

# Polling - Salmon farming in Tasmania

*June 2021*

## Key results

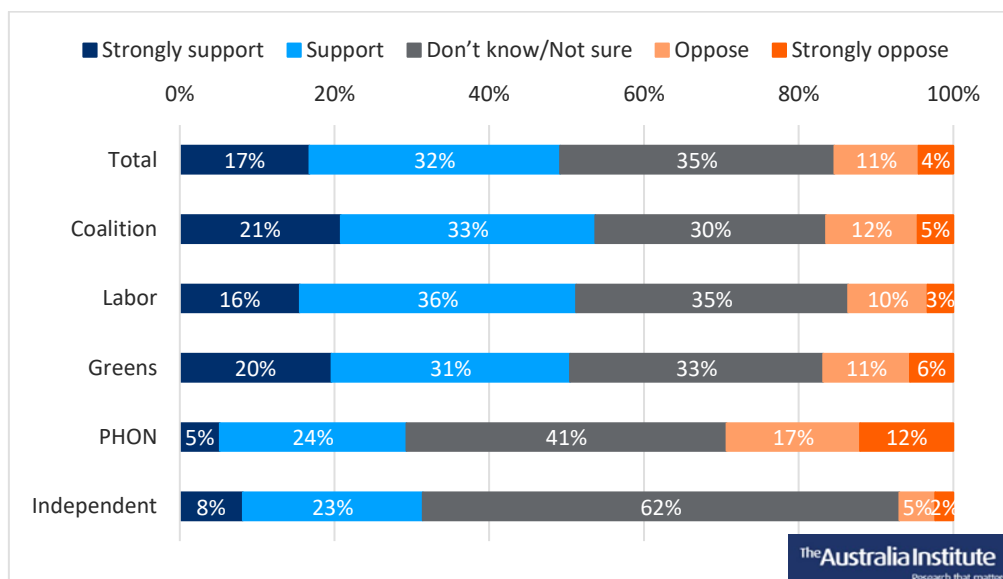
The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,001 Australians about their attitudes towards salmon farming in Tasmania.

The Federal Government is currently undertaking a parliamentary inquiry into the Australian aquaculture sector.

The results show that

- One in two (49%) Australians support a moratorium on the expansion of the salmon farming industry in Tasmania until issues raised in the inquiry have been resolved, 15% oppose.
- A majority of Coalition (54%) and Labor (51%) voters support a moratorium on the expansion of salmon farms in Tasmania until issues raised in the inquiry are resolved.
  - 50% of Greens voters support, 17% oppose.
  - 62% of Independent/Other voters answered don't know/note sure, however more support (31%) than oppose (7%).

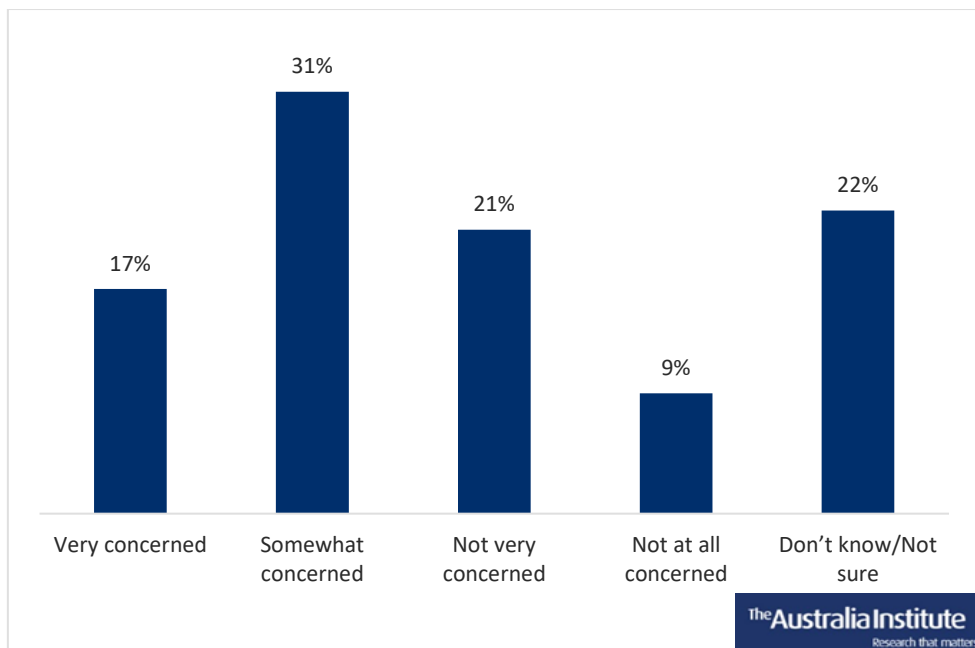
**Figure 1: Attitudes towards a moratorium on salmon farm expansion, by voting intention**



Respondents were also asked whether they are concerned about the environmental impacts associated with the expansion of salmon farms in Tasmania.

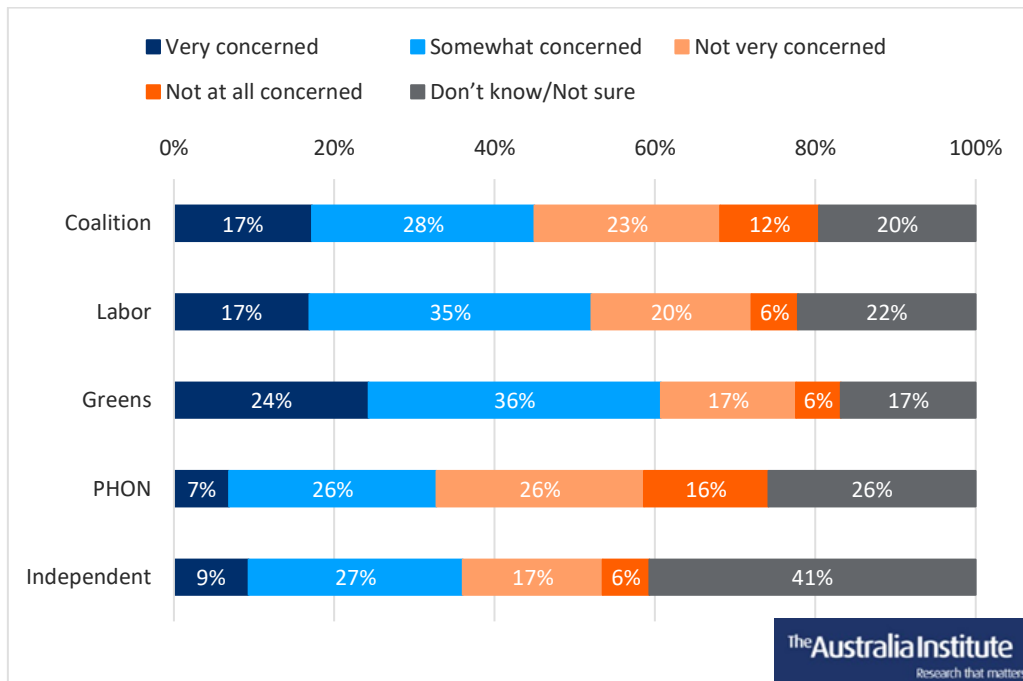
- Almost half (48%) of Australians have some level of concern about the environmental impacts of salmon farm expansion in Tasmania.
  - One in five (21%) are not very concerned and 9% are not concerned at all.
- Australians between the ages of 18-29 are the most likely to have some level of concern about the environmental impacts of salmon farm expansion (56%), followed by Australians aged between 30-39 (53%).

**Figure 2: Concern about the environmental impacts of salmon farming**



- Greens voters are the most likely to have some level of concern about the environmental impacts of salmon farm expansion (61%), followed by Labor (52%) and Coalition (45%) voters.
  - 6% of Labor and Greens voters and 12% of Coalition voters are not at all concerned.
- More Coalition, Labor, Greens and Independent/Other voters are very concerned than are not at all concerned.

**Figure 3: Concern about the environmental impacts of salmon farming, by voting intention**



## Method

The Australia Institute surveyed 1,001 people on 2-4 June 2021, online through Dynata's Rapid Results polling, with nationally representative samples by gender, age and region.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 3%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. "Coalition" includes separate responses for Liberal and National. "Other" refers to Independent/Other.

## Detailed results

The Federal Government is currently undertaking a parliamentary inquiry into the Australian aquaculture sector i.e. fish farming.

Do you support or oppose a moratorium on the expansion of the salmon farming industry in Tasmania until issues raised in the inquiry have been resolved?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<b>Strongly support</b>	17%	18%	16%	17%	17%	15%	21%
<b>Support</b>	32%	35%	30%	35%	30%	31%	33%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	10%	12%	8%	12%	12%	9%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%	6%	6%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	35%	30%	40%	36%	38%	36%	30%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>PHON</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Strongly support</b>	17%	21%	16%	20%	5%	8%
<b>Support</b>	32%	33%	36%	31%	24%	23%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	12%	10%	11%	17%	5%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	4%	5%	3%	6%	12%	2%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	35%	30%	35%	33%	41%	62%

Are you concerned about the environmental impacts associated with the expansion of salmon farms in Tasmania?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<b>Very concerned</b>	17%	16%	17%	19%	15%	14%	19%
<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	31%	29%	34%	31%	29%	33%	32%
<b>Not very concerned</b>	21%	22%	20%	22%	21%	25%	13%
<b>Not at all concerned</b>	9%	14%	4%	6%	10%	11%	11%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	22%	20%	24%	22%	25%	17%	24%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
<b>Very concerned</b>	17%	20%	18%	19%	12%	14%
<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	31%	36%	35%	33%	26%	26%
<b>Not very concerned</b>	21%	22%	18%	21%	21%	24%
<b>Not at all concerned</b>	9%	6%	9%	7%	10%	11%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	22%	16%	21%	19%	31%	24%

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<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	31%	28%	35%	36%	26%	27%
<b>Not very concerned</b>	21%	23%	20%	17%	26%	17%
<b>Not at all concerned</b>	9%	12%	6%	6%	16%	6%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	22%	20%	22%	17%	26%	41%