

# Polling - Affordable housing

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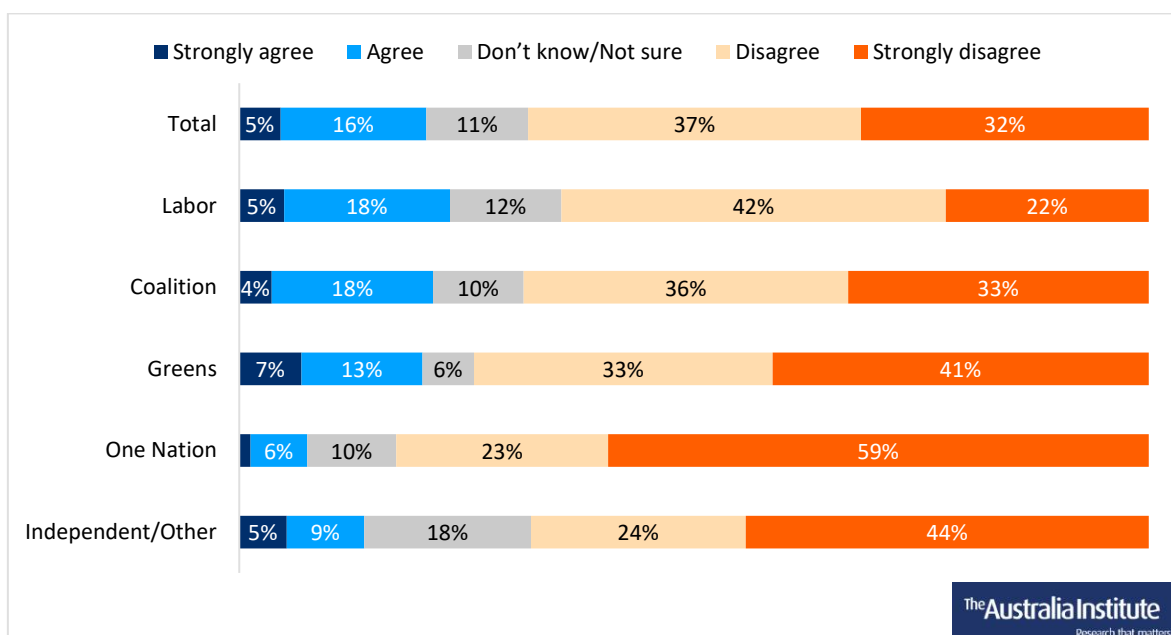
### Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,002 Australians about their attitudes towards the Federal Government’s response to the housing crisis.

The results show that:

- Two in three Australians (68%) disagree that the Federal Government is doing enough to tackle the housing crisis, including 65% of Labor voters, and 83% of One Nation voters.
- An overwhelming majority (80%) of Australians agree that in the next federal budget the Government should spend more money to directly build affordable housing.
- Twice as many Australians disagree (51%) as agree (25%) that the Federal Government’s proposed investment fund would provide enough social and affordable housing.

**Figure 1: Agreement on whether Government is doing enough for the housing crisis**



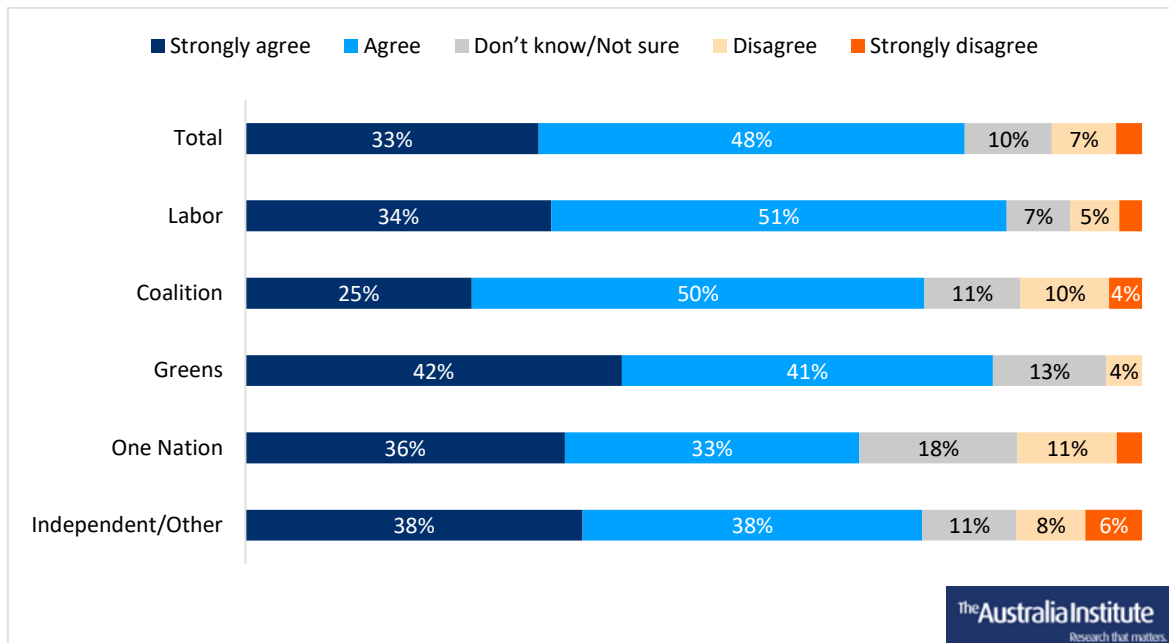
Respondents were asked to what extent they agreed or disagreed with the statement “the federal government is doing enough to tackle the housing crisis”. The results show that:

- Two in three Australians (68%) disagree that the government is doing enough to tackle the housing crisis.
- About one in five Australians (21%) agree that the government is doing enough to tackle the housing crisis.
- About one in ten Australians (11%) do not know or are not sure whether the government is doing enough to tackle the housing crisis.
- Across all voting intentions, fewer than one in four (7%–23%) Australians agree that the Federal Government is doing enough to tackle the housing crisis.

Respondents were then asked to what extent they agreed or disagreed with the statement that “in the next federal budget, the government should spend more money to directly build affordable housing”. The results show that:

- Four out of every five Australians (80%) agree that in the next federal budget, the government should spend more money to directly build affordable housing.
- One in ten Australians (10%) disagree that in the next federal budget, the government should spend more money to directly build affordable housing (10% don’t know or aren’t sure).
- Across all voting intentions, no fewer than two in three Australians (68%–85%) agree that the Government should spend more money to directly build affordable housing.

**Figure 2: Agreement on government spending more on affordable housing**

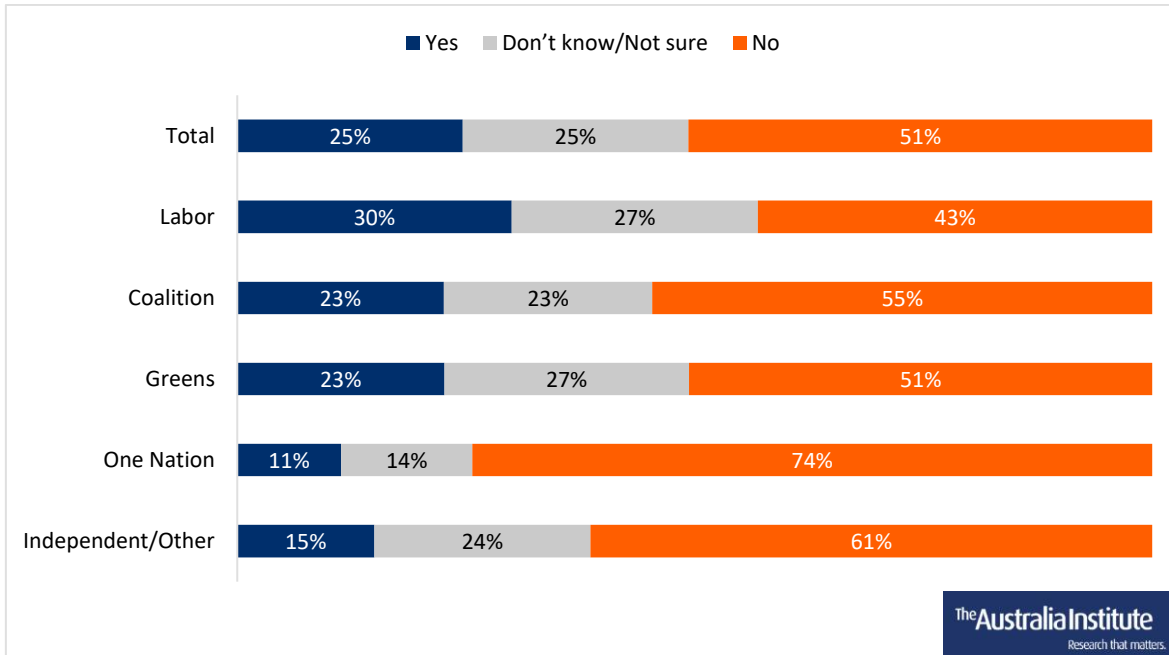


Respondents were told that Australia has a shortfall of 650,000 social and affordable properties for rent. The federal government is creating an investment fund which will spend its earnings on social and affordable housing. The fund is expected to build up to 30,000 properties over five years, but if it makes less profit it will build fewer homes.

Respondents were then asked if they thought that this investment fund would provide enough social and affordable housing. Results show that:

- A majority (51%) of Australians disagree that the Government's investment fund would provide enough social and affordable housing.
- Half as many (25%) agree that the Federal Government's investment fund would provide enough social and affordable housing.
- One in four Australians (25%) do not know or are not sure whether the Federal Government's investment fund would provide enough social and affordable housing.
- Across all voting intentions, fewer than one in three Australians (11%–30%) agree that the Federal Government's investment fund would provide enough social and affordable housing.

**Figure 3: Perceptions on whether the Government’s investment fund will provide enough affordable housing**



## Method

Between 11 April and 14 April 2023, The Australia Institute surveyed 1,002 adults living in Australia, online through Dynata’s panel, with nationally representative samples by gender, age group and state/territory.

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.

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 three variables (gender, age group, and state or territory) based on Australian Bureau of Statistics [“National, state and territory population”](#) data, using the raking method. Those who answered the gender identity question as “Non-binary”, “I use a different term”, or “Prefer not to answer” had their responses included with females for the purpose of reporting, due to constraints from weighting data availability. This resulted in an effective sample size of 954.

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

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting intention questions appeared just after the initial demographic questions, before policy questions. Respondents who answered “Don’t know / Not sure” for voting intention were then asked a leaning question; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “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 published here.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**“The federal government is doing enough to tackle the housing crisis.”**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female/ Other</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	5%	6%	3%	7%	9%	4%	3%	1%
<b>Agree</b>	16%	20%	12%	26%	17%	19%	14%	8%
<b>Disagree</b>	37%	33%	40%	33%	37%	32%	39%	40%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	32%	29%	34%	23%	30%	33%	32%	37%
<b>Don't know/ Not sure</b>	11%	12%	11%	10%	7%	13%	11%	14%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	5%	5%	3%	4%	7%
<b>Agree</b>	16%	15%	19%	13%	12%
<b>Disagree</b>	37%	37%	35%	36%	39%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	32%	30%	30%	39%	32%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	11%	14%	12%	9%	9%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>PHON</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	5%	5%	4%	7%	1%	5%
<b>Agree</b>	16%	18%	18%	13%	6%	9%
<b>Disagree</b>	37%	42%	36%	33%	23%	24%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	32%	22%	33%	41%	59%	44%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	11%	12%	10%	6%	10%	18%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“In the next federal budget, the government should spend more money to directly build affordable housing.”

	<i>Total</i>	Male	Female/ Other	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
<b>Strongly agree</b>	33%	33%	32%	30%	36%	32%	34%	32%
<b>Agree</b>	48%	45%	50%	57%	45%	40%	41%	51%
<b>Disagree</b>	7%	9%	6%	6%	6%	12%	8%	6%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	3%	4%	2%	1%	5%	2%	5%	3%
<b>Don't know/ Not sure</b>	10%	9%	10%	7%	8%	14%	13%	8%

	<i>Total</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
<b>Strongly agree</b>	33%	32%	31%	37%	39%
<b>Agree</b>	48%	47%	50%	45%	40%
<b>Disagree</b>	7%	10%	4%	5%	9%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	10%	9%	12%	10%	8%

	<i>Total</i>	Labor	Coalition	Greens	PHON	Other
<b>Strongly agree</b>	33%	34%	25%	42%	36%	38%
<b>Agree</b>	48%	51%	50%	41%	33%	38%
<b>Disagree</b>	7%	5%	10%	4%	11%	8%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	3%	3%	4%	0%	3%	6%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	10%	7%	11%	13%	18%	11%

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Do you think this investment fund would provide enough social and affordable housing?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female/ Other</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
<b>Yes</b>	25%	29%	20%	42%	35%	18%	17%	13%
<b>No</b>	51%	50%	51%	32%	47%	51%	57%	63%
<b>Don't know/ Not sure</b>	25%	21%	28%	26%	18%	30%	26%	24%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<b>Yes</b>	25%	27%	27%	18%	21%
<b>No</b>	51%	47%	48%	61%	60%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	25%	27%	25%	21%	19%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>PHON</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Yes</b>	25%	30%	23%	23%	11%	15%
<b>No</b>	51%	43%	55%	51%	74%	61%
<b>Don't know/Not sure</b>	25%	27%	23%	27%	14%	24%