

6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## FINAL RESULTS

uComms conducted a survey of 1112 residents across the ACT on behalf of The Australia Institute during the nights of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 using self-completed automated voice polling methodologies.

### Question 1:

*If a Federal Election were to be held tomorrow, which of the following parties would you vote for in the House of Representatives (lower house)?*

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>18 – 34</i>	<i>35 – 50</i>	<i>51 - 65</i>	<i>65+</i>
<i>Labor</i>	43.0%	43.9%	42.2%	33.1%	35.0%	44.5%	48.4%
<i>Liberal</i>	23.2%	21.4%	24.8%	18.5%	18.9%	24.5%	25.7%
<i>The Greens</i>	18.5%	20.5%	16.7%	28.5%	25.3%	16.9%	13.7%
<i>One Nation</i>	2.3%	1.5%	3.1%	8.5%	2.8%	1.7%	1.1%
<i>Independent / Other</i>	5.8%	4.3%	7.1%	5.4%	7.4%	5.5%	5.1%
<i>Undecided</i>	7.2%	8.4%	6.1%	6.2%	10.6%	6.9%	6.1%

**Question 1a:**

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

<i><b>Total</b></i>	
<i><b>Labor</b></i>	<i><b>32.4%</b></i>
<i><b>Liberal</b></i>	<i><b>16.9%</b></i>
<i><b>The Greens</b></i>	<i><b>8.5%</b></i>
<i><b>One Nation</b></i>	<i><b>5.6%</b></i>
<i><b>Independent / Other</b></i>	<i><b>36.6%</b></i>

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

## Question 2:

*If a Federal election were held tomorrow, which of the following parties or candidates would you vote for in the Senate (upper house)?*

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>18 – 34</i>	<i>35 – 50</i>	<i>51 - 65</i>	<i>65+</i>
<i>Labor</i>	34.1%	36.2%	32.1%	27.0%	25.7%	32.6%	40.6%
<i>Liberal</i>	22.7%	21.3%	24.0%	17.5%	17.8%	23.3%	25.9%
<i>The Greens</i>	14.0%	15.7%	12.3%	31.0%	18.7%	13.5%	7.5%
<i>One Nation</i>	3.4%	2.1%	4.6%	6.3%	3.7%	3.1%	2.6%
<i>Independent David Pocock</i>	20.7%	19.9%	21.5%	11.9%	27.1%	21.5%	19.7%
<i>Other</i>	2.6%	2.5%	2.6%	0.8%	5.1%	3.1%	1.7%
<i>Undecided</i>	2.6%	2.3%	2.8%	5.6%	1.9%	2.8%	2.1%

**Question 2a:**

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

<i><b>Total</b></i>	
<i><b>Labor</b></i>	<i><b>15.4%</b></i>
<i><b>Liberal</b></i>	<i><b>26.9%</b></i>
<i><b>The Greens</b></i>	<i><b>0.0%</b></i>
<i><b>One Nation</b></i>	<i><b>11.5%</b></i>
<i><b>Independent David Pocock</b></i>	<i><b>15.4%</b></i>
<i><b>Other</b></i>	<i><b>30.8%</b></i>

*Note: Only respondents who answered "Undecided" in Question 2 were asked Question 2a*

### Question 3:

Australia is currently the world's third largest exporter of fossil fuels such as gas and coal. In addition to the coal mines and gas wells that currently exist, there are 116 new additional gas and coal projects under development.

Which of the following do you think the Commonwealth Government should do:

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>Allow new gas and coal projects to go ahead</i>	28.3%	21.1%	35.1%	29.2%	25.4%	29.2%	28.8%
<i>Stop new gas and coal projects but let existing fossil fuel projects continue operating as is</i>	23.3%	24.2%	22.5%	19.5%	18.5%	22.8%	26.8%
<i>Stop new gas and coal projects and start to phase down production from existing fossil fuel projects</i>	40.0%	46.5%	33.9%	44.2%	43.9%	40.2%	37.0%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	8.4%	8.3%	8.5%	7.1%	12.2%	7.8%	7.3%

### Lower House

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	UND
<i>Allow new gas and coal projects to go ahead</i>	28.3%	13.4%	71.7%	3.2%	70.8%	26.7%	25.4%
<i>Stop new gas and coal projects but let existing fossil fuel projects continue operating as is</i>	23.3%	32.3%	12.7%	18.4%	8.3%	20.0%	23.8%
<i>Stop new gas and coal projects and start to phase down production from existing fossil fuel projects</i>	40.0%	45.0%	8.4%	75.3%	12.5%	43.3%	30.2%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	8.4%	9.3%	7.2%	3.2%	8.3%	10.0%	20.6%

### Senate

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	OTR	UND
<i>Allow new gas and coal projects to go ahead</i>	28.3%	12.7%	71.5%	3.5%	74.3%	10.0%	42.9%	45.8%
<i>Stop new gas and coal projects but let existing fossil fuel projects continue operating as is</i>	23.3%	33.2%	12.6%	25.4%	11.4%	22.2%	21.4%	8.3%
<i>Stop new gas and coal projects and start to phase down production from existing fossil fuel projects</i>	40.0%	44.8%	7.7%	69.7%	8.6%	58.8%	21.4%	20.8%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	8.4%	9.3%	8.1%	1.4%	5.7%	9.0%	14.3%	25.0%

#### Question 4:

The Federal Government has committed to reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 43 percent by 2030 and it is introducing new laws known as the safeguard mechanism to help achieve this.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"The Government's new climate laws should include a ban on new gas, coal and oil projects."

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<b>Strongly agree</b>	37.6%	42.9%	32.6%	53.3%	37.9%	34.1%	35.7%
<b>Agree</b>	23.0%	24.4%	21.6%	17.8%	20.2%	25.0%	24.3%
<b>Disagree</b>	15.4%	14.7%	16.0%	9.3%	13.3%	15.2%	18.0%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	15.8%	9.3%	21.8%	15.9%	17.2%	17.8%	13.9%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	8.2%	8.7%	7.8%	3.7%	11.3%	8.0%	8.1%

#### Lower House

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	UND
<b>Strongly agree</b>	37.6%	41.4%	7.7%	76.1%	8.3%	35.6%	23.0%
<b>Agree</b>	23.0%	31.4%	13.0%	16.5%	16.7%	22.0%	23.0%
<b>Disagree</b>	15.4%	12.9%	30.1%	3.2%	16.7%	15.3%	13.1%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	15.8%	4.2%	42.3%	1.1%	54.2%	16.9%	24.6%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	8.2%	10.1%	6.9%	3.2%	4.2%	10.2%	16.4%

#### Senate

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	OTR	UND
<b>Strongly agree</b>	37.6%	42.3%	7.6%	81.6%	8.8%	45.0%	15.4%	12.0%
<b>Agree</b>	23.0%	30.9%	13.1%	12.1%	11.8%	30.0%	26.9%	12.0%
<b>Disagree</b>	15.4%	12.9%	31.6%	4.3%	11.8%	10.5%	7.7%	16.0%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	15.8%	4.0%	40.9%	0.0%	61.8%	5.5%	34.6%	40.0%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	8.2%	10.0%	6.8%	2.1%	5.9%	9.1%	15.4%	20.0%

### Question 5:

The Federal Government's proposed new climate change laws will allow polluting projects to choose between directly reducing their emissions and buying carbon offsets.

Which of the following is closest to your view?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>Polluting projects should have to directly reduce their emissions, not use carbon offsets</i>	56.0%	59.8%	52.4%	63.9%	48.5%	55.2%	58.2%
<i>Polluting projects should be allowed to use carbon offsets for some of their emissions, but not all</i>	26.3%	24.3%	28.1%	19.6%	32.8%	27.4%	24.1%
<i>Polluting projects should be allowed to buy carbon offsets to account for all their emissions</i>	8.6%	5.4%	11.7%	8.2%	8.6%	11.1%	7.3%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	9.1%	10.5%	7.8%	8.2%	10.1%	6.3%	10.5%

Lower House

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	UND
<i>Polluting projects should have to directly reduce their emissions, not use carbon offsets</i>	56.0%	63.8%	35.8%	67.9%	33.3%	63.6%	42.1%
<i>Polluting projects should be allowed to use carbon offsets for some of their emissions, but not all</i>	26.3%	26.6%	30.5%	23.4%	19.0%	20.0%	24.6%
<i>Polluting projects should be allowed to buy carbon offsets to account for all their emissions</i>	8.6%	4.2%	18.5%	5.4%	28.6%	3.6%	8.8%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	9.1%	5.4%	15.2%	3.3%	19.0%	12.7%	24.6%

Senate

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	OTR	UND
<i>Polluting projects should have to directly reduce their emissions, not use carbon offsets</i>	56.0%	62.8%	36.1%	77.4%	29.0%	59.3%	37.0%	45.5%
<i>Polluting projects should be allowed to use carbon offsets for some of their emissions, but not all</i>	26.3%	27.9%	30.4%	12.4%	22.6%	30.1%	22.2%	18.2%
<i>Polluting projects should be allowed to buy carbon offsets to account for all their emissions</i>	8.6%	3.8%	18.7%	5.8%	22.6%	5.6%	14.8%	4.5%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	9.1%	5.5%	14.8%	4.4%	25.8%	5.1%	25.9%	31.8%

#### Question 6:

The Australian Senate is known as the house of review. Legislation must pass both the House of Representatives and the Senate to become law, and Senate committees conduct inquiries into policy issues and government administration.

Which of the following best describes your view about the role of the Senate?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>The Senate should pass government legislation as it is</i>	7.1%	6.1%	8.1%	12.4%	6.7%	9.5%	4.8%
<i>The Senate should improve government legislation if it can</i>	84.5%	84.7%	84.3%	73.2%	83.6%	85.2%	87.0%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	8.4%	9.2%	7.6%	14.4%	9.7%	5.3%	8.2%

#### Lower House

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	UND
<i>The Senate should pass government legislation as it is</i>	7.1%	6.6%	11.6%	2.2%	19.0%	3.6%	9.1%
<i>The Senate should improve government legislation if it can</i>	84.5%	89.1%	76.8%	89.0%	61.9%	83.6%	72.7%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	8.4%	4.3%	11.6%	8.8%	19.0%	12.7%	18.2%

#### Senate

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	OTR	UND
<i>The Senate should pass government legislation as it is</i>	7.1%	7.4%	10.5%	2.9%	13.3%	2.8%	15.4%	18.2%
<i>The Senate should improve government legislation if it can</i>	84.5%	86.0%	77.3%	85.4%	70.0%	95.8%	69.2%	59.1%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	8.4%	6.5%	12.2%	11.7%	16.7%	1.4%	15.4%	22.7%



### Question 7:

*If the proposed climate change laws could be improved if the Albanese Government took longer to negotiate with the Senate, would it be better to wait for negotiations to improve the legislation or to pass the legislation now so it comes into operation sooner?*

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>It would be better to improve the legislation, even if it takes longer</i>	60.7%	60.4%	60.9%	52.1%	60.9%	60.5%	62.2%
<i>It would be better to pass the legislation as it is now, so it comes into operation sooner</i>	29.9%	28.8%	30.8%	35.1%	28.6%	30.5%	29.0%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	9.5%	10.8%	8.3%	12.8%	10.4%	9.0%	8.8%

### Lower House

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	UND
<i>It would be better to improve the legislation, even if it takes longer</i>	60.7%	50.7%	81.3%	60.3%	71.4%	59.3%	49.1%
<i>It would be better to pass the legislation as it is now, so it comes into operation sooner</i>	29.9%	42.3%	11.5%	28.5%	14.3%	22.2%	27.3%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	9.5%	7.0%	7.2%	11.2%	14.3%	18.5%	23.6%

### Senate

	Total	LAB	LIB	GRN	ONE	IND	OTR	UND
<i>It would be better to improve the legislation, even if it takes longer</i>	60.7%	52.5%	78.7%	59.3%	78.6%	56.3%	40.0%	47.6%
<i>It would be better to pass the legislation as it is now, so it comes into operation sooner</i>	29.9%	38.8%	13.8%	31.1%	3.6%	36.2%	32.0%	23.8%
<i>Don't know/Not sure</i>	9.5%	8.7%	7.6%	9.6%	17.9%	7.5%	28.0%	28.6%

This survey was conducted using multi-modal survey system among 1112 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**

<b>Short Methodology Statement</b>	
<b>Research conducted by</b>	<i>uCommunications Pty Ltd – T/A uComms</i>
<b>Commissioned by</b>	<i>The Australia Institute</i>
<b>End client</b>	<i>The Australia Institute</i>
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	<i>1 &amp; 2 March 2023</i>
<b>Mode of data collection</b>	<i>Automated telephone poll</i>
<b>Target population</b>	<i>Australian eligible voters</i>
<b>Sample size</b>	<i>1112</i>
<b>Australian Polling Council (APC) Compliant</b>	<i>Yes</i>
<b>URL of Long Methodology Disclosure Statement</b>	<i><a href="http://www.uCommsapc.info">www.uCommsapc.info</a></i>
<b>Voter intention published</b>	<i>Yes</i>

### Methodology Disclosure Statement - **Long**

<b>Long Methodology Statement</b>	
<b>Effective sample size after weighting applied</b>	<i>1009</i>
<b>Margin of Error associated with effective sample size</b>	<i>+/- 2.9%</i>
<b>Variables used in weighting</b>	<i>ACT population distribution (Age &amp; Gender)</i>
<b>Weighting method used</b>	<i>Ranked weighting</i>
<b>Full question text, responses categories and randomisation</b>	<i>See within attached</i>
<b>Proportion of landline/mobile completed samples</b>	<i>77% Mobile, 23% Landline</i>
<b>Source of Sample</b>	<i>Households selected at random across the Australian Capital Territory</i>
<b>Positioning of voter intention questions within survey</b>	<i>Lower House – Question 1 Upper House – Question 2</i>
<b>Undecided voter handling</b>	<i>Respondents who answered “Undecided” were then asked a leaning question</i>
<b>2pp calculation method</b>	<i>Respondent allocated preferences</i>