

# Polling - Maugean skate

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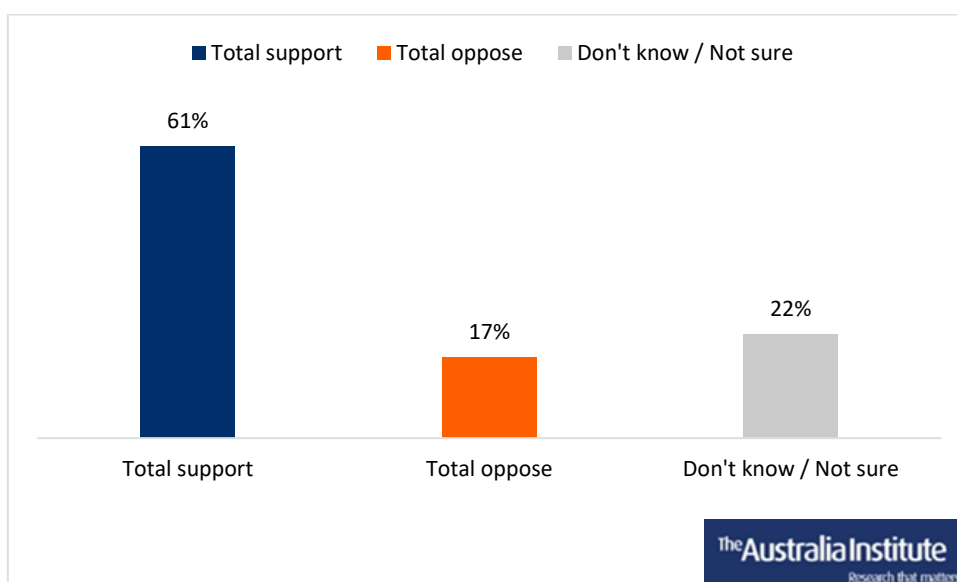
## Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1004 Australians about their attitude toward fish farming and the endangered Maugean skate.

The results show that:

- Three in five Australians (61%) support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction, while one in six (17%) oppose it.
- The majority of respondents in each large state support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction, with support ranging from 66% in NSW to 58% in Victoria.
- The majority of respondents across all age groups support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction.

**Figure 1: Stopping fish farming where it risks the Maugean skate**



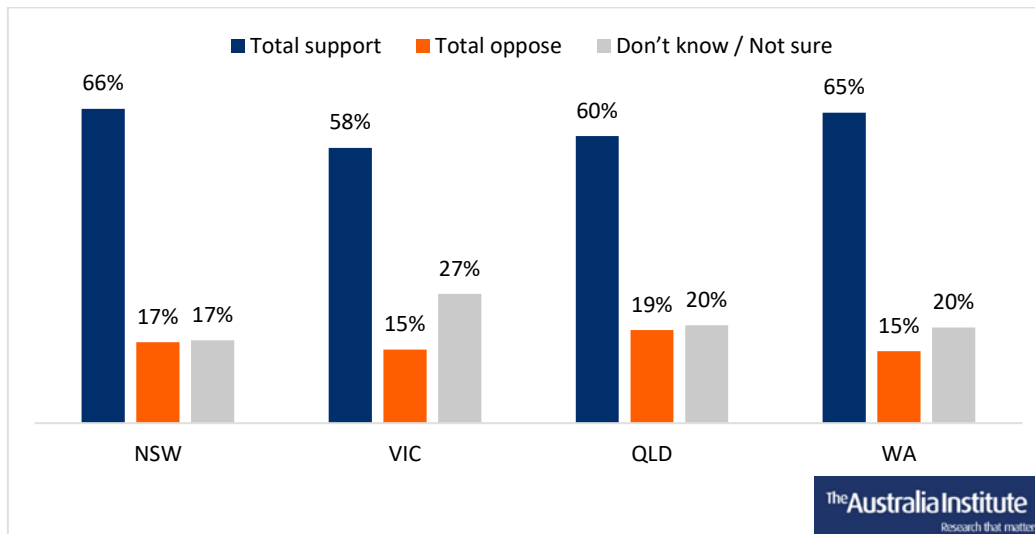
Respondents were told:

The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area includes part of Macquarie Harbour, the home of the endangered marine species, the Maugean skate.

They were then asked if they would support or oppose stopping fish farming in areas where it is putting the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction.

- Three in five Australians (61%) support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction.
- One in six (17%) oppose stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction, about as many as don't know (17%).
- The majority of respondents in each large state support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction, with support ranging from 66% in NSW to 58% in Victoria.
- Less than one in five respondents in all states opposed stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction, with opposition ranging from 19% in Queensland to 15% in WA and Victoria.

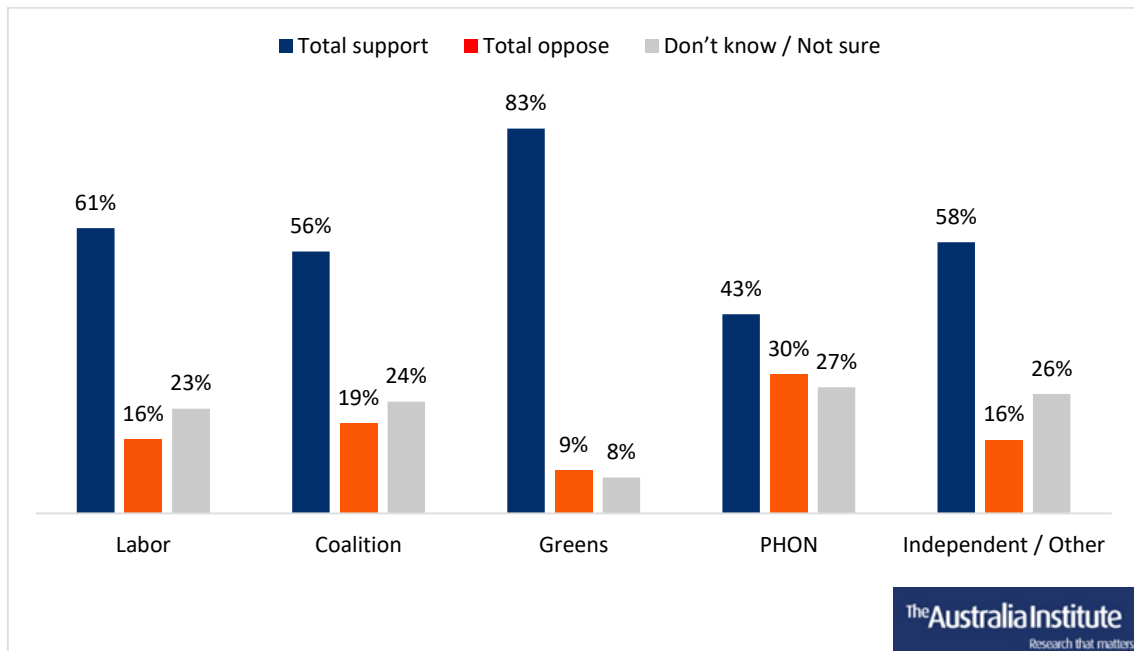
**Figure 2: Stopping fish farming where it risks the Maugean skate, by state**



Across all voting intentions, more support than oppose stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction.

- Four in five Greens voters (83%) support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction, the highest of any voting intention.
- The majority of Labor (61%), Coalition (56%) and Independent/Other (58%) voters support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction.
- More One Nation voters support (43%) than oppose (30%) stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction.

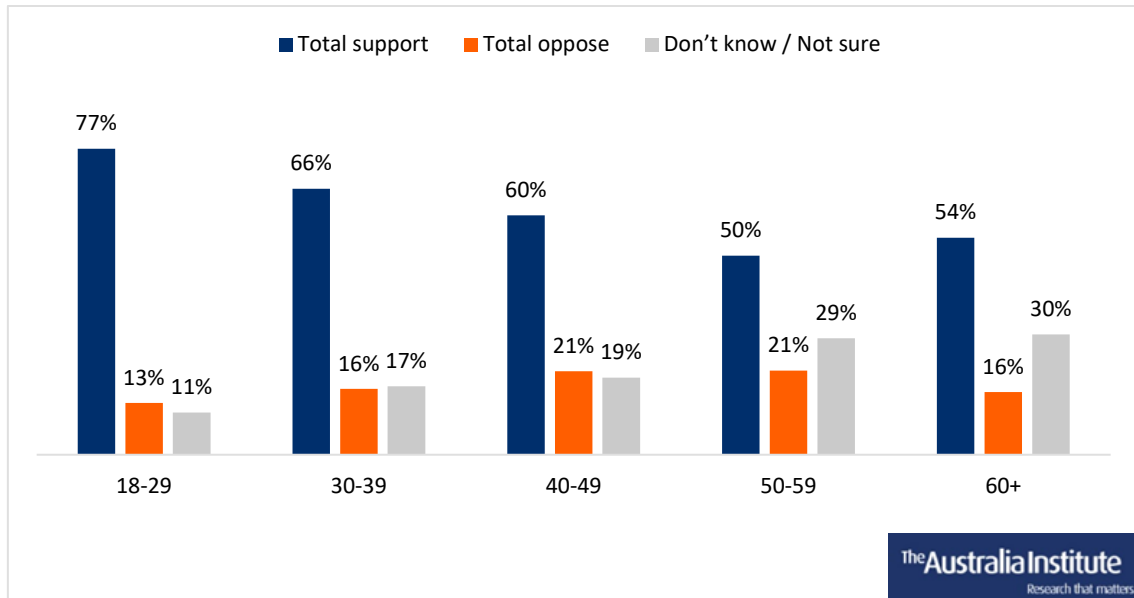
**Figure 3: Stopping fish farming where it risks the Maugean skate, by voting intention**



The majority of respondents from all age groups supported stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction.

- Three in four Australians aged 18–29 (76%) support stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction, the highest of any age group.
- Support declined somewhat with age, although even among those aged 50 and older there are significantly more who support than oppose stopping fish farming where it puts the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction (50% support, 21% oppose for those aged 50–59; 54% support, 16% oppose for those aged 60 and older).

**Figure 4: Stopping fish farming where it risks the Maugean skate, by age**



## Method

Between 4 July and 7 July 2023, The Australia Institute surveyed 1004 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/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 939.

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.

**The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area includes part of Macquarie Harbour, the home of the endangered marine species, the Maugean skate.**

**Would you support or oppose stopping fish farming in areas where it is putting the endangered Maugean skate at risk of extinction?**

	<i>Total</i>	<b>18-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>60+</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	28%	40%	33%	28%	20%	19%
<b>Support</b>	33%	36%	33%	31%	30%	35%
<b>Oppose</b>	12%	7%	10%	15%	14%	12%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	6%	6%	6%	7%	4%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	22%	11%	17%	19%	29%	30%

	<i>Total</i>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	28%	27%	29%	29%	27%	26%	29%
<b>Support</b>	33%	33%	35%	37%	31%	34%	36%
<b>Oppose</b>	12%	14%	9%	11%	10%	13%	12%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	3%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	22%	22%	22%	17%	27%	20%	20%

	<i>Total</i>	<b>Labor</b>	<b>Coalition</b>	<b>Greens</b>	<b>PHON</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	28%	29%	22%	47%	13%	27%
<b>Support</b>	33%	33%	34%	36%	30%	31%
<b>Oppose</b>	12%	11%	15%	2%	15%	12%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	5%	5%	4%	7%	15%	3%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	22%	23%	24%	8%	27%	26%