%	12%	27%	14%	17%
SD	75%	77%	8%	24%	43%	41%
U	1%	3%	7%	0%	0%	3%
Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**
TA	3%	3%	51%	24%	14%	24%
TD	95%	90%	20%	51%	57%	58%
NA	-92%	-87%	32%	-27%	-43%	-34%

n=245

Code: SA=Strongly Agree, A=Agree, N=Neutral, D=Disagree, SD=Strongly Disagree, U=Unsure, TA=Total Agree, TD=Total Disagree, NA=Net Agree

Irrespective of how you intend to vote, if an election were held next weekend, who would you expect to win?

Row Labels	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	73%	67%	21%	32%	71%	47%
HP	6%	10%	22%	41%	14%	18%
LNP	1%	0%	33%	14%	14%	15%
U	19%	23%	23%	14%	0%	20%
Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

n=247

Code: ALP=ALP, HP=Hung Parliament, LNP=LNP, U=Undecided

Irrespective of how you intend to vote, if an election were held next weekend, who would you like to win?

Row Labels	ALP	Grns	LNP	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	94%	83%	2%	0%	14%	41%
HP	3%	17%	3%	38%	29%	11%
LNP	0%	0%	91%	54%	43%	44%
U	4%	0%	3%	8%	14%	4%
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 Queensland how strongly would you agree or disagree that the country is heading in the right direction?

First_Pref_alp
Direction_sd Direction_a
First_Pref_grns
Direction_n Direction_u
doing pandemic energy
job change
support
borders coal
Queensland Adani
COVID issues mining
direction health
decisions projects development
public political
people bad
Government
economic social
economy infrastructure
government
border Labor
current
Premier restrictions Qld
control
business
First_Pref_ind
Direction_d
First_Pref_kap
First_Pref_lnp First_Pref_uap
First_Pref_onp Direction_sd
Direction_sd debt

Verbatims

> *I agree with our premier's stance on covid-19 (border closure) and appreciate our state government's support for the arts during the economic turmoil of the pandemic restrictions. I do not support the planned destruction of Bimblebox from coal mining, nor the appalling treatment of the Wangan and Jagalingou people who are fighting against Adani, nor our apparent abandonment of species such as the koala.*
>
> *While not happy about the state government responses to such matters as climate change, increasing the size and numbers of national parks from a tourist perspective and reducing dust storms because of excessive land*

clearing (also affecting future agricultural prosperity), there is one aspect of this government that requires admiration in the face of opposition nonsense and that is the decisions taken. to support the State Chief Medical Officer *and closing the borders in the interest of public safety in the face of the* Covid*-19 pandemic.*

No enthusiasm for any capitalist Parties *but generally* Labor *is to be preferred, especially when in alliance with social movements and* Unions, *support for critical journalism,* ABC. Palaszczuc *has done well with health security firm hand using credible* CMO *and street protest;* QPS *quite restrained with large and assertive demonstrations (maybe something to do with not bad female* Commissioner*)* LNP *are awful, crass and greedy (most unfortunate* Trad's *stuffup, though new* Deputy, Miles *seems promising).*

Ruinous *social legislation - late term abortion, foreshadowed euthanasia law; corruption by* Trad*; mismanagement of projects; financial fecklessness; bloated growth of public service; nonsense energy policy - hatred of coal and disdain for mining workers and interests of the regions; curtailment of farmers' rights over their own land; gender fluidity nonsense foisted on children; political correctness foisted. on the public.*

I believe they are doing a reasonable job at putting legislation in place that protects the environment and our wildlife.] I am in support of their COVID *19 policies They have put a cap on corporate donations to political parties and appear to be cleaning up the issuse of transparency and accountability which SHOULD reduce the long standing tolerance from past* Coalition Govts *to tolerant or cover-up corruption*

Positives *..... * Covid*-19 response and protection of borders, support for* Stanthorpe *with paying for haulage of water for town supply, study for water pipeline from* Toowoomba to Warwick*, financial support fro* Emu Swamp Dam*, etc* Negatives *.... should announce non-approval o* Acland Coal Mine *extension, should not approve any further thermal coal mines including* Adani*, etc*

The government's handling of the pandemic is good and I am in favour of the border restrictions. But on larger issues the Labor *government is still fence sitting about coal so I would say heading in the wrong direction.*

The current attitude to quarantine does not show any signs for change in the short to medium term. While I agree with many of the restrictions it is difficult to reconcile the long-term damage to the economy with the possible short-medium term control of viral infections.
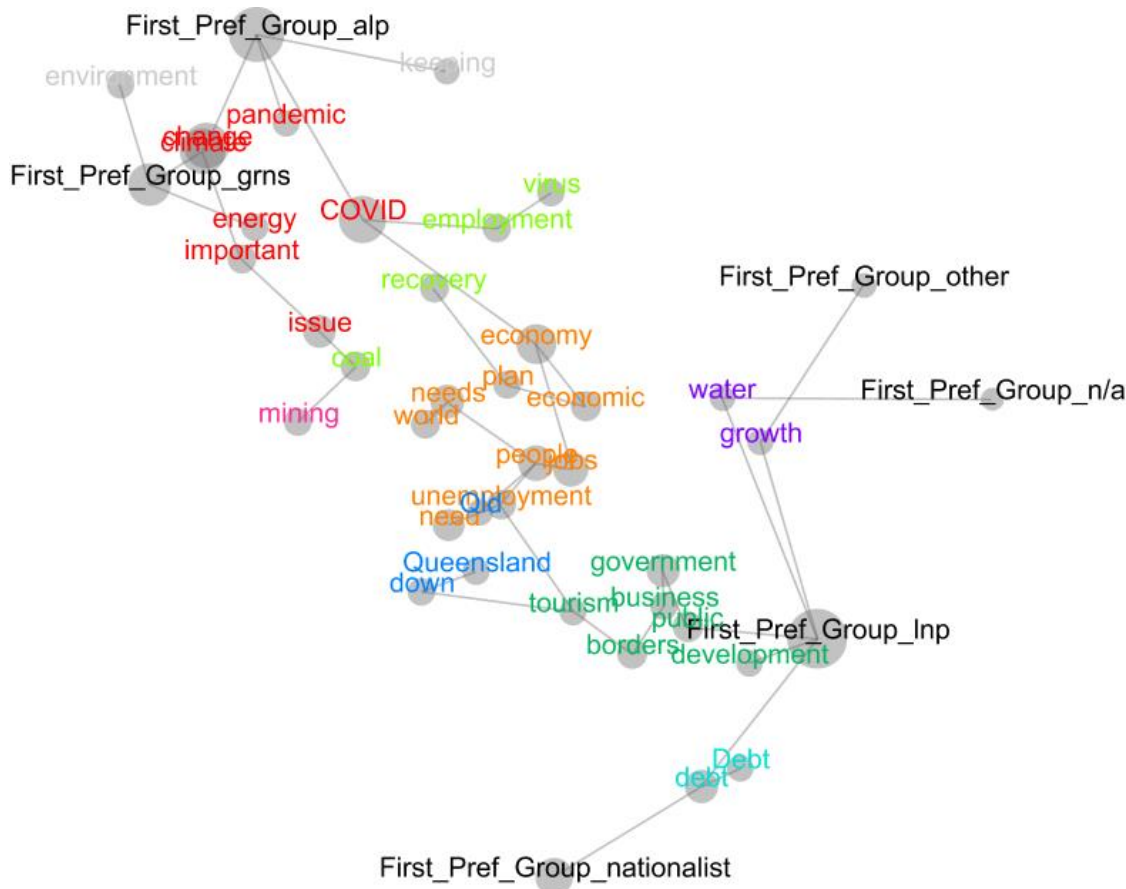
Qld *is a resource rich state and a state attractive to tourism - national & international. The current* Labor/Green *govt has been clearly anti-resource development beit dams, mines, power stations, coal mines , gas exploration et al.*

The Adani *coal mine and related intrastructures is a killer for* Labor*: damned if they do and damned if they don't. However the government has generated a*

large number of renewable plants throughout the state to its credit, and is working to develop a hydrogen plant in Gladstone.

We are now BROKE and our state debt is scary. We need to reinstate a House of Review at state level of government and legislate to prevent any single party (Labor/Green is single) from fully controlling the business development agenda.

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

Verbatims

> *We need to have our borders open, have business open how will our economy ever recover, how will our young people ever get jobs how will older people ever learn to appreciate retirement. The government needs to set the rules to live by and keep healthy but it has to be done with open borders in the real world.*

> *My biggest concern is the **State's** level of debt and what steps this **Government** or any other is going to address the **State's** bottom line. Another pressing issue which find concerning is the **Government's** attitude towards mining in **Queensland** which appears to want to close down coal mining.*

> ***Covid**-19 pandemic and our relationship to this and other emergencies associated with climate change. If you have not noticed the increasing overnight temperatures and new maximums and severity of droughts, floods and cyclones or tornadoes including pyrocumulus clouds associated with catastrophic bushfires for which most politicians have been "asleep at the wheel", you are not even thinking about the risks next summer and beyond as the **Prime Minister** refuses to talk to fire and emergency personnel.*

Debt *and more debt which won't prevent an incredible level of unemployment, and there will then be nothing to "stimulate" any more. It is fortunate for people employed in the public service (all departments) that their jobs are secure and will still be paid by the tax payer out of mounting State and* **Federal** *debt.*

A need to address climate change and create jobs for the many hundreds of coal miners -retrain and keep employment high through solar, wind, etc energy.

climate change will affect us in many ways: reduced water supply, higher levels of heat, dead `GBR`*, bushfires where we haven't seen them before, coastal erosion, increased storm events causing flooding and other disasters. It needs to be dealt with and funded at all levels of gov't*

Recovery *from the* **CoVid** *19 virus shutdowns, especially finding employment for the people who have lost their jobs.* **Retraining***/re education via* `TAFE` *or* **Secondary** *schools would be beneficial.*

The most important issue is how the State is able to stimulate private equity and get **Business** *to invest in* `QLD` *post* `COVID`*. We have a ballooning* **State Government** *workforce, massive* **State Government** *debt and nothing has been done or spoken about since* `COVID` *- everything has been put on the back burners.*
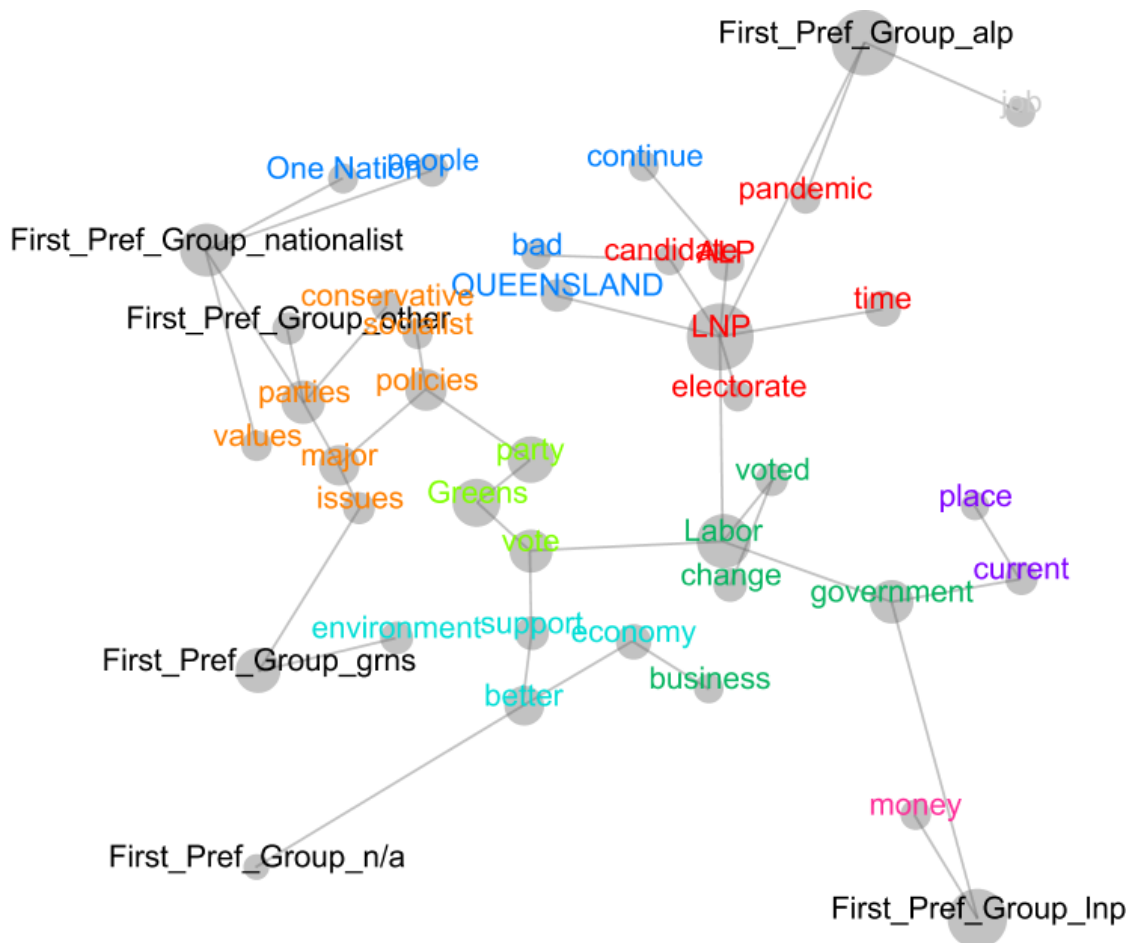
Addressing *climate change has been the most important issue for all of this century and nothing has changed there. We also have a big problem with our youth detention policies.*

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

Verbatims

> **Polices** *that support renewable energy* **Legislation** *for protection of the environment Well funded health programs/ policies Well supported* **Tertiary Education***, keeping* **TAFE** *and* **Universities** *funded by* **Govt** *and out of the hands of private providers who rort the system and give sub-standard training.* **Provide** *intelligent and compassionate policies that do not favour discrimination .. through race, gender or religion.*

> *the priority each party gives to protecting public health versus economic recovery in dealing with* **Covid***-19. The priority each party gives to ending dependence on fossil fuels and supporting the transition to a fossil fuel free economy.*

> *I haven't seen the platform for the* **LNP** *and failing anything outstanding, if* **Ms Pallaschuck** *keeps the borders closed and the virus out* **Labor** *might get my vote but it will depend of parties for* **Flynn***.*

> *My biggest concern is the* **State's** *level of debt and what steps this* **Government** *or any other is going to address the* **State's** *bottom line. Another pressing issue which find concerning is the* **Government's** *attitude towards mining in* **Queensland** *which appears to want to close down coal mining.*

Whether the policies adopted support the whole of `QLD` and not just the `SE` corner nor a select few. The State needs to invest in infrastructure (rail, roads, health etc..) and not trot out the items that have been in development for the last 10-20 years and pass them off as something they have done.

The most important issue is how the State is able to stimulate private equity and get **Business** *to invest in `QLD` post `COVID`. We have a ballooning* **State Government** *workforce, massive* **State Government** *debt and nothing has been done or spoken about since `COVID` - everything has been put on the back burners.*

It is a dead heat between the **Covid** *-19 and risk of community spread and* **Environmental** *issues ..... thermal coal mines should not be approved for climate change reasons.*

Taking *the opportunity presented by `COVID` 19 to create positive change, for example a cleaner environment, greater assistance to those that are un/under employed and a greater reliance on services to the community rather than sectional interests.*

Labor *is justifiably proud of* **Qld's** *coal export industry, and the challenge now is to convince regional electorates that winding down the coal industry is necessary and inevitable, and can be achieved progressively without disastrous consequences for regional communities.*

We will probably get some information in the mail as the election date nears. The focus on the `COVID` crisis has relegated discussion about deficiencies in the delivery of rail transport to the distant past but the issues that caused disruption in the past have not been adequately addressed.

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

Verbatims

> There is a question at each election as to which is the best candidate in my electorate. While I cannot remember the last time I voted **Labor**, I have no doubt that **Labor** or the **Greens** are the only ones who would act sensibly on scientific evidence in relation to the current pandemic.

> As a conservative/libertarian the traditional lnp are not representative of those values. Being better than **Labor** or the **Greens** is not reason to vote for a party.

> **Mostly** because I don't think they could be any worse than the other two major parties (which I have sadly previously voted for) and they certainly would be better than a socialist **Green Labor** alliance. So a complete change would be the shakeup the system needs.

> **None** of the major parties inspire confidence in their policies. The **Greens** would likely bankrupt the economy in pursuit of idealistic outcomes without consideration of alternatives.

*I used to vote 1 **Greens** then **ALP**, but **Greens** lost any support for federally voting with the **LNP** to not pass laws on the environment. I also let the **Greens** know why.*

*I am a **Greens** voter, although I always support **Labor** with my second preference. While I am not 100 per cent with either party on all issues, the **Greens** reflect my views more closely than **Labor**, and **Labor** a million times more than the **LNP**.*

*Because the **LNP** cannot be trusted after **Newman** lied last time to the public service about not cutting jobs. The **ALP** has been doing a good job and they should be allowed to continue to do so.*
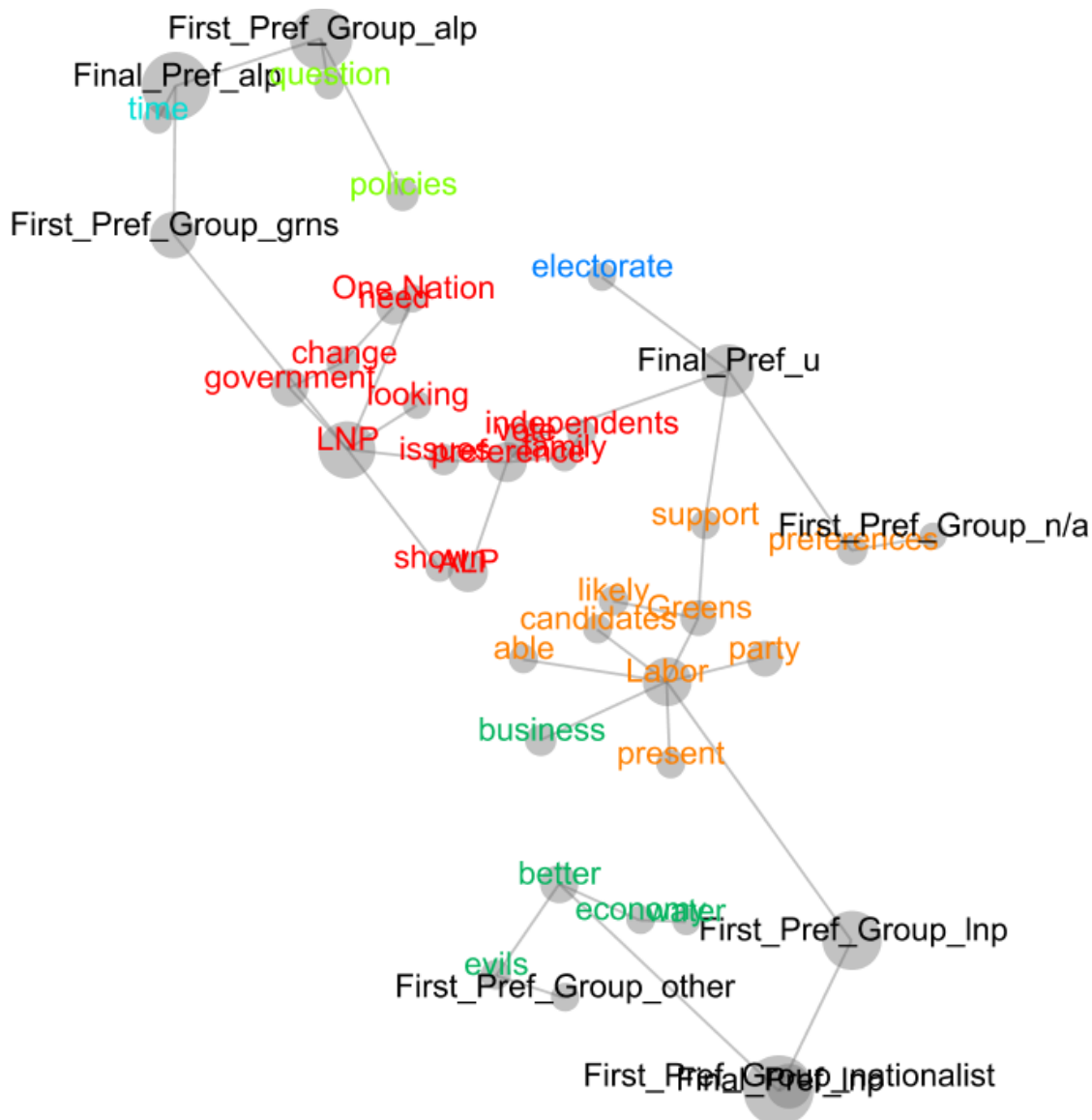
*The only party that puts people before profit without wrecking the economy. The **LNP** are beholding to their corporate backers.*

*Have to vote for a major party as none of the others would get enough votes to form government & the **Coalition** is the better option.*

***Labor** can offer stability. **LNP** will only be able to form a coalition with the likes of **Katter**, **One Nation**, etc and that's a major concern*

***In Stretton** we have a dope of a **Labor Lawyer Duncan Pegg** in office now and the stupid **LNP** have pre-selected a **Chinese** millionaire property developer **Peter Zhuang** as our candidate. **Freya Ostapovitch** was bad enough and she was a total waste of space but give me a break.*

Thinking about your vote this election, which party, Labor or Liberal National, will you direct your preferences to favour - that is, which would you prefer to form the government.

First_Pref_Group_alp
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One Nation need
change
government looking
Final_Pref_u
LNP issues preferences family
independents
support First_Pref_Group_n/a
preferences
show ALP
likely Greens
candidates party
able Labor
business
present
better
economy water First_Pref_Group_lnp
evils
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Verbatims

*The present **Labor** govt. have shown they only govern for the few, **Adani** was a terrible blight, they have little care for business , the bush and those in the tourist industry. The cross river rail station debacle against the advice of engineers, and if you live in regional cities , with water transport and road infrastructure in the doldrums , surely it will make voters mad as hell.*

*I need to see more detailed policies from the `LNP` in regard to conservative and family friendly issues before will preference. The `ALP` and **Greens** will always be last, but other minor parties and independents could get preference.*

*If I vote **Labor**, as I have not done for donkey years, I will be looking to see who the other candidates are for a second preference and particularly what their environmental credentials are, because we need the right responses to this and any future pandemic as well as to the inconvenient truth of climate change.*
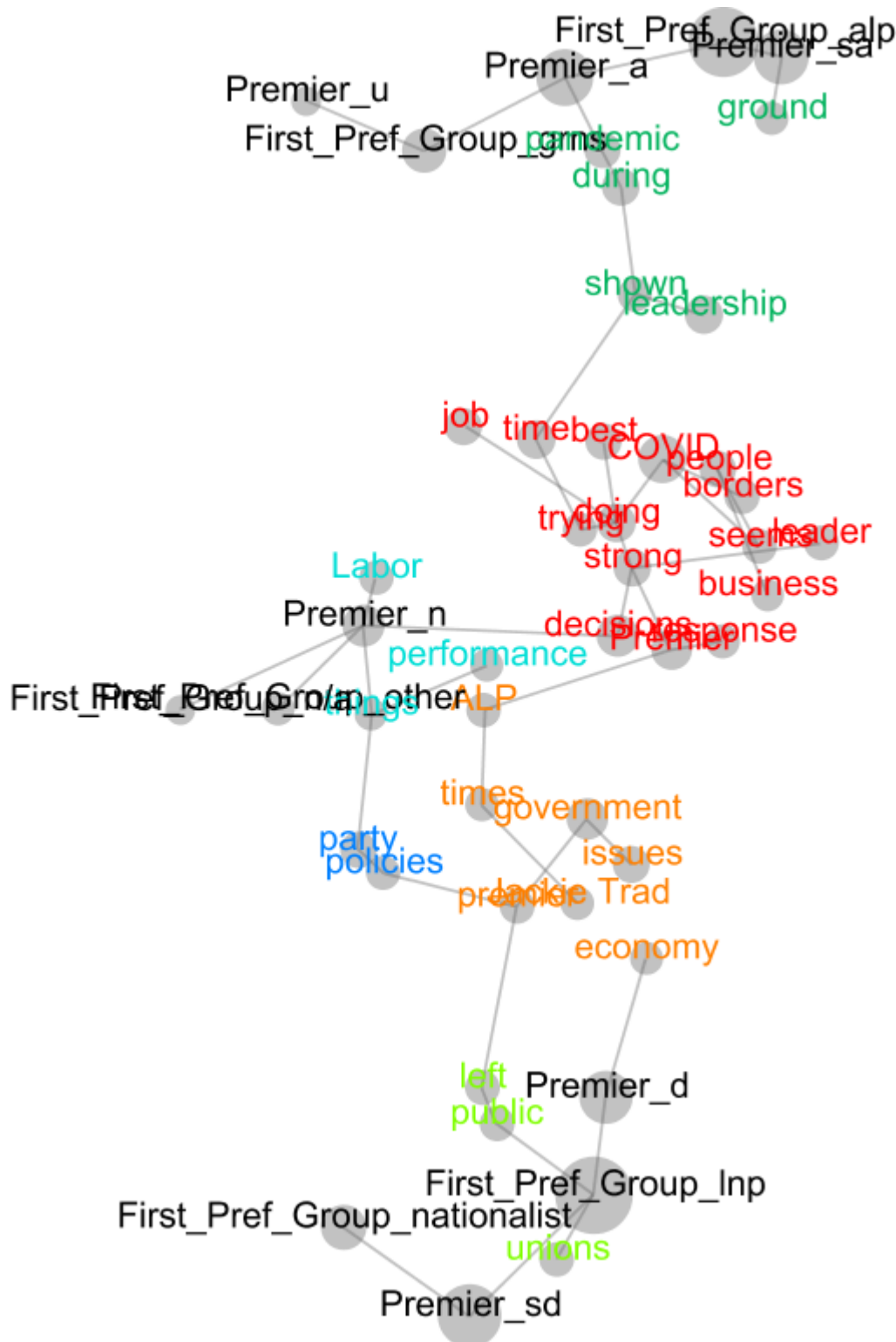
They are better placed and have the right candidates to manage the `QLD` economy and they are just slightly less draconian when it comes to the rights and freedoms of law abiding gun owners compared to the `ALP`.

Labor *can offer stability.* `LNP` *will only be able to form a coalition with the likes of **Katter**, **One Nation**, etc and that's a major concern*

Not a great time to change government. `LNP` *haven't shown any real capacity to improve anything.*

The `LNP` *are better at managing the **State's** money. They have plans to bring water security to the state and so develop the **State's** economy.*

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

Verbatims

> When the **Premier** wants to listen to anyone other than the **Chief Health Officer**, it seems to be the **Teacher's Union**... who are doing their best to ensure that children don't get educated and that parents are distanced

*from the education of their children. The face of **Kevin Bates** (**Teachers Education Union Secretary**) will be welded on my mind when I enter the ballot box and put the `ALP` last.*

*The **Premier** is anything but smooth and polished as a speaker (though improving), but this emphasises her genuineness and her connection to ordinary people, while in **Cabinet**, she is a strong consensus leader and has a commanding knowledge of policy issues.*

*The abysmal past economic performance of the government **Lead** by the nose by the **Unions** and **Labour** factions **Inappropriate** concentration on 'social' issues beloved of the left A government lacking in honour and truth*

*__Tough__ time for leaders right now with **Federal** politicians, commentators, and business leaders weighing in with how they think the **States** should handle the pandemic. **Annastacia** stands her ground with information based on what **Qld's Chief Health Officer** advises.*

*__Labor__ is pulling us far to the left. The recent 'conversion therapy' law and the drag queen reading times in public libraries show that **Labor** is anti-science - given the complete lack of evidence for these stances.*

In general, she has shown good leadership qualities and made the tough decisions during the pandemic. Her only failure is development of coal mines and other projects that affect the environment.

*Into appeasing the left on a range of issues and supports big government. **Shields** unemployment by expanding an inefficient public service.*

*She has no vision beyond her own party rhetoric and wouldn't know how to move away from this. **Parliament** means to govern using ideas from both sides and making decisions that are the best for the people who voted them in.*
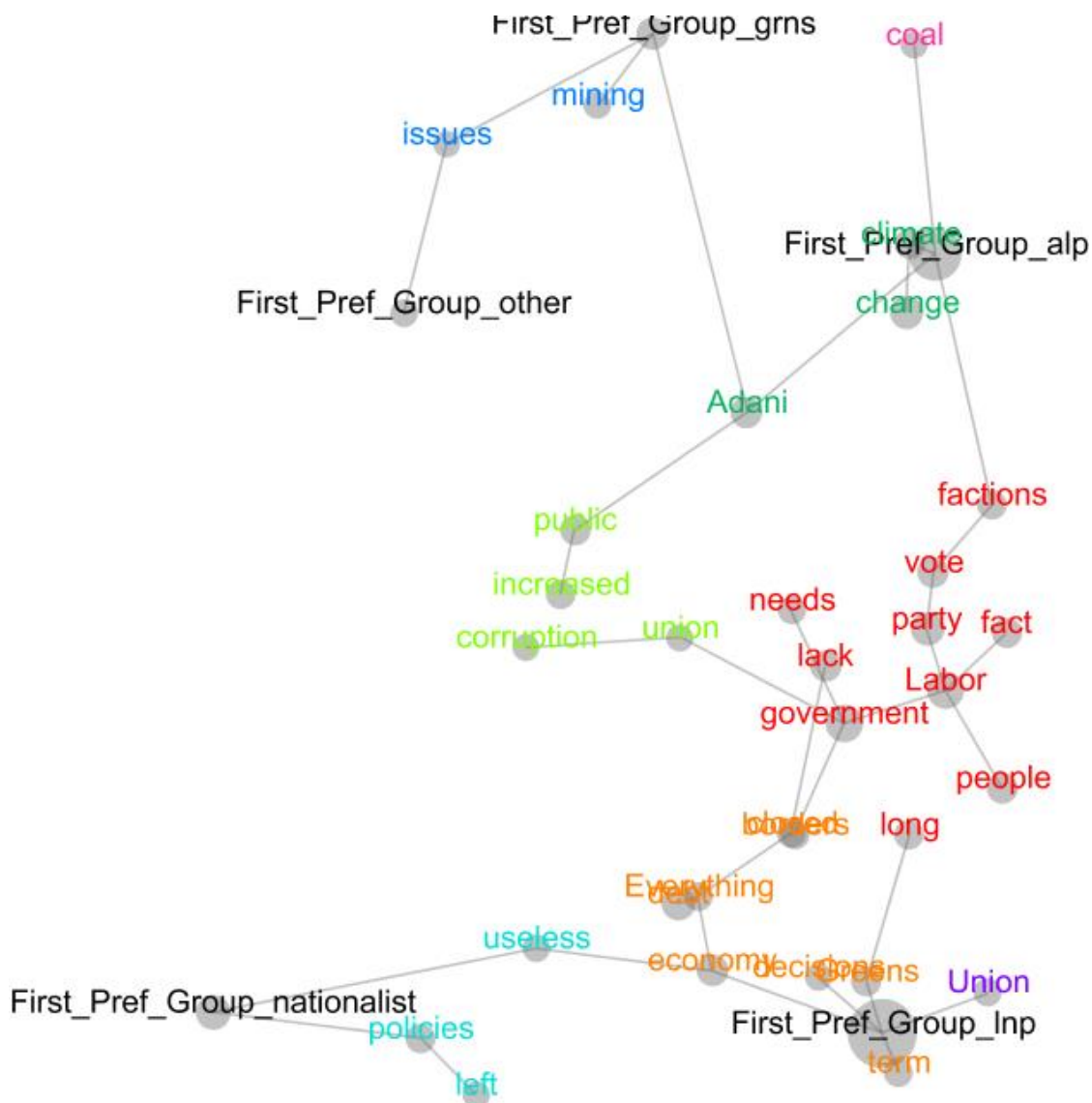
*I don't have any strong opinion of the premier either way. It is the extreme left, **anti-Christian**, anti-life policies that the `ALP` is pushing that I cannot accept.*

She has show good leadership during a very trying time and make difficult and sometime unpopular decisions to protect the people of the state

*She has proved a strong leader but one who leads the state into greater degrees of immorality. **Her COVID** leadership has been good but there are bigger issues than that in the state election.*

*The premier and government are doing what is needed to manage the borders and **Covid**-19.*

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

Verbatims

> **Everything**! $100 billion debt, lack of infrastructure, no dams, **Adani**, closed borders which have saved us, but ruined tourism.

> **Labor's** factions - the fact that people like **Trad** (or even **Jacky** herself) will be ministers in the next **Labor** government.

> **Labor** + **Unions** - the actual people in **Parliament** are either **Union** hacks or **University** graduates - nothing changes. **Secondly** what have they done? cross river rail and what will it achieve?

> The politicisation of the coronavirus pandemic, unsustainable increase in public servants and granting of increased mining licences

Having *a flavour of government for too long is not a good thing. There needs to be change, new ideas and ways to do thing.*
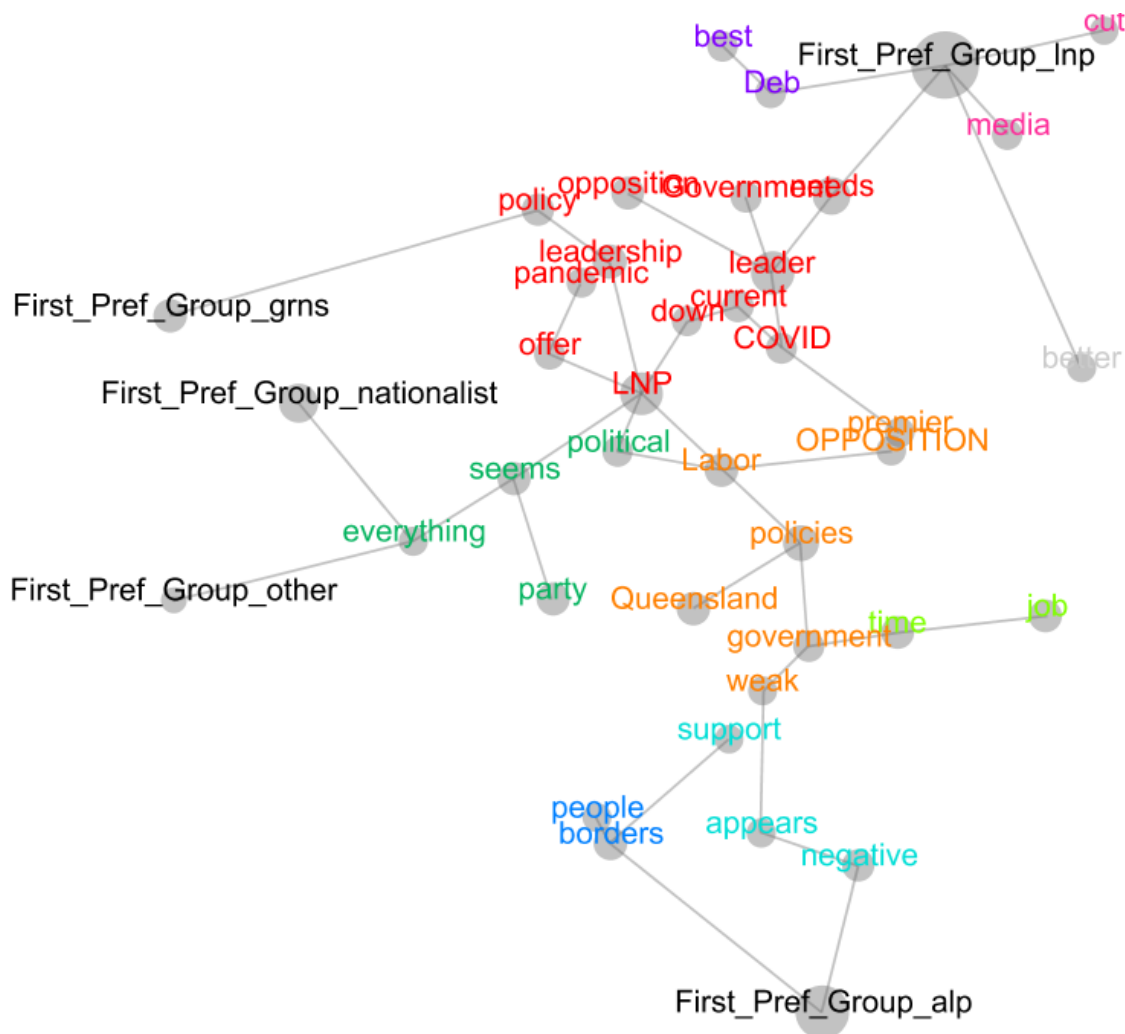
No plan, no vision for the future. The government wants to keep those borders closed and hope for the best electoral outcome.

They are useless, talentless, self interested and would willingly destroy the economy to serve their own needs

Her absolute ruthlessness in closing the state economy because she has gambled, correctly in my view, that the public will see her extreme actions as being favourable up to and after the election. After the election the shit will hit the fan but we will have **Ms Palaszczuk** *for the next Four years*

The lack of action in relation to the perceived threats associated with climate change.

Having *a flavour of government for too long is not a good thing. There*

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

Verbatims

> **Deb** and the **Opposition** have been completely ineffective in holding **Labor** to account **Maybe I'm** sexist but I've had a gutful of watching tepid women in senior political roles in **Qld** underperform on both sides of politics. The `LNP` needs some agressive male leadership, capable of calling out incompetence and actually unsettling and disrupting the current corrupt and far too-comfortable administration

> It is always hard for an **Opposition Leader**, but at the moment in the current circumstance's where the focus is all on `COVID` and the **Broncos** - how does she get the opportunity to present herself and the `LNP`. The **Government** will ensure `QLD` remains locked down until the **Election** and therefore the **Media** will be focused in the daily updates from the rag doll who delivers the medical advice and the premier who has no idea.

> She appears to me to be too weak and does not get her message out in the `SEQ`. In my electorate I have no idea if we even have

*an **LNP** candidate for the upcoming elections, having a sitting **ALP** member I'd have thought a candidate would have been selected a year out from the election and would have spent that time meeting the constituents, door knocking, setting up 'meet you' booths at local meeting places etc. this does not incur a great expense only some time and most people like to chat.*

*Is this the best candidate that the coalition has to field?. Either that of the opposition leader needs to sack here campaign team and install a team with a credible plan and something to offer the electorate because the **Government** is riding high,particularly so the way it is handling the pandemic eg closed border.*

***Frecklington** is summed up by demanding the **Queensland** borders be opened completely 64 times until it went pear shaped in **Victoria** and **NSW** - then demanded the borders be closed to all immediately. She is inconsistent, doesn't offer alternatives just whinging and hasn't articulated any reason why I would overturn my dislike of the **LNP** because of the actions of **Campbell Newman**.*

*I don't think she's a good leader for the **LNP**. always seems rather insipid and focus too much on **Jackie Trad**. She needs to change tac and give us policies that are going to make **Queensland** a good place to live*

*generally a disappointing performance having great difficulty in cutting thru and that's always difficult for any opposition leader when the **Govt** of the day sanitises everything and keeps its head down under the parapets - this gives the opposition very little to take aim at.*

***Gaffes** galore and a perpetual '**Tony Abbott**' style about her with her constant 'No, No, No' to everything that the current **Labor** government does. She EVEN called for the border to be opened 43 times, completely disregarding the health advice from the **Chief Medical Officer of Queensland**, Dr Jeanette Young.*
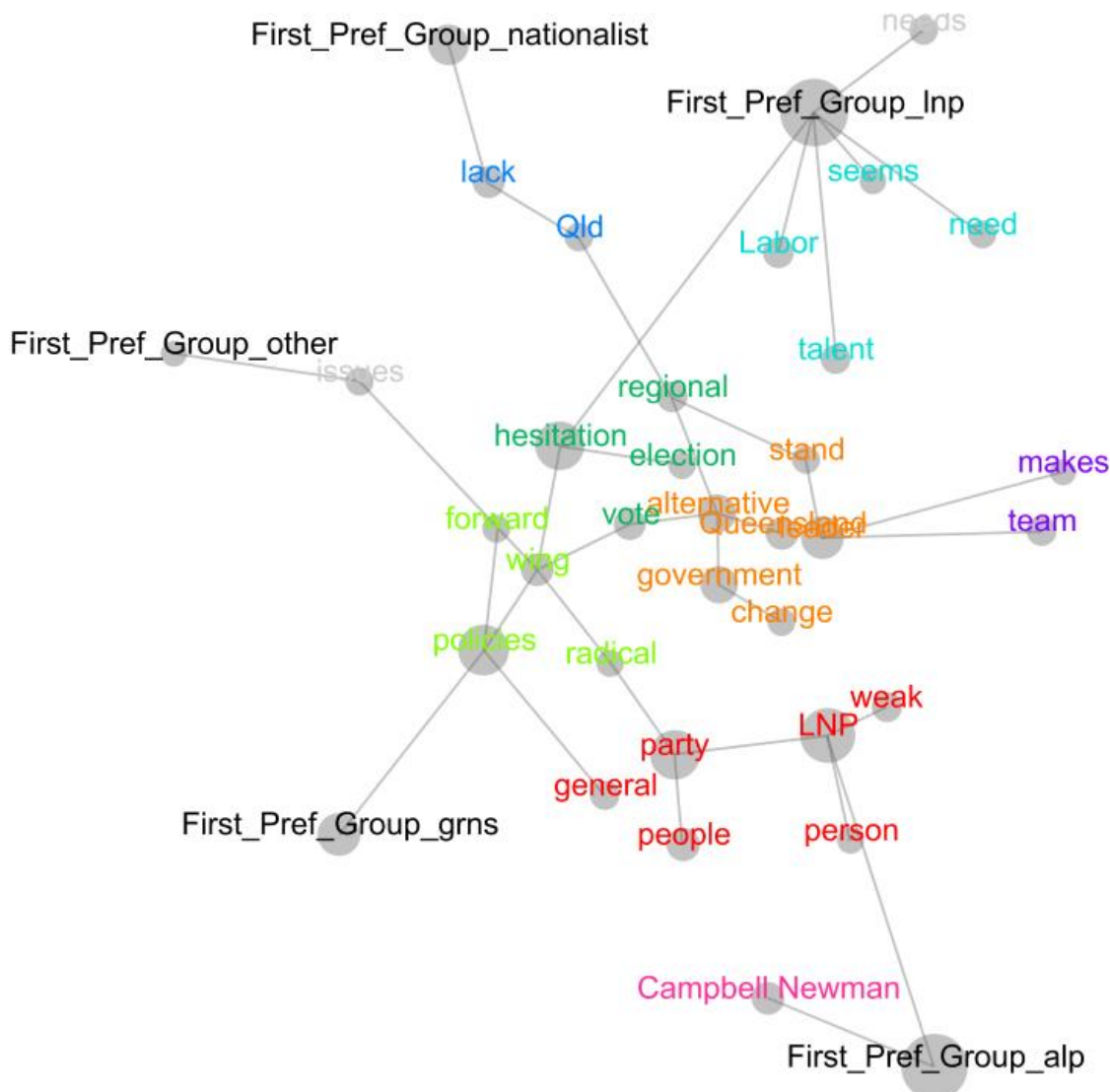
*She appears to have no understanding or concern of the economic consequences from opening **Queensland** borders prematurely. A lucky few might make a few extra dollars while the rest of the population runs the risk of serious illness and the possibility that our health services will be overwhelmed in the process.*

*I haven't heard her utter a single sentence that isn't parroting someone else's cliche. Not a single policy I've herd of the wasn't a motherhood statement or opening the borders or putting **Anastasia** or labor down no matter how stupid it makes her look.*

***Lacking** leadership and impact. **Concentrating** on feminism and her own internal party battles than working for the people of **Queensland**.*

*She does not present a clear alternative, is always negative just to be against the government and comes across as weak and protecting the interests of regional **Queensland** whilst ignoring **SEQ** values*

Irrespective of how you intend to vote, in thinking of voting for Deb Frecklington and the LNP what makes you hesitate the most?

Verbatims

> The **LNP** does not present a clear alternative, **Frecklington** is always
> negative just to be against the government and comes across as weak and
> protecting the interests of regional **Queensland** whilst
> ignoring **SEQ** values

> The leader, the policies, the general right wing ideas - I find none of them
> palatable. They also squabble with each other publicly and have no
> apparent solidarity

> **Left** wing, inner urban elements of party that vote in favour of radical
> ideological policies

Memories *of what happened under the* **LNP** *and* **Campbell Newman***.* **Backroom LNP** *people have "obligations" to large party donors.... such as mining companies, etc.*

There is no alternative for **Queensland** *but to change the government for the only party which can govern the whole state in it's own right*

the control that the **LNP** *backroom seems to be exerting. They are more like* **Labor** *than a conservative party.*

LNP *is a party of vested interests ie they are not working to forward the interests of the people.*

Will not stand up to labor on unnecessarily restrictive firearms laws. In this regard they let down and turned their back on rural and regional **QLD** *since 1996.*

Frecklington *and the* **LNP** *remain beholden to climate change denialist/fossil fuel advocates who persist in resisting action on emission reductions. I'm also concerned by the influence of fundamentalist* **Christian** *zealots who are unprincipled and relentless in their determination to control the* **LNP***.*

Can't stand the **LNP** *at the best of times and she's probably the next worst leader after* **Campbell Newman**

Who is your preferred premier?

Verbatims

> *I have more faith in the good intentions of the current* **Premier***, whole at the same time accepting her performance is far from perfect - I am also behind the revival of a strong and meaningful* **Labour Party** *on a federal level although I am aware I could be hoping for too much*

> *Anything is better than* `ALP` *or* `ALP`+**Greens** *in power.* **Economic** *issues are secondary to responsible social policy that is freed from radical* **Marxist** *ideology.*

> *I think that she would be more decisive and move forward with a more business friendly environment than the current* **Premier***. its time for a change anyway.*

> *The* **Premier** *had done little to bring the people of the whole state to respect her. The great rise in debt, some of her views are extreme and she is guided by the anti coal, and renewable energy without any plan if it does not work, and brings power prices to a reasonable level.*

> **Palaszczuk** *has good record a bit hesitant on some issues but generally works in the interest of the people in the state.* **Frecklington** *has whinged and only talked about they will break and throw out.*

I think I have covered that in previous responses. **Palaszcuk** *is smart, and has policies* **Frecklington** *maybe smart but I don't agree with her stated policy priorities*

Only a **Labor** *win will mean* **Queensland** *can recover and hopefully find a better way to ensure that* **Women** *workers find employment or re employment and reach pay equity.*

She comes over as a fair and level headed person and can be strong when called for eg. party presidential issues.