

# Survey results

## **Fieldwork dates: November 2013**

The Australia Institute conducted an online survey in November 2013. Respondents were sourced from a reputable independent online panel who earn reward points to participate. Results were post weighted (n = 1404) by age and gender based on the profile of the adult Australian population. Small variations in sample size can occur from rounding errors as a result of the weighting process.

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## Survey question

Given the results of the most recent federal election do you think there is a need to reform the way Senators are elected?

## Results tables

	Gender		Age					All	
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64		65+
Yes	65%	52%	44%	47%	54%	60%	64%	77%	58%
No	15%	11%	20%	16%	16%	12%	10%	6%	13%
Don't know	20%	37%	36%	37%	30%	29%	26%	17%	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
n	692	713	177	262	255	245	207	257	1405

# Survey results

## Survey question

\*Only ask those who answered that there is a need for reform\*

Q1. Why do you think there is a need for reform? [select all that apply]

1. The current system reflects preference deals not voter intention
2. There are too many micro-parties
3. The current system is too difficult to understand
4. The current system is too difficult to count

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- The current system reflects preference deals not voter intention

## Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
No	24%	26%	36%	32%	24%	23%	23%	19%	25%
Yes	76%	74%	64%	69%	76%	77%	77%	81%	75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
n	448	367	77	124	138	146	133	197	815

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Why do you think there is a need for reform?

- There are too many micro-parties

## Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
No	51%	50%	66%	52%	53%	49%	53%	40%	50%
Yes	49%	50%	34%	48%	47%	51%	47%	60%	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
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- The current system is too difficult to understand

## Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
No	67%	66%	69%	68%	69%	70%	67%	60%	67%
Yes	33%	34%	31%	32%	31%	30%	33%	40%	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
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# Survey results

## Survey question

\*Only ask those who answered that there is a need for reform\*

Why do you think there is a need for reform?

- The current system is too difficult to count votes

## Results tables

	Gender		Age					All	
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64		65+
No	71%	75%	88%	77%	74%	71%	78%	62%	73%
Yes	29%	25%	12%	23%	26%	30%	22%	38%	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
n	448	367	77	124	138	146	133	197	815

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## Survey question

Do you think there is enough integrity in Australia’s voting system currently or should voters have to provide identification when they vote?

## Results tables

	Gender		Age					All	
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64		65+
Yes, provide identification	58%	54%	41%	49%	58%	58%	60%	65%	56%
No, the system should remain how it is	35%	36%	48%	37%	34%	31%	35%	33%	36%
Don't know	7%	10%	11%	15%	8%	11%	6%	2%	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
n	692	712	178	262	255	245	208	257	1404

# Survey results

## Survey question

What do you think should occur in response to the Australian Electoral Commission misplacing WA Senate votes?

## Results tables

	Gender		Age						All
	Male	Female	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
A new WA Senate election should occur	56%	55%	46%	52%	57%	54%	59%	62%	55%
The result of the recount should stand	18%	16%	28%	16%	17%	16%	14%	14%	17%
The result of the original count should stand	14%	13%	7%	10%	11%	15%	19%	15%	13%
Don't know	12%	17%	19%	22%	15%	15%	8%	9%	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
n	691	711	177	262	254	244	208	257	1402



# Survey results

## Survey question

\*\*Only asked to those who live in Western Australia\*\*

If a new WA Senate election occurs will you vote the same as you did in the first election?

## Results tables

	Gender		All
	Male	Female	
Yes	61%	55%	58%
No	13%	12%	13%
Don't know	26%	33%	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
n	77	66	143