

FINAL RESULTS

uComms conducted a survey of 853 residents of NSW Federal seat of Wentworth on behalf of The Australia Institute during the evening of 24th January 2022 using self-completed automated voice polling methodologies.

Question 1:

If a Federal Election were to be held today, which of the following would be your first preference vote?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>Liberal Dave Sharma</i>	35.6%	34.0%	37.4%	24.3%	26.7%	27.0%	50.3%
<i>Independent Allegra Spender</i>	27.7%	29.1%	26.2%	21.6%	26.7%	36.7%	22.0%
<i>Labor</i>	18.6%	21.2%	15.9%	24.3%	17.6%	18.1%	18.3%
<i>The Greens Dominic Wy Kanak</i>	7.5%	5.6%	9.5%	17.6%	12.3%	5.9%	3.7%
<i>Pauline Hanson's One Nation</i>	2.7%	2.5%	2.9%	5.4%	3.7%	3.7%	0.6%
<i>United Australia Party</i>	2.5%	1.4%	3.7%	2.7%	5.3%	1.5%	1.9%
<i>Other</i>	0.8%	0.5%	1.2%	2.7%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%
<i>Undecided</i>	4.6%	5.9%	3.2%	1.4%	7.0%	6.3%	2.5%

2 Party Preferred

	Total
<i>Liberal Dave Sharma</i>	44%
<i>Independent Allegra Spender</i>	56%

Note: Undecided voters allocated by Q1a, and preferences distributed as per Q1b
 Note: 2pp calculation above is not reflective of a true 2pp as the preference flows did not favour the Liberal v Independent as per Q1

	Total
<i>Liberal Dave Sharma</i>	45%
<i>Labor</i>	55%

Note: Undecided voters allocated by Q1a, and preferences distributed as per Q1c

Question 1a:

Being undecided to which of the following do you have even a slight leaning?

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Liberal Dave Sharma</i>	<i>42.5%</i>
<i>Independent Allegra Spender</i>	<i>17.5%</i>
<i>Labor</i>	<i>12.5%</i>
<i>The Greens Dominic Wy Kanak</i>	<i>10.0%</i>
<i>Pauline Hanson's One Nation</i>	<i>5.0%</i>
<i>United Australia Party</i>	<i>5.0%</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>7.5%</i>

Note: Only respondents who answered "Undecided" in Question 1 were asked Question 1a

Question 1b:

Which of the following two parties would you preference higher?

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Liberal Dave Sharma</i>	<i>19.0%</i>
<i>Independent Allegra Spender</i>	<i>81.0%</i>

Note: Only respondents who didn't answer 'Liberal' or 'Labor' In Question 1 and 1a were included in Question 1b

Question 1c:

Which of the following two parties would you preference higher?

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Liberal Dave Sharma</i>	<i>11.5%</i>
<i>Labor</i>	<i>88.5%</i>

Note: Only respondents who didn't answer 'Liberal Dave Sharma' or 'Labor' In Question 1, 1a and 1b were included in Question 1c

Question 2:

Over recent years, \$84 million has been cut from the operational budget of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the ABC.

Would you support or oppose restoring that funding to the ABC?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly support	52.1%	57.0%	46.7%	50.0%	52.7%	60.9%	44.9%
Support	14.8%	15.5%	13.9%	17.6%	13.8%	11.1%	17.4%
Oppose	14.2%	13.3%	15.2%	8.1%	12.8%	9.2%	20.6%
Strongly oppose	14.7%	9.2%	20.5%	21.6%	15.4%	14.4%	13.1%
Unsure/Don't know	4.3%	5.0%	3.7%	2.7%	5.3%	4.4%	4.0%

	Total	LIB	IAS	LAB	GRE	PHON	UAP	OTH	UND
Strongly support	52.1%	13.8%	82.6%	81.1%	78.1%	21.7%	18.2%	57.1%	40.0%
Support	14.8%	18.4%	12.7%	9.4%	12.5%	8.7%	27.3%	0.0%	22.5%
Oppose	14.2%	32.9%	1.7%	2.5%	3.1%	13.0%	4.5%	14.3%	15.0%
Strongly oppose	14.7%	28.3%	1.7%	1.9%	3.1%	47.8%	50.0%	28.6%	17.5%
Unsure/Don't know	4.3%	6.6%	1.3%	5.0%	3.1%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%

Question 3:

Currently, the national broadcasters ABC and SBS are funded on a three-year cycle. Some argue that a five-year funding cycle would give the national broadcasters more certainty and independence from government pressure.

Would you support or oppose the national broadcasters being funded on a five-year cycle?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly support	49.6%	56.0%	42.7%	39.2%	59.0%	54.4%	42.5%
Support	19.2%	19.2%	19.3%	25.7%	18.6%	14.8%	22.0%
Oppose	11.4%	9.5%	13.4%	5.4%	4.8%	10.7%	17.1%
Strongly oppose	14.1%	9.5%	19.0%	20.3%	12.2%	13.0%	14.3%
Unsure/Don't know	5.7%	5.9%	5.6%	9.5%	5.3%	7.0%	4.0%

	Total	LIB	IAS	LAB	GRE	PHON	UAP	OTH	UND
Strongly support	49.6%	17.2%	76.6%	75.5%	64.1%	21.7%	28.6%	42.9%	38.5%
Support	19.2%	21.1%	14.9%	16.4%	26.6%	21.7%	19.0%	14.3%	28.2%
Oppose	11.4%	25.1%	3.0%	3.8%	1.6%	8.7%	9.5%	14.3%	5.1%
Strongly oppose	14.1%	29.0%	1.3%	1.9%	1.6%	39.1%	42.9%	28.6%	12.8%
Unsure/Don't know	5.7%	7.6%	4.3%	2.5%	6.3%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	15.4%

Question 4:

The ABC Board is responsible for the ABC's operations. When a vacancy arises, the Government can make a unilateral decision about who to appoint as a new ABC board member.

Would you support or oppose changing the board appointment process so that the Government must choose new ABC board members only from those nominated by a committee with members from all parties?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly support	50.1%	51.4%	48.8%	40.5%	47.3%	55.7%	49.5%
Support	23.0%	24.1%	21.7%	21.6%	23.4%	22.9%	23.1%
Oppose	8.5%	7.0%	10.2%	6.8%	5.3%	8.1%	11.2%
Strongly oppose	8.7%	7.0%	10.5%	14.9%	10.1%	6.3%	8.1%
Unsure/Don't know	9.7%	10.6%	8.8%	16.2%	13.8%	7.0%	8.1%

	Total	LIB	IAS	LAB	GRE	PHON	UAP	OTH	UND
Strongly support	50.1%	25.2%	74.0%	65.8%	59.4%	26.1%	45.5%	42.9%	38.5%
Support	23.0%	26.5%	17.4%	24.1%	28.1%	17.4%	27.3%	14.3%	20.5%
Oppose	8.5%	15.9%	3.0%	3.8%	1.6%	13.0%	4.5%	14.3%	12.8%
Strongly oppose	8.7%	17.5%	2.1%	2.5%	0.0%	21.7%	9.1%	28.6%	5.1%
Unsure/Don't know	9.7%	14.9%	3.4%	3.8%	10.9%	21.7%	13.6%	0.0%	23.1%

Question 5:

Thinking of the upcoming federal election, would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who advocates for an independent, well-resourced ABC?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Much more likely	53.9%	56.8%	50.9%	46.6%	54.8%	58.0%	51.6%
Somewhat more likely	12.2%	13.1%	11.2%	17.8%	11.7%	10.8%	12.4%
Neither more or less likely	16.8%	14.9%	18.8%	13.7%	16.5%	17.8%	16.8%
Somewhat less likely	4.3%	3.6%	5.1%	4.1%	5.3%	2.6%	5.3%
Much less likely	9.0%	7.2%	11.0%	15.1%	8.5%	8.9%	8.1%
Unsure/Don't know	3.8%	4.5%	2.9%	2.7%	3.2%	1.9%	5.9%

	Total	LIB	IAS	LAB	GRE	PHON	UAP	OTH	UND
Much more likely	53.9%	23.1%	83.4%	76.7%	68.8%	26.1%	22.7%	57.1%	30.8%
Somewhat more likely	12.2%	15.2%	7.7%	8.8%	18.8%	13.0%	13.6%	0.0%	20.5%
Neither more or less likely	16.8%	28.7%	6.4%	9.4%	9.4%	13.0%	22.7%	14.3%	28.2%
Somewhat less likely	4.3%	8.6%	0.9%	1.3%	3.1%	13.0%	4.5%	0.0%	2.6%
Much less likely	9.0%	17.8%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	30.4%	27.3%	28.6%	7.7%
Unsure/Don't know	3.8%	6.6%	0.4%	2.5%	0.0%	4.3%	9.1%	0.0%	10.3%

Question 6:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“The ABC needs a boost to long term funding.”

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly Agree	45.5%	48.2%	42.5%	40.5%	47.3%	50.7%	41.4%
Agree	16.5%	18.0%	14.9%	21.6%	17.6%	14.1%	16.5%
Disagree	12.3%	11.3%	13.4%	5.4%	9.0%	11.1%	16.8%
Strongly disagree	17.0%	12.6%	21.8%	23.0%	18.1%	15.2%	16.5%
Unsure/Don't know	8.7%	9.9%	7.3%	9.5%	8.0%	8.9%	8.7%

	Total	LIB	IAS	LAB	GRE	PHON	UAP	OTH	UND
Strongly Agree	45.5%	7.9%	71.6%	78.6%	70.3%	21.7%	19.0%	42.9%	33.3%
Agree	16.5%	17.2%	16.5%	16.4%	17.2%	8.7%	14.3%	14.3%	15.4%
Disagree	12.3%	26.2%	2.5%	1.9%	4.7%	13.0%	4.8%	0.0%	23.1%
Strongly disagree	17.0%	35.4%	2.1%	1.9%	0.0%	52.2%	52.4%	42.9%	10.3%
Unsure/Don't know	8.7%	13.2%	7.2%	1.3%	7.8%	4.3%	9.5%	0.0%	17.9%

Question 7:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“A strong, independent ABC is critical to a healthy democracy.”

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly Agree	63.9%	67.3%	60.3%	63.5%	64.4%	66.8%	60.9%
Agree	15.7%	15.1%	16.4%	16.2%	12.2%	14.8%	18.6%
Disagree	7.3%	5.9%	8.8%	0.0%	8.0%	5.9%	9.9%
Strongly disagree	8.9%	7.0%	11.0%	17.6%	11.2%	7.7%	6.8%
Unsure/Don't know	4.1%	4.7%	3.4%	2.7%	4.3%	4.8%	3.7%

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Strongly Agree	63.9%	33.8%	88.6%	87.4%	89.1%	34.8%	54.5%	28.6%	38.5%
Agree	15.7%	24.6%	7.6%	8.8%	9.4%	17.4%	18.2%	42.9%	28.2%
Disagree	7.3%	15.7%	1.3%	2.5%	0.0%	4.3%	9.1%	0.0%	12.8%
Strongly disagree	8.9%	19.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%	34.8%	9.1%	28.6%	10.3%
Unsure/Don't know	4.1%	6.9%	1.7%	0.6%	1.6%	8.7%	9.1%	0.0%	10.3%

This survey was conducted using phone survey methodology among 853 voters. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The results have been weighted by gender, age, and state population to reflect the population according to ABS figures. Please note that due to rounding, not all tables necessarily total 100% and subtotals may also vary. Copyright uCommunications Pty Ltd.

Methodology Disclosure Statement - Short

Short Methodology Statement	
Research conducted by	<i>uCommunications Pty Ltd – T/A uComms</i>
Commissioned by	<i>Australia Institute</i>
End client	<i>Australia Institute</i>
Fieldwork dates	<i>24 January 2022</i>
Mode of data collection	<i>Automated telephone poll</i>
Target population	<i>Australian eligible voters</i>
Sample size	<i>853</i>
Australian Polling Council (APC) Compliant	<i>Yes</i>
URL of Long Methodology Disclosure Statement	<i>www.ucommsapc.info</i>
Voter intention published	<i>Yes</i>

Methodology Disclosure Statement - Long

Long Methodology Statement	
Effective sample size after weighting applied	<i>682</i>
Margin of Error associated with effective sample size	<i>+/- 3.34%</i>
Variables used in weighting	<i>Age X Gender National population distributions</i>
Weighting method used	<i>Ranked weighting</i>
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	<i>See within attached</i>
Proportion of landline/mobile completed samples	<i>81% Mobile 19% Landline</i>
Source of Sample	<i>Households selected at random across Australia</i>
Positioning of voter intention questions within survey	<i>First question after call intro</i>
Undecided voter handling	<i>Respondents who answered “Undecided” were then asked a leaning question</i>
2pp calculation method	<i>Respondent allocated preferences</i>