

Polling - Net-zero carbon emissions

November 2019

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,424 Australians about net-zero emissions targets.

Respondents were first asked about state and territory targets, then asked about federal targets.

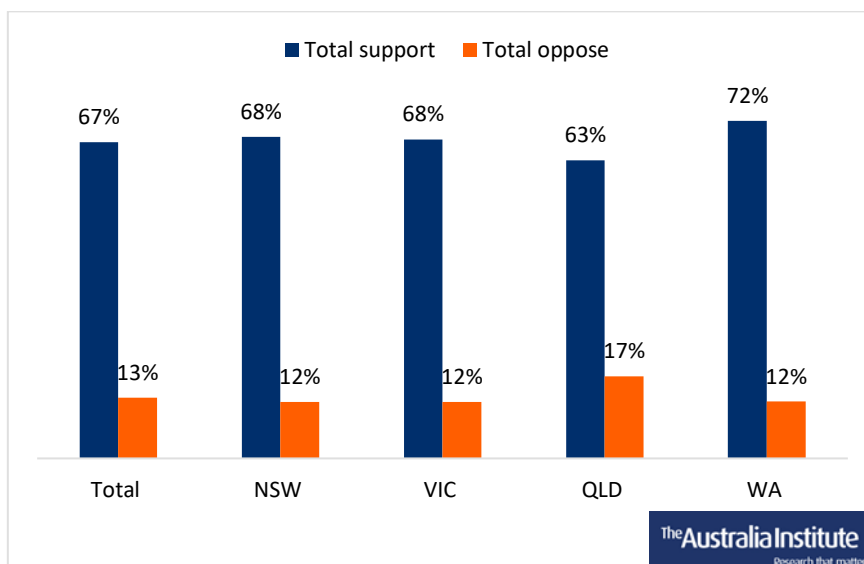
State targets

Every state and territory in Australia now has a target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, or a more ambitious target.

Do you support or oppose state and territory governments setting net-zero emissions targets?

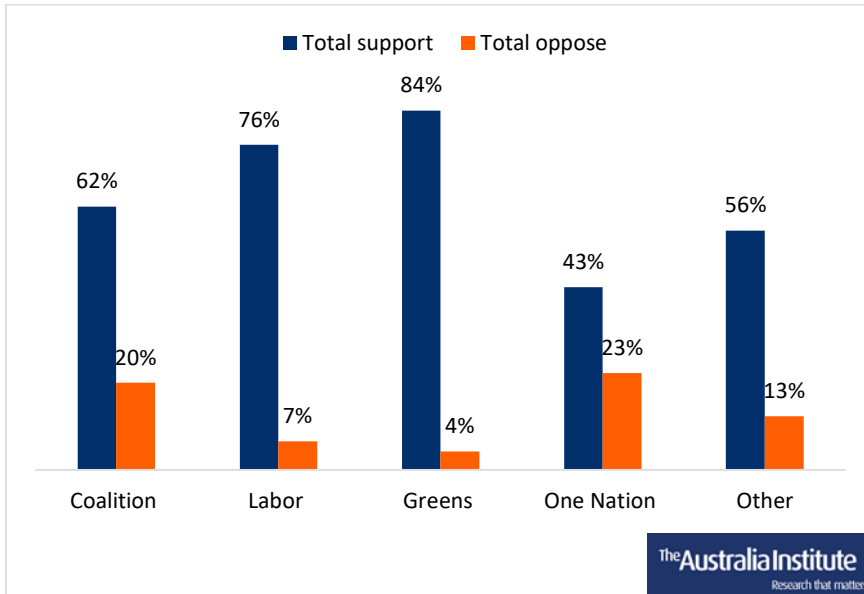
- Two in three Australians (67%) support state/territory governments setting net-zero emission targets. Only 13% oppose.
- In NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, support for state government targets exceeds 60%.

Figure 1: Support for state/territory net-zero emissions targets



- A majority of Coalition (62%), Labor (76%), Greens (84%) and independent voters (56%) support state government zero emissions targets.
- Nearly twice as many One Nation voters support targets (43%) as oppose (23%).

Figure 2: Support for state/territory net-zero emissions targets, by voting intention

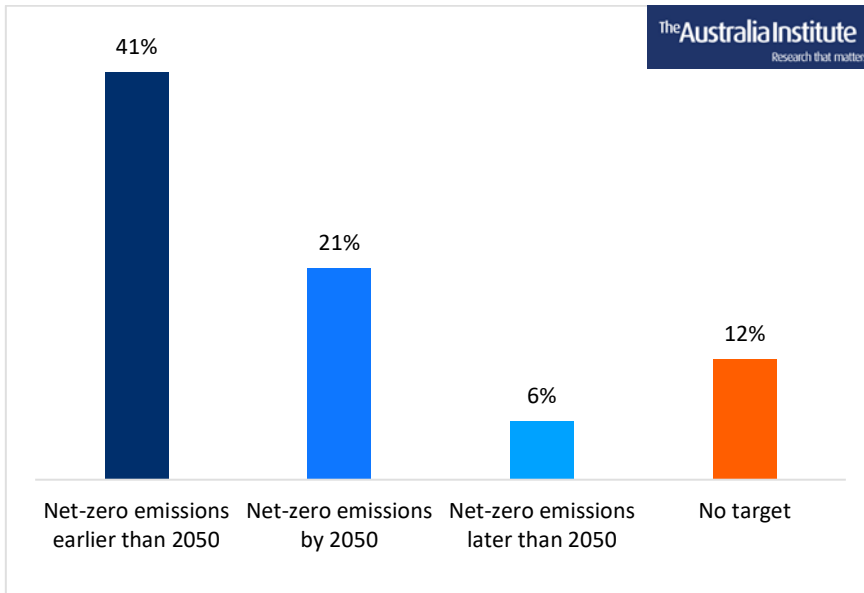


Federal targets

What net-zero carbon emissions target should the Federal Government adopt, if any?

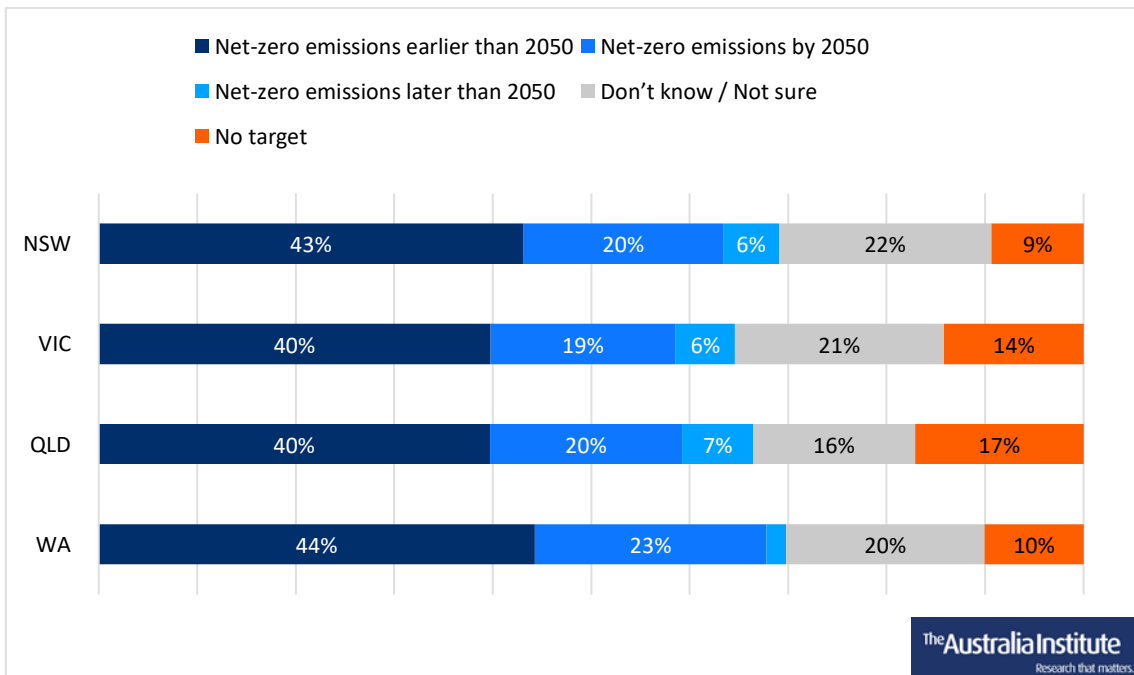
- Three in five Australians (62%) support a target of net-zero emissions by 2050 or earlier.
- 41% support a target earlier than 2050, while 21% support a 2050 target.
- 6% of respondents support a target later than 2050.
- One in 10 Australians (12%) say there should be no target.

Figure 2: National net-zero carbon emissions target dates



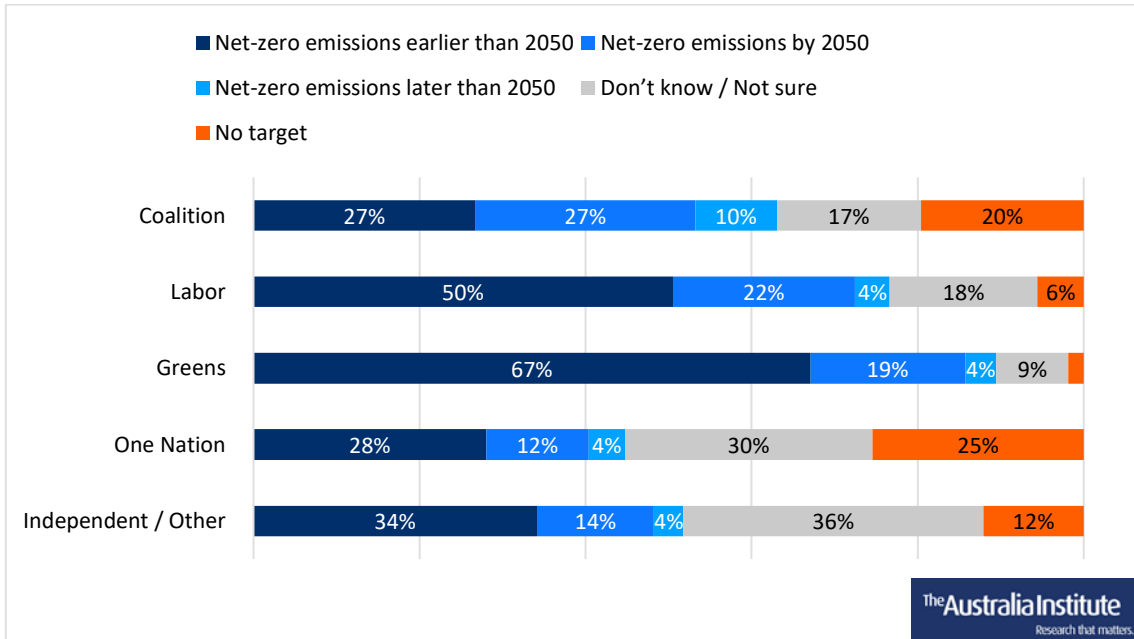
- In NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, support for an earlier target is the most popular position, at 40% or higher.

Figure 3: Support for national net-zero carbon emissions targets by state



- Most Labor (50%) and Green (67%) voters support an emissions target of net-zero emissions earlier than 2050.
- Coalition voters were equally split between an earlier net-zero emissions target (27%) and a target of 2050 (27%).

Figure 4: Support for national net-zero carbon emissions targets by voting intention



Method

The Australia Institute conducted a national survey of 1,424 people between 1 and 15 November 2019, online through Dynata with nationally representative samples by gender, age, state and territory, and household income.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 2.6%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the lower house. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs, but results are also shown separately for undecideds. “LNP” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” includes Centre Alliance, Jacqui Lambie Network and Independent/Other.

Detailed results

Every state and territory in Australia now has a target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, or a more ambitious target.

Do you support or oppose state and territory governments setting net-zero emissions targets?

| | <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>VIC</i> | <i>QLD</i> | <i>WA</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 35% | 37% | 34% | 38% | 35% | 31% | 37% |
| Support | 32% | 30% | 34% | 30% | 33% | 32% | 35% |
| Oppose | 7% | 8% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 9% | 6% |
| Strongly oppose | 6% | 9% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 9% | 6% |
| Don't know / Not sure | 20% | 15% | 24% | 20% | 20% | 19% | 16% |

| | <i>Total</i> | <i>Coalition</i> | <i>Labor</i> | <i>Greens</i> | <i>One Nation</i> | <i>Other</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Strongly support | 35% | 25% | 43% | 65% | 16% | 27% |
| Support | 32% | 37% | 33% | 19% | 27% | 30% |
| Oppose | 7% | 9% | 5% | 2% | 10% | 7% |
| Strongly oppose | 6% | 11% | 2% | 2% | 13% | 6% |
| Don't know / Not sure | 20% | 18% | 17% | 11% | 34% | 31% |

What net-zero carbon emissions target should the Federal Government adopt, if any?

| | <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>VIC</i> | <i>QLD</i> | <i>WA</i> |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Net-zero emissions earlier than 2050 | 41% | 42% | 40% | 43% | 40% | 40% | 44% |
| Net-zero emissions by 2050 | 21% | 22% | 20% | 20% | 19% | 20% | 23% |
| Net-zero emissions later than 2050 | 6% | 7% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 7% | 2% |
| No target | 12% | 16% | 9% | 9% | 14% | 17% | 10% |
| Don't know / Not sure | 20% | 13% | 27% | 22% | 21% | 16% | 20% |

| | <i>Total</i> | <i>LNP</i> | <i>ALP</i> | <i>GRN</i> | <i>PHON</i> | <i>Other</i> |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Net-zero emissions earlier than 2050 | 41% | 27% | 50% | 67% | 28% | 34% |
| Net-zero emissions by 2050 | 21% | 27% | 22% | 19% | 12% | 14% |
| Net-zero emissions later than 2050 | 6% | 10% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| No target | 12% | 20% | 6% | 2% | 25% | 12% |
| Don't know / Not sure | 20% | 17% | 18% | 9% | 30% | 36% |