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Methodology

The following tables and graphs are based on a sample of 250 respondents which has been weighted for voting intention using the Newspoll published in The Australian newspaper on February 20, 2023, and a subset of 98 who were selected for use in a virtual focus group which reflects the voting intentions reported by Newspoll.

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

In these tables we have amalgamated the Informed Medical Options Party, Liberal Democrats, One Nation, and the United Australia Party 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. We have amalgamated the Legalise Cannabis, Public Education, Socialist Alliance and Sustainable Australia as “Others” for similar reasons.

The poll was conducted from February 28 to March 6, 2023 using our online panel of over 6,000 Australian voters.

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

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Executive Summary

Voters are unenthusiastic about the choice between the government and the opposition and moderately unenthusiastic about the direction of the state. Cost of living is the major issue, which includes housing affordability and the cost of electricity.

Our panel rates Chris Minns ahead of Dominic Perrottet, but while Perrottet has a net negative approval of -9%, and Minns has a net positive approval of +22%, the actual number approving of Minns is less than 50% at 41%, while Perrottet's approval is 37%. The big difference between the two is that most voters are either neutral, or haven't formed an opinion of Minns. So the approval ratings measure anonymity and inoffensiveness for Minns, rather than approval *per se*.

Minns is preferred as premier over Perrottet, but again this is a weak result for both. When asked whether the government deserves to be re-elected, 29% agree it does, while 55% disagree. The equivalent question for the opposition yields only 33% who agree it deserves to win, and 37% disagree.

Only 47% of voters hope Labor will win, versus 37% who hope the Coalition. Expectations are significantly lower with 39% expecting Labor to win and 22% expecting the Coalition.

The major issues are housing affordability, climate change, infrastructure, funding of schools and hospitals, energy and gaming. Corruption is also a concern, although it doesn't tend to favour one party or the other as memories are still fairly fresh of Labor's last term in office. Still John Barrilaro is a significant negative for the government.

Labor has run against privatisation, an issue where the horse has largely bolted due to the Coalition having privatised over \$55 billion. But it gives them a reason to blame the Coalition for a high cost of living. The fruits of the privatisation has been a huge investment in infrastructure. This has positives and negatives. New infrastructure is contrasted with aging, poorly maintained infrastructure, and voters from the regions think too much is being spent in Sydney.

Dominic Perrottet is also rewarded for his policy on gaming, and there are some negative comments about Minns failure to match it.

In terms of the personalities of the two leaders, Minns is an unknown, and some of his supporters fret about this. Perrottet has relieved some voters who were concerned about his conservative Catholicism, but confused others who are not sure what he stands for anymore.

The two issues that were most confusing were his decision to fly the Aboriginal flag on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and his strong position on renewable energy (driven according to some voters by his deputy Matt Kean).

One factor that might confound predictions is the role of optional preferential voting. Preferences could be crucial to both sides in a number of seats. Left wing minor party voters are more likely to allocate preferences than right wing ones. This could flip more seats than would be the case with compulsory preferential. It might also help One Nation in some of the lower house seats it is contesting.

We don't think expectations will play a large part in this election. Voters know how they are going to vote and are not driven to protest against the party they want to win. But with such a lack of

enthusiasm we would expect swings to be highly variable between seats, depending on local issues and candidates.

1. 49% thinks the state is heading in the wrong direction, compared to 34% that thinks it is heading in the wrong direction. Coalition voters are strongest in believing the direction is right (83%), while Greens (82%) and ALP (83%) believe it is wrong. 78% of Other think the direction is wrong and 66% of Independents. Nationalists are mostly unconvinced with 36% saying it is heading in the wrong direction, but 55% neutral on the question.
2. NSW has optional preferential. This will probably favour the ALP because only 18% of Greens plan to either just vote one or exhaust before allocating to a major, while this figure is 53% for Independents, 55% for Nationalists, and 33% for others.
3. There is less churn in the ALP vote than the Coalition with 68% of those who voted Labor last time saying they will vote Labor this time, with defectors going to Greens (16%) and Ind (11%). The Coalition has only retained 58% of its voters from last time with the defectors going ALP (17%), Independent (10%) and Nationalist (13%). Greens have retained only 53% of last time voters, with the defectors going ALP (30%) and Independent (14%).
4. In contrast to other polls, Dominic Perrottet has a small net negative approval rating of -9% (37% approve/46% disapprove). Approval comes from the Liberals (75% net), with the Nationalists, whose preferences he relies upon being -18% net. He has some minor appeal to Labor voters with -59% net, but no sympathy at all from Greens voters (-87%). Independents (-42%) and Others (-44%) have some comparative tolerance for him.
5. Chris Minns has a reasonable approval of +22% net. However, his absolute approval is less than 50% at 41%. ALP supporters are moderately favourable (66%), but Greens (13%), Independents (11%) and Others (11%) are barely moved, and Liberals (-8%) find it hard to hate him.
6. Chris Minns is preferred as Premier to Perrottet by 51% to 41%. He is backed by Greens, Independents and Others. Perrottet only finds backing over 50% from the Coalition (92%) and Nationalists (68%).
7. Most (55%) disagree the government has done enough to be returned versus 29% who do. Better for the Opposition with only 33% agreeing it deserves to win and 37% disagreeing, but still summing to a negative net figure. Most significant group is Nationalists of whom 18% believe the government has done enough against 32% who disagree (net -14%), but where only 5% believe the opposition has done enough to win versus 73% who disagree (-68%). This is the strongest group against the Opposition, including the Coalition, who are -53% against the Opposition having done enough to win.
8. There is an expectation that Labor will win (39%), which is less than those who hope Labor will win (47%) indicating some nervousness. Relevant figures for the Coalition are 22% and 37%. Independents (53%) and Nationalists (45%) expect a hung parliament, although Independents are voting for it, with 53% wanting a hung parliament, while only 27% of Nationalists do, with 55% preferring the Coalition.
9. Top issues in order were housing, climate change, education, infrastructure, gambling, schools electricity.

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Quantitative Analysis

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

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly approve	0%	31%	2%	3%	0%	0%	12%
Approve	7%	53%	0%	5%	9%	0%	23%
Neither approve nor disapprove	11%	14%	15%	26%	55%	11%	16%
Disapprove	36%	0%	33%	45%	9%	56%	22%
Strongly disapprove	47%	3%	49%	21%	27%	22%	27%
Unsure	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	11%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	7%	83%	2%	8%	9%	0%	34%
Total disapprove	83%	3%	82%	66%	36%	78%	49%
Net approve	-76%	81%	-80%	-58%	-27%	-78%	-15%

n=252

New South Wales elections use the optional preferential system. How will you allocate your preferences?

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	76%	3%	82%	37%	0%	67%	43%
Coalition	1%	63%	0%	11%	45%	0%	26%
Exhaust	8%	6%	13%	37%	41%	22%	12%
First Pref only	15%	29%	5%	16%	14%	11%	19%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=248

Thinking about the last New South Wales state election, to which party in the Legislative Assembly did you give your first preference?

This election							
Last election	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	68%	4%	16%	11%	0%	1%	100%
Coalition	17%	58%	2%	10%	13%	0%	100%
Grns	30%	0%	53%	14%	0%	3%	100%
Ind	11%	11%	11%	56%	11%	0%	100%
Nationalist	5%	11%	0%	21%	63%	0%	100%
Other	20%	0%	20%	0%	0%	60%	100%

n=230

Thinking about New South Wales state elections in general, for which party do you normally vote in the Legislative Assembly?

This election							
Usual vote	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	72%	5%	14%	9%	0%	0%	100%
Coalition	14%	59%	2%	5%	20%	0%	100%
Grns	13%	0%	65%	13%	0%	8%	100%
Ind	21%	0%	7%	64%	7%	0%	100%
Nationalist	8%	8%	0%	8%	77%	0%	100%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%
Swinger	29%	11%	20%	29%	6%	6%	100%

n=248

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

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly approve	1%	28%	0%	5%	0%	0%	11%
Approve	12%	53%	2%	5%	23%	11%	26%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%	14%	9%	37%	32%	33%	17%
Disapprove	33%	3%	44%	26%	23%	44%	22%
Strongly disapprove	39%	3%	45%	26%	18%	11%	24%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	13%	81%	2%	11%	23%	11%	37%
Total disapprove	72%	6%	89%	53%	41%	56%	46%
Net approve	-59%	75%	-87%	-42%	-18%	-44%	-9%

n=252

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

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly approve	10%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Approve	60%	19%	29%	26%	23%	33%	36%
Neither approve nor disapprove	26%	47%	47%	55%	27%	44%	39%
Disapprove	3%	19%	15%	16%	27%	22%	13%
Strongly disapprove	0%	11%	4%	0%	18%	0%	5%
Unsure	1%	0%	4%	3%	5%	0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total approve	70%	22%	31%	26%	23%	33%	41%
Total disapprove	3%	31%	18%	16%	45%	22%	19%
Net Approve	66%	-8%	13%	11%	-23%	11%	22%

n=252

Who is your preferred premier?

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
Chris Minns	93%	3%	94%	53%	5%	56%	51%
Dominic Perrottet	1%	92%	0%	25%	68%	11%	41%
Undecided	5%	6%	6%	22%	26%	33%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=239

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

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly Agree	0%	47%	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%
Agree	2%	22%	2%	13%	18%	0%	11%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%	19%	7%	11%	45%	0%	14%
Disagree	28%	6%	22%	50%	27%	67%	22%
Strongly disagree	61%	3%	69%	21%	5%	33%	34%
Undecided	1%	3%	0%	5%	5%	0%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	2%	69%	2%	13%	18%	0%	29%
Total disagree	89%	8%	91%	71%	32%	100%	55%
Net agree	-87%	61%	-89%	-58%	-14%	-100%	-27%

n=251

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

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
Strongly Agree	10%	3%	6%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Agree	50%	11%	31%	16%	5%	33%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	28%	19%	39%	39%	18%	56%	27%
Disagree	4%	31%	17%	32%	41%	0%	19%
Strongly disagree	3%	36%	7%	5%	32%	11%	18%
Undecided	4%	0%	2%	8%	5%	0%	3%
Total	100%	100%	102%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total agree	60%	14%	37%	16%	5%	33%	33%
Total disagree	8%	67%	24%	37%	73%	11%	37%
Net agree	52%	-53%	13%	-21%	-68%	22%	-4%

n=252

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

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	60%	17%	60%	29%	18%	56%	39%
Coalition	8%	47%	2%	11%	14%	11%	22%
Hung	16%	22%	31%	53%	45%	0%	24%
Undecided	16%	14%	7%	8%	23%	33%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

n=252

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

	ALP	Coalition	Grns	Ind	Nationalist	Other	Total
ALP	92%	6%	58%	39%	0%	67%	47%
Coalition	1%	89%	2%	5%	55%	0%	37%
Hung	5%	3%	40%	53%	27%	33%	14%
Undecided	1%	3%	0%	3%	18%	0%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

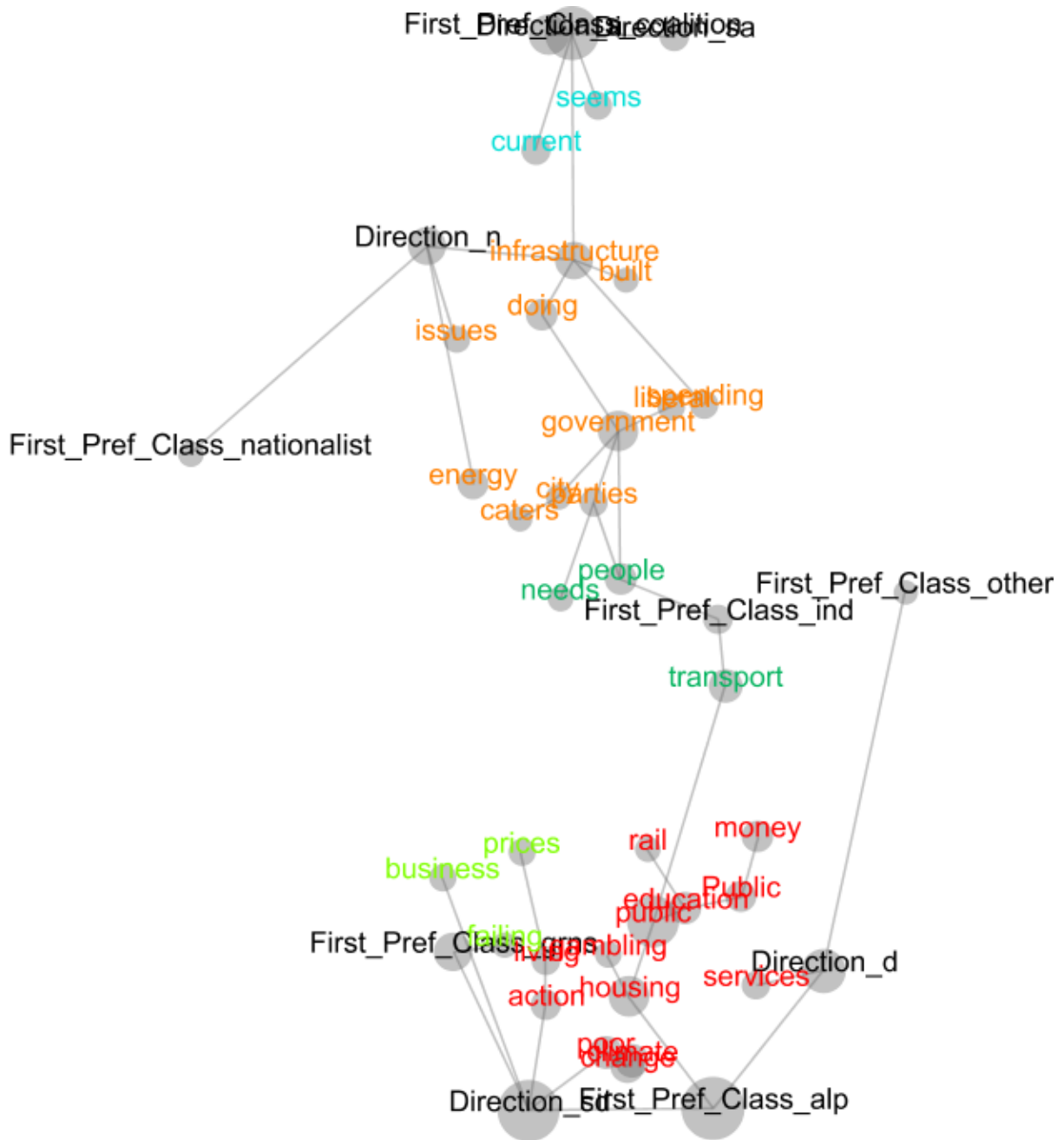
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Qualitative Analysis

Our qualitative analysis looks at the reasons given by respondents for their various judgements. The following maps are generated from the data by Leximancer and overlay the key words over the variables from the question – generally the answer to the question plus voting intentions. Words that are most closely associated will cluster together. The most frequently used words are brighter than those used less frequently.

We do not edit the verbatims and all spelling and grammatical errors are reproduced. Editing the transcripts would take away from some of the unique tone of each response. The verbatims are selected so as to give a better insight into how the individual words are being used.

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



Verbatims

Poor response to front line public servants (nurses etc), worfil action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, no action to address the rising cost of living and house prices, woeful inability to deal with problem gambling (cashless gambling cards are simply Dom's version of 'buy now, pay later', which is 'gamble now, pay later', and very poor provision of regional infrastructure.

The government caters far too much to the interests of big business. Is this exemplified in what's happening right now in Newcastle where a huge chunk of the city including beaches and parks has been cut off from the public for two months to host a car race that was set up in concert with the state govt despite the anger of local residents.

Public transport is a real mess, with trains ferries and light rail not fit for purpose. The public education and public hospital systems have been starved of funds and public sector wages have been held at extreme low levels while public money has been wasted on other programs.

I think the liberal and national parties need to piss off, frankly. They don't care for people who aren't donating to their own parties, they don't care about public education, health, transport, or housing.

not sufficient climate change PREPARATION, MITIGATION, RESTORATION not sufficient work on either water or food security not enough work on social

housing not enough work on political donations - banning by ALL entities except individuals and FULL disclosure of ALL need i go on? mate, the state is totally captured by business

The place seems reasonably OK - infrastructure getting built, government is fairly on-the-level (although not everyone agrees with this), but it is starting to look shopworn and tired and people are noticing.

Positive, progressive and upfront.

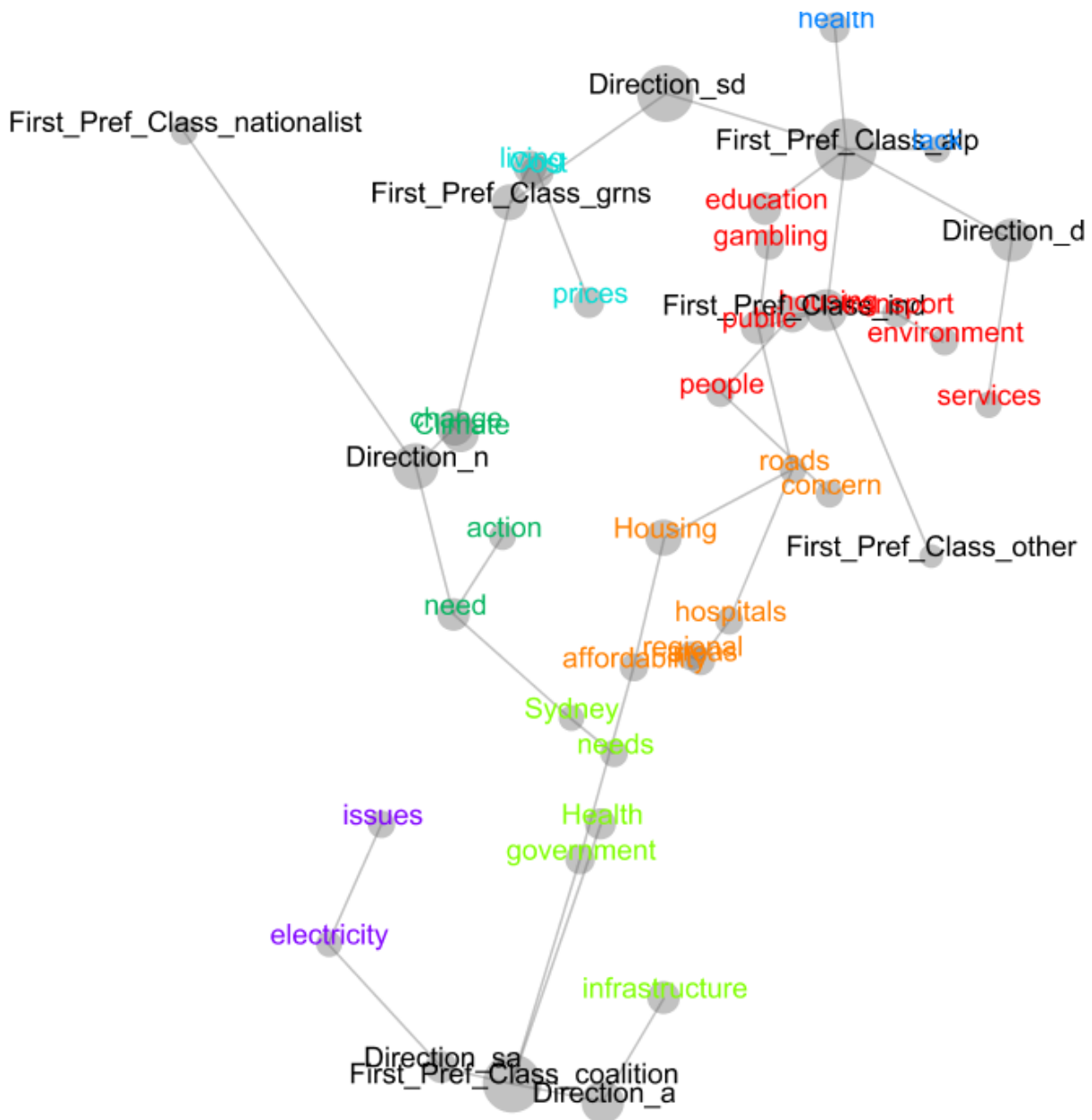
Roads and infrastructure spending has been exceptional

Focus on four important matters. Renewable energy Public transport Gambling reform Stamp duty reform

Things are getting done, new roads and tunnels, warning signs on mobile speed cameras are back, train stations are getting lifts, State is prosperous.

Politicians give themselves very comfortable retirement pensions indeed these days, and rarely take a decrease in their pensions. The PM is now going to tax the rich Australians with over \$3mill 30% on their super, Australians wages are taxed before we get paid and now those who are well trained worked particularly hard and are rich will be taxed 30% before they can have their super in retirement.

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



Verbatims

Frontline public servants Climate change Rising cost of living House prices Problem gambling Infrastructure

Cut spending roads and tunnels more spending on public transport More spending on hospitals housing particularly social and affordable housing More cuts on gambling

Housing and Health are important issues that need some real focus. Electricity prices are outrageous and require action now.

Health....we desperately need more hospitals, trained staff esp in regional areas like Albury where I am.

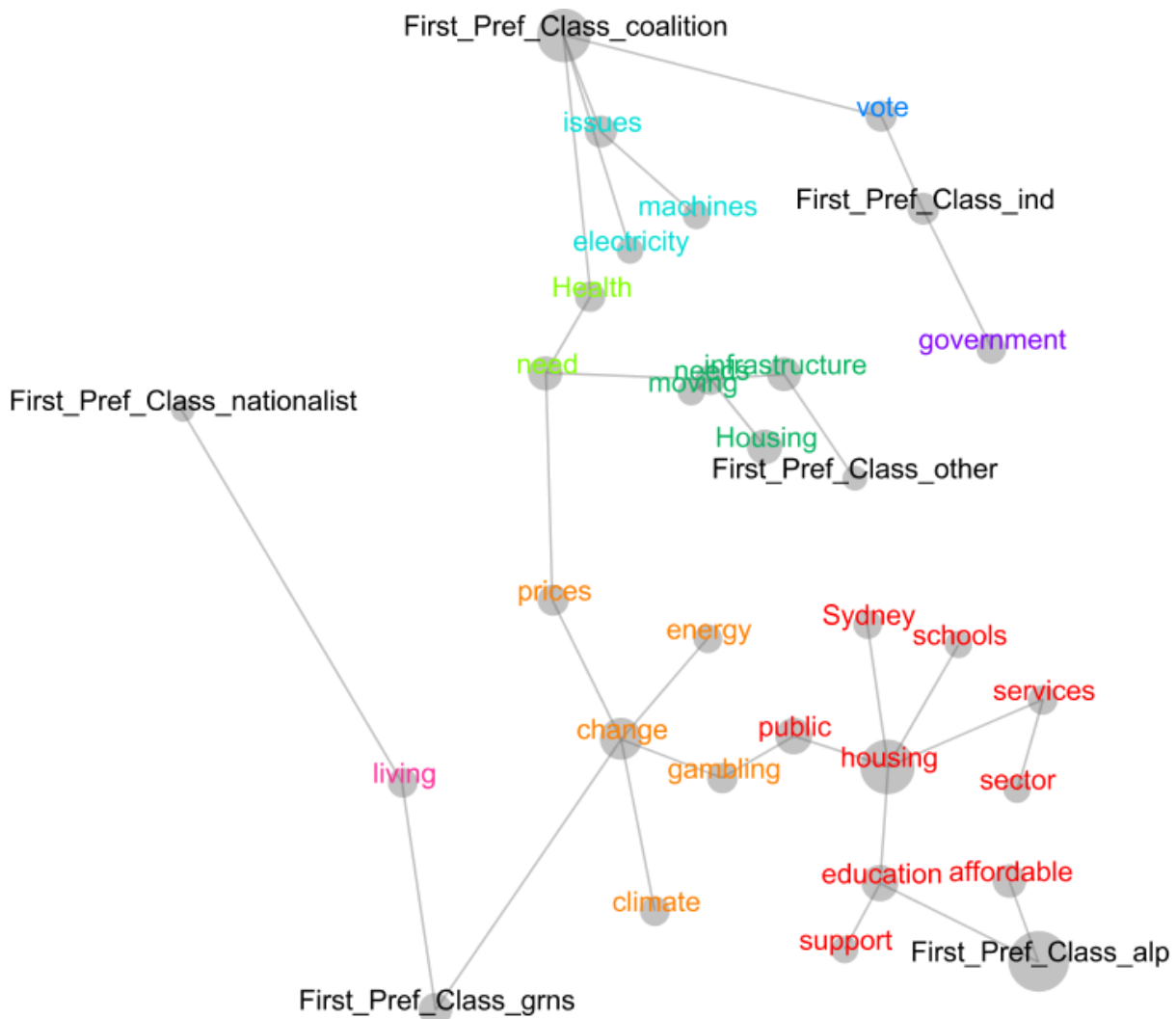
Housing shortage - there needs to be complete change in the approval system for subdivision & construction to get things moving. No doubt Labor & the Greens will try to stop this...

Toss-up between Clubs NSW/gambling and lack of concern for the environment, especially deforestation and open slather on wildlife habitats, especially koalas.

development environment sustainability reduction of emissions ... transmission infrastructure plans More considered discussion of development & redevelopment provision of schools, size of suburban blocks, more greenspace and street trees, transport infrastructure

Environment, health, education are all poorly addressed. Cost of living especially rents are crippling.

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



Verbatims

climate change and related energy and industry innovation education smarts and support for both school and pre school housing and affordability health

Public sector salaries and conditions - I work for the NSW Government Integrity Aboriginal legal and housing services - I hate those fuckers and will vote for anyone who lowera or cuts their funding. Its personal.

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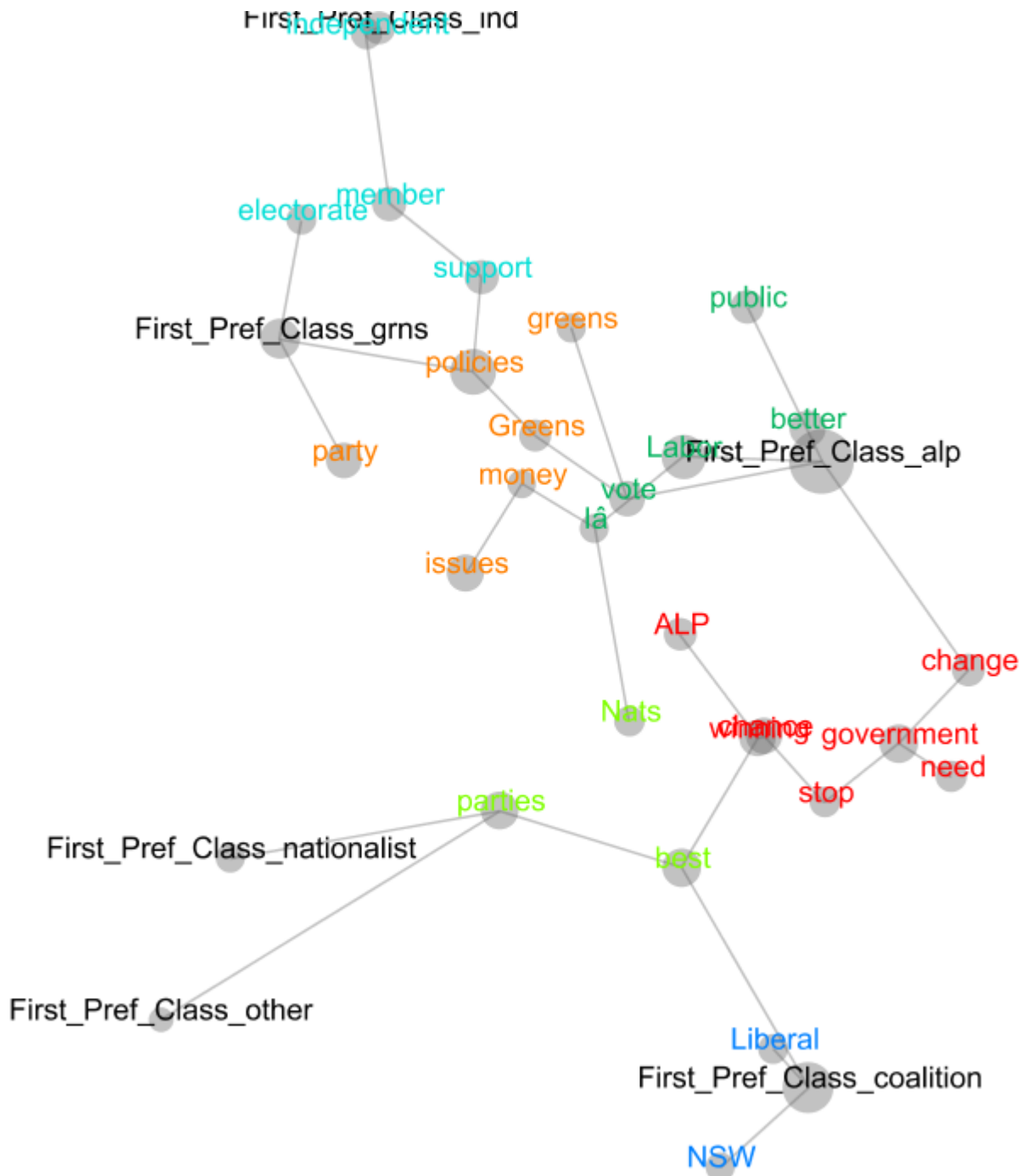
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Secure and affordable housing and related services (including transport) for the socio-economically disadvantaged is and will remain a problem in NSW whoever wins this election.

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



Verbatims

For all the reasons above and I'm not convinced Labor will address important issues. Do they receive money from powerful lobby groups like Libs/Nats.

Only the Nats care about those outside NSW (Newcastle, Sydney & Wollongong) - if the government changed in NSW, everything would stop or be cancelled in our area. The exception would be the By-Pass - they can't stop that!

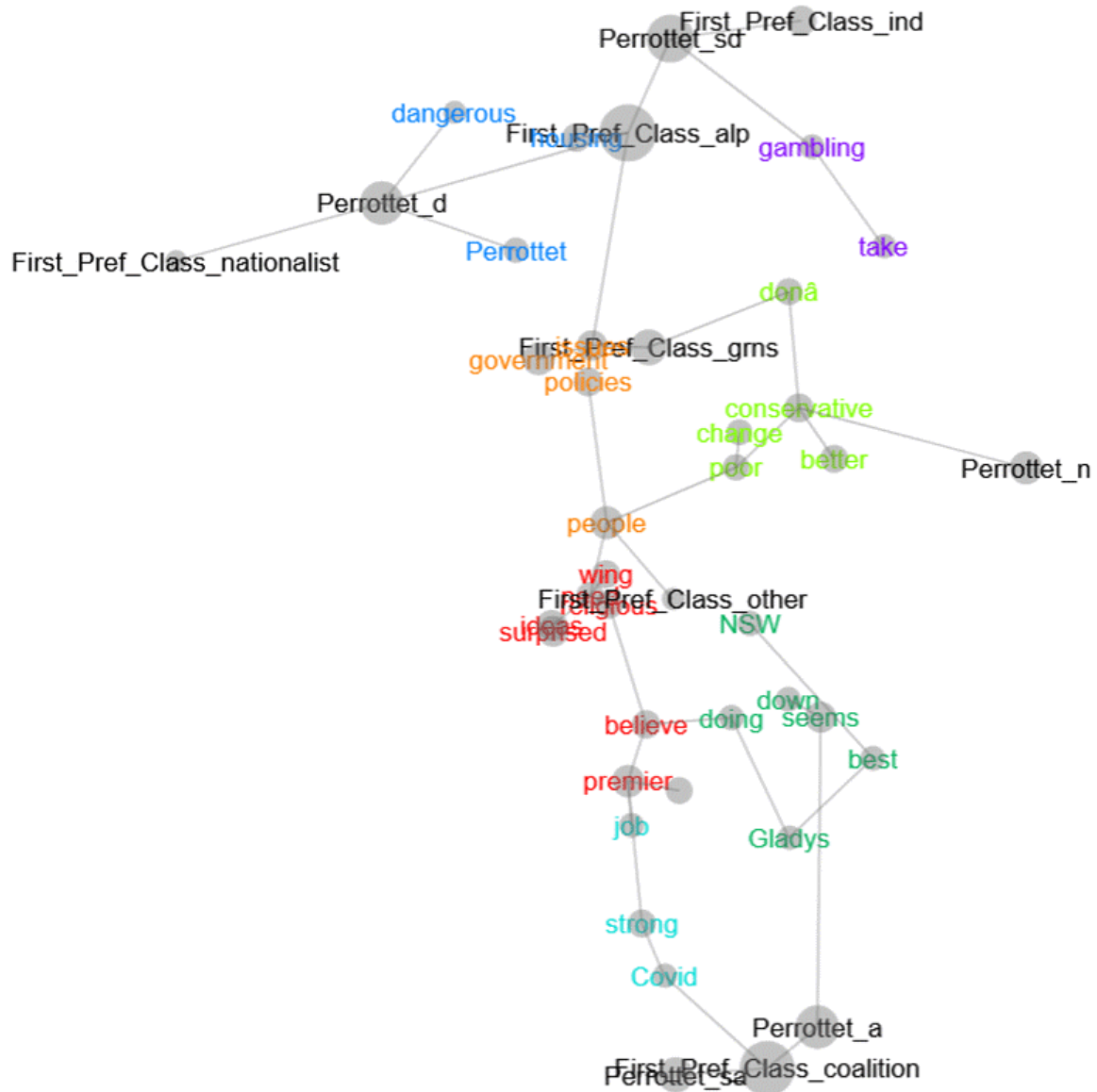
While my inclination is to vote for the Greens, they will not become the Party of Government. Therefore I will list them second on my voting paper even though I like some of their policies better than the ALP ones.

My local Labor member is an excellent candidate. I support Labor's policies on ending privatisation and getting rid of no fault evictions.

I live in an electorate that will not vote in anyone leaning slightly to the left, but will vote for an independent, hence I am pragmatic and vote for an independent who leans right but not nearly as right as the so called liberals who are really conservatives.

I support my local member and the views and policies of the party more broadly.

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



Verbatims

I am surprised that I think that a religious premier is important as I am not religious, never go to church or pray, however, I strongly believe in Christian values and live by the Ten Commandments. We need strong people to fight the woke, left wing ideas, especially in schools.

Look, he actually seems to care about the state and poor people and is the first premier to actually do something about poker machines. Doesn't appear to have his kooky beliefs impact his policies in a bad way, just a shame he's a Liberal and therefore has duffer conservative policies.

Poor response to front line public servants (nurses etc), worfil action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, no action to address the rising cost of living and house prices, woeful inability to deal with problem gambling (cashless gambling cards are simply Dom's version of 'buy now, pay later', which is 'gamble now, pay later', and very poor provision of regional infrastructure.

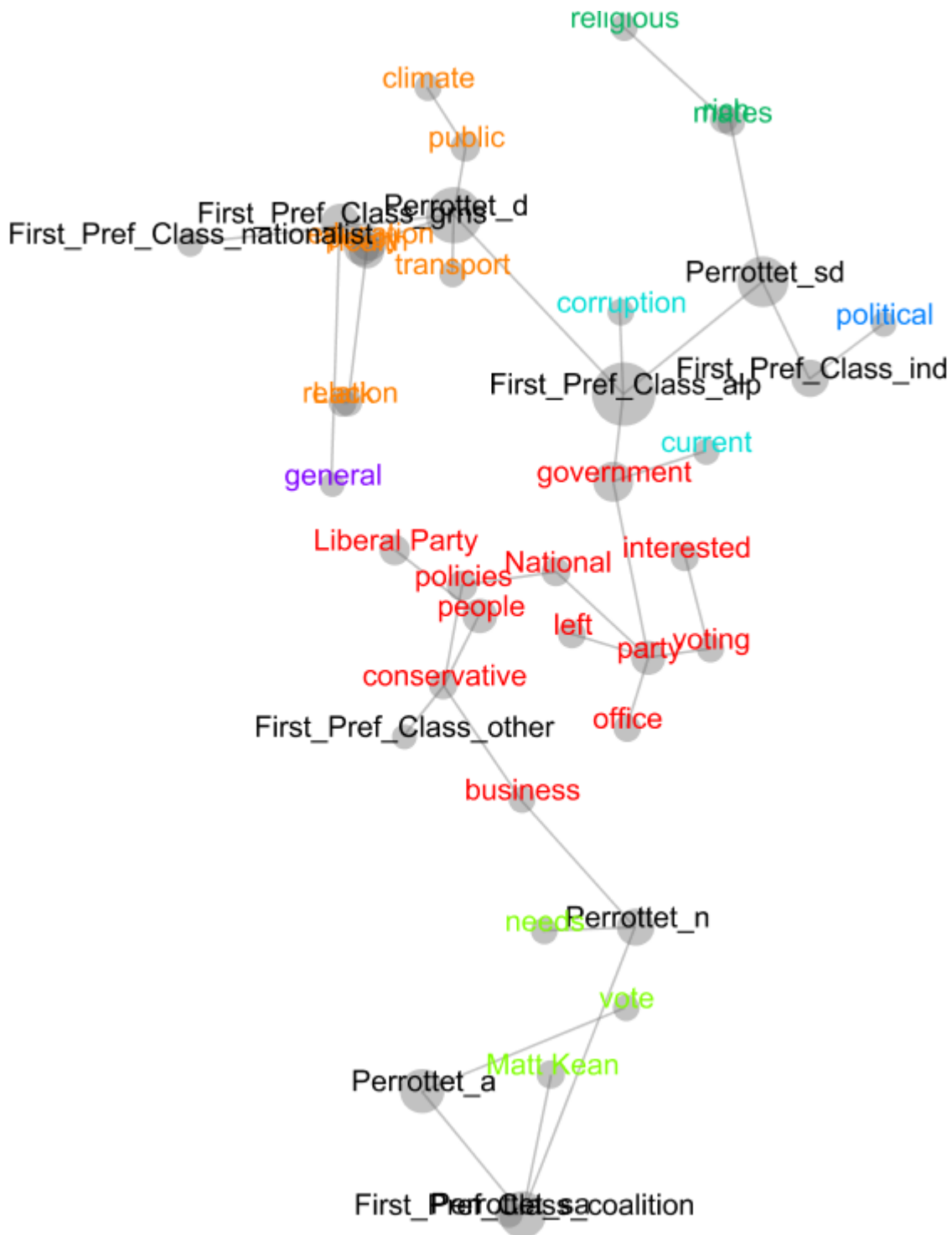
I was a supporter of Gladys but I think Dominic is doing much better than Barry oâ€™Farrell or Mike Baird. I believe he is reasonable and acting in the best interests of the state.

He brought the State a needed change to reopen from Covid lockdowns, and has now stabilised the program being delivered. He is still growing as Premier and needs some more time to bed down the achievements of his government.

Perrottet has surprised me on occasion with his excellent ideas such as the Aboriginal flag on the harbour bridge, and allowing a free vote for dying with dignity, but most of his policies I completely disagree with.

He seems very young and naive. I donâ€™t think a man who has all those children can possibly understand the current problems - overcrowding, climate change, housing spread into farming areas etc.

Irrespective of how you intend to vote, in thinking of voting for Dominic Perrottet and the Liberal and National Parties what makes you hesitate the most?



Verbatims

Liberal Party policy of letting the market decide and treatment of those working in health, teaching and other low paid work especially following Covid lock downs. Lack of integrity especially in relation to John Barilara and jobs for the boys

heading for a crisis in housing health and education with policies that are ineffective and have proved to be so. Management of transport policy by this government has also been a disaster.

A 200 year voting pattern of Conservative government and I know Joyce is in Federal Polics but any party that supports such a representative is obviously not interested in the sharing of the National wealth

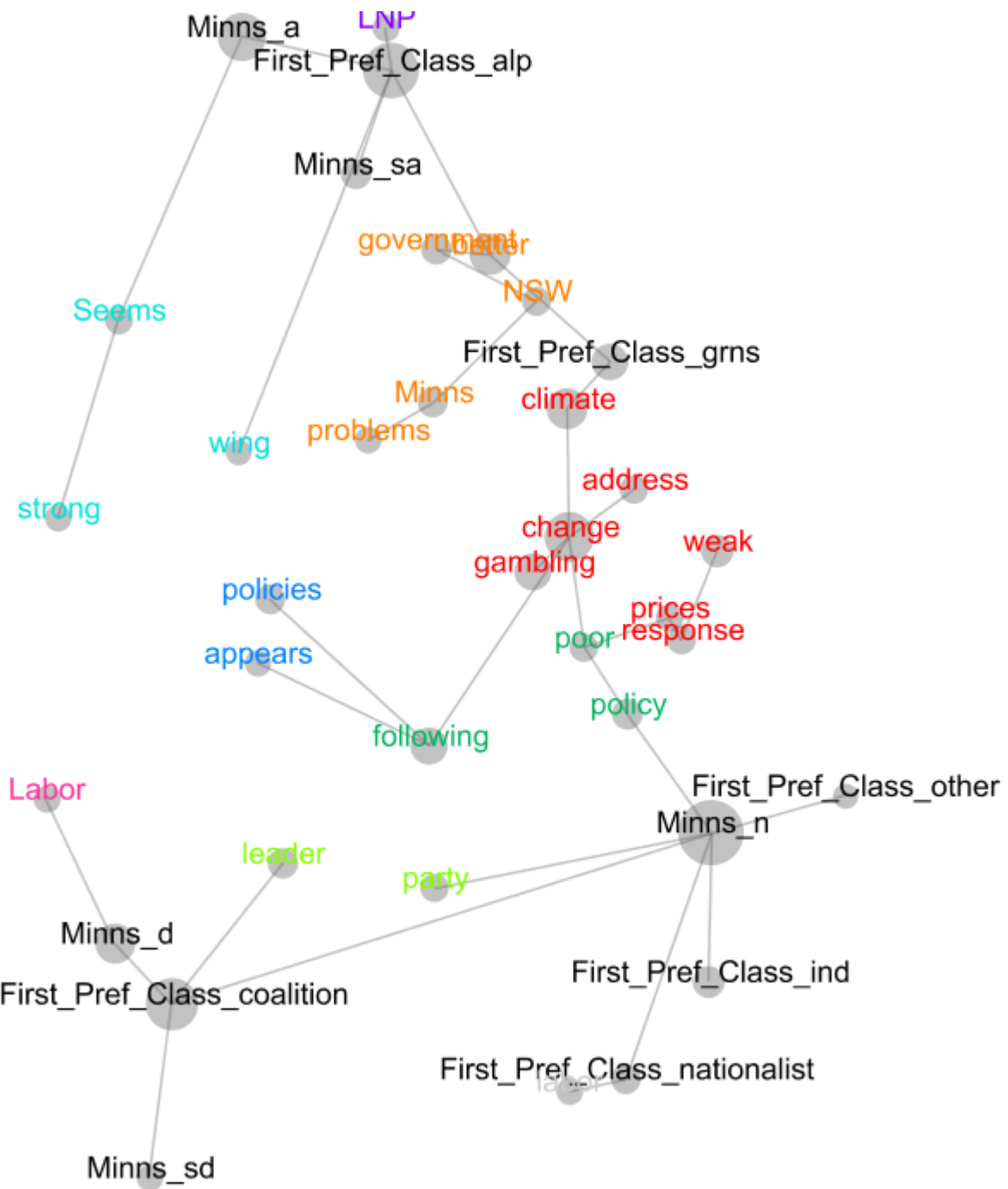
Cover ups Lack of honest approach to preselection particularly in relation to women. Too pro development more speedy responses to floods and plans to rearrange Lismore & surrounds for the people whose houses are uninhabited.

The current party of government is replete with a lack of capability. After 12 years in office there are many who have left, thankfully, leaving the dregs behind.

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Education policy that destroys what was once an excellent public education system? One of the biggest health systems in the world that's being reduced to a collection of shiny buildings with no people?

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



Verbatims

I prefer labor generally to liberals but he has really pissed me off on his weak Pokies response and dumb-ass policy regarding stamp duties and land tax. Doesn't actually seem to care about good policy, just wants to win the election and keep his donors happy.

I think he is offering some policies which will help some of the problem areas. I believe he will support initiatives such as climate action better than the LNP state government when working with the federal government.

He is stronger on climate change He supports public transport He has a better policy on gambling

He is yet to prove himself as a responsible leader. Maybe OK, but poor on poker machine policy

Minns is inoffensive, almost to the point of being bland. NSW Labor has had a bad reputation for a long, long time and he is a welcome antidote to it - but I am unclear as to what he is FOR, other than the election of his party to government.

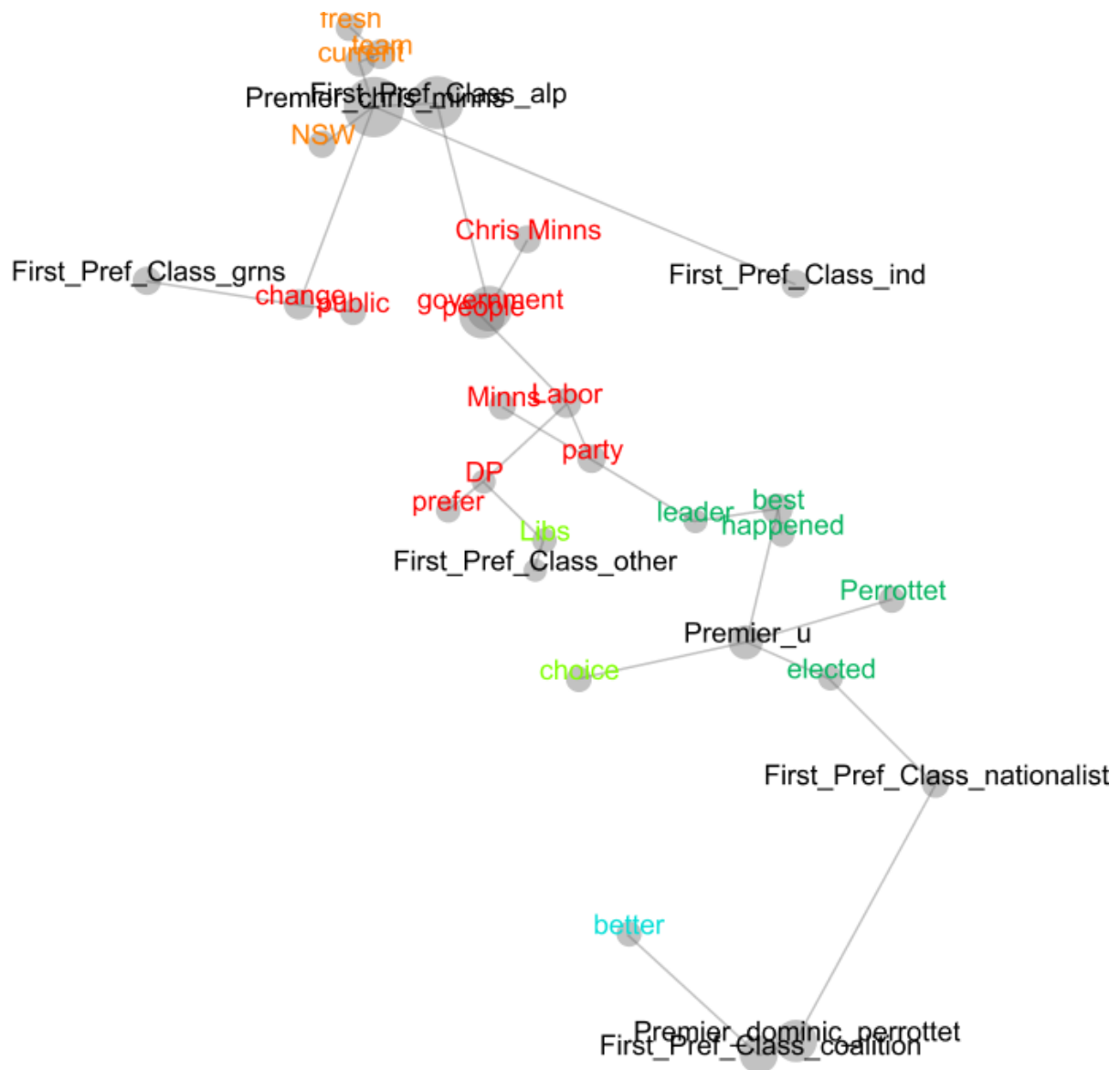
he is likely to be too restrained in taking urgent action by perceived negative reaction from conservative media.

The fact that Labor don't inspire me to vote for them. They still have baggage from the last time they were in Govt.

Risk of being beholden to unions/Lower priority toward regional NSW because they hold so few seats there

Nothing makes me hesitate all things considered, but governments commonly fall short of what one would hope for.

Who was your preferred premier?



Verbatims

Many Australians are critical thinkers and think for themselves! sadly many more are not critical thinkers and fell prey to big gov and big pharma what happened over 2020 to 2023 is terrible our very own PM our government did not do what was best for the people who elected them . Instead they shook hands with unelected billionaires and millions were exchanged between big pharma and big Gov.

Chris Minns because that would mean a Labor state government, which would include significant public and social housing reform which is important to me. The person himself is irrelevant to my choice.

I would prefer a Labor government lead by DP, but I would rather a Labor government led by a donkey that a conservative coalition of Libs and Nats.

Common sense and an innate sense of fairness and the last thirty years of Conservative government destroying the democratic institutions of our society and replacing them with profit above people free enterprise systems of Trickle down economics.

Chris Minns leads a good team and has a vision for the state. The current government has no vision beyond financial gain.

I would be very reluctant to give any party a 4th term - look what happened to Labor last time! Hoping for a hung parliament with Alex Greenwich calling the shots!

He's the Leader of the State ALP

More intelligent; decisive; progressive; planning ahead; better speaker and more attentive.

Perrottet has been competent in improving Government to deliver more for less both as a minister and now as Premier. I am not yet convinced that Minns would be as good.

not a lot of choice is there? I'd vote for Gladys.

I'd not for Matt Kean. I'm choosing Dominic Perrottet only because he is leading the govt now - not because I particularly like him or rate him.