

Polling - SA issues and satisfaction ratings

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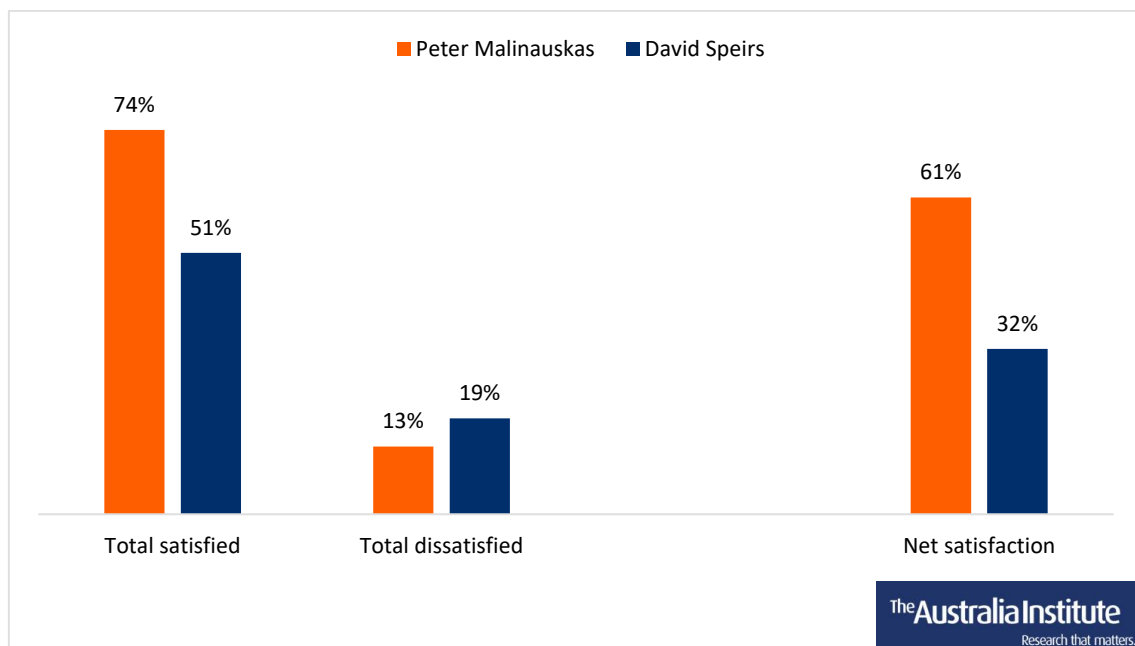
Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a representative sample of 616 South Australians about their political priorities and their satisfaction with the Premier, Peter Malinauskas, and with the Leader of the Opposition, David Speirs.

The results show that Peter Malinauskas has a net satisfaction rating of +61%, while David Speirs has a net satisfaction rating of +32%.

- 74% of South Australians are satisfied with the performance of Peter Malinauskas as Premier, while 13% of South Australians are dissatisfied.
- 51% of South Australians are satisfied with the performance of David Speirs as Leader of the Opposition, while 19% of South Australians are dissatisfied.
- 31% of South Australians don't know or aren't sure about the performance of David Speirs, compared to 12% for Peter Malinauskas.

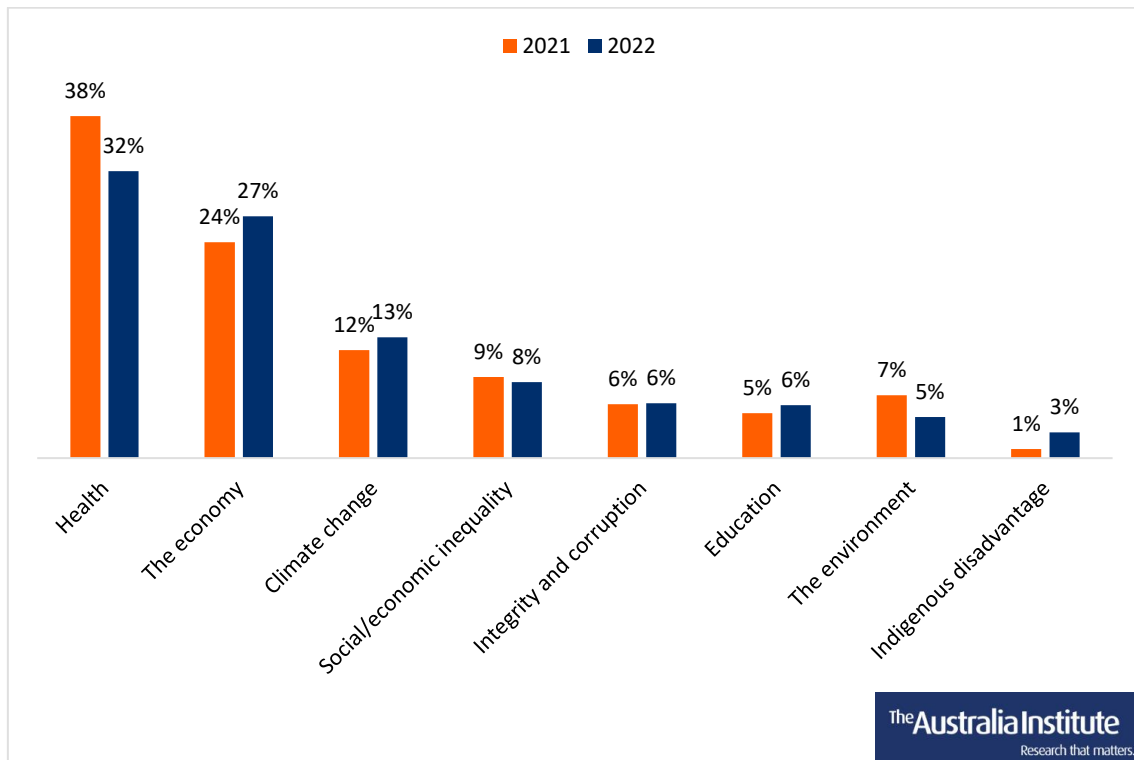
Figure 1: Premier and Opposition Leader satisfaction ratings



Respondents were also asked to state what they considered to be the most important issue in state politics right now. The results show that the three most important state political issues for South Australians right now are health, the economy, and climate change.

- 32% of South Australians state that health is the most important political issue right now.
- 27% of South Australians state that the economy is the most important political issue right now.
- 13% of South Australians state that climate change is the most important political issue right now.

Figure 2: Most important state political issue right now, July 2021–September 2022



Method

The Australia Institute surveyed 616 adults living in South Australia between the 11th and 20th of September 2022, online through Dynata’s panel, with representative samples by gender and age.

The research is compliant with the [Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards](#). The long methodology disclosure statement follows.

Long disclosure statement

The results were weighted by two variables (gender and age group) based on Australian Bureau of Statistics [“National, state and territory population”](#) data, using the raking method. This resulted in an effective sample size of 596.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the results is 4%.

Voting intention questions appeared after the initial demographic questions and before the question about political priorities. Lower house voting intention was asked first, followed by upper house voting intention.

Respondents who answered “Don’t know / Not sure” for voting intention questions were then asked a leaning question. These leanings are included in the voting intention crosstabs. “Other” refers to Independent/Other, and minor parties in cases where they were included in the voting intention but represent too small a sample to be reported separately in the crosstabs.



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Detailed results

No preceding questions in the poll are expected to have influenced the results of the questions on satisfaction regarding the job being done by the Premier and Opposition Leader, or the question about the most important state political issue.

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Peter Malinauskas is doing his job as Premier of South Australia?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
Very satisfied	33%	41%	26%	43%	52%	43%	26%	16%
Satisfied	41%	37%	46%	37%	33%	33%	34%	55%
Dissatisfied	8%	8%	8%	6%	2%	5%	12%	11%
Very dissatisfied	5%	6%	4%	3%	3%	4%	6%	7%
Don't know / Not sure	12%	8%	16%	11%	9%	14%	22%	10%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Liberal</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>SA Best</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
Very satisfied	33%	39%	31%	27%	67%	11%	14%
Satisfied	41%	33%	54%	51%	19%	34%	30%
Dissatisfied	8%	10%	4%	6%	3%	23%	15%
Very dissatisfied	5%	9%	1%	5%	0%	10%	8%
Don't know / Not sure	12%	8%	11%	11%	11%	22%	34%

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way David Speirs is doing his job as Leader of the Opposition in South Australia?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
Very satisfied	24%	33%	15%	36%	48%	31%	18%	4%
Satisfied	27%	29%	25%	32%	19%	22%	17%	35%
Dissatisfied	12%	11%	13%	8%	9%	9%	12%	17%
Very dissatisfied	7%	7%	6%	3%	3%	3%	12%	10%
Don't know / Not sure	31%	20%	41%	21%	21%	35%	42%	34%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Liberal</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>SA Best</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
Very satisfied	24%	38%	10%	22%	58%	5%	9%
Satisfied	27%	33%	27%	20%	24%	19%	17%
Dissatisfied	12%	8%	13%	14%	7%	21%	17%
Very dissatisfied	7%	2%	10%	11%	0%	6%	12%
Don't know / Not sure	31%	18%	40%	33%	11%	50%	45%

Thinking about state politics, what is the most important issue to you right now?

Response options to this question were presented in randomised order.

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
Health	32%	27%	37%	22%	25%	27%	31%	44%
The economy	27%	25%	28%	22%	28%	29%	21%	31%
Climate change	13%	14%	13%	12%	12%	11%	18%	13%
Social/economic inequality	8%	9%	8%	14%	9%	12%	6%	5%
Integrity and corruption	6%	9%	4%	11%	8%	4%	3%	5%
Education	6%	9%	3%	10%	8%	8%	9%	0%
The environment	5%	4%	5%	6%	8%	4%	6%	1%
Indigenous disadvantage	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	5%	1%

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Integrity and corruption	6%	6%	3%	7%	9%	22%	6%
Education	6%	5%	5%	3%	27%	0%	3%
The environment	5%	4%	3%	10%	8%	3%	6%
Indigenous disadvantage	3%	3%	2%	5%	5%	0%	4%