

Polling - Gas Bans

March 2017

Key Results

The Australia Institute surveyed 1420 Australians about state bans on new unconventional gas.

Respondents were asked

Some states and territories have put in place bans on new unconventional gas extraction, including hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') for coal seam gas. Do you support or oppose these bans?

56% supported the bans, including a majority in every state.

20% opposed the bans.

There was support for the bans from 48% of LNP voters, 52% of One Nation voters, 54% of Other voters, 57% of Labor voters, and 75% of Greens voters.

Method

From 17 March to 24 March 2017, The Australia Institute conducted a national poll of 1420 people through Research Now using representative samples by gender, age and state or territory.

Results are presented in detail below with crosstabs by gender, larger states and voting intention in the House of Representatives.

Undecided voters were asked which way they were 'leaning', and these leanings are included in the party voting intention crosstabs. Results for undecided voters are also shown separately as 'Undec'. 'LNP' combines separate responses for Liberals and Nationals. 'Other' combines responses for Independent / Other and for the Nick Xenophon Team.

Detailed Results

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	Total	M	F	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA
Total support	56%	56%	57%	59%	53%	58%	54%	52%
Total oppose	20%	29%	12%	18%	23%	22%	17%	21%
Strongly support	23%	24%	22%	24%	19%	26%	26%	26%
Support	33%	31%	34%	36%	34%	32%	28%	27%
Oppose	14%	20%	9%	13%	15%	16%	10%	15%
Strongly oppose	6%	9%	3%	5%	8%	6%	6%	6%
Don't know	24%	15%	31%	22%	23%	20%	29%	27%

	LNP	Labor	Greens	PHON	NXT	Other	Undec
Total support	48%	57%	75%	52%	62%	43%	48%
Total oppose	29%	16%	13%	22%	15%	17%	29%
Strongly support	15%	22%	48%	26%	27%	13%	15%
Support	33%	36%	27%	25%	36%	30%	33%
Oppose	20%	12%	8%	16%	10%	11%	20%
Strongly oppose	9%	4%	5%	7%	6%	7%	9%
Don't know	23%	27%	11%	26%	22%	40%	23%