

Polling - Native forest logging

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Key results

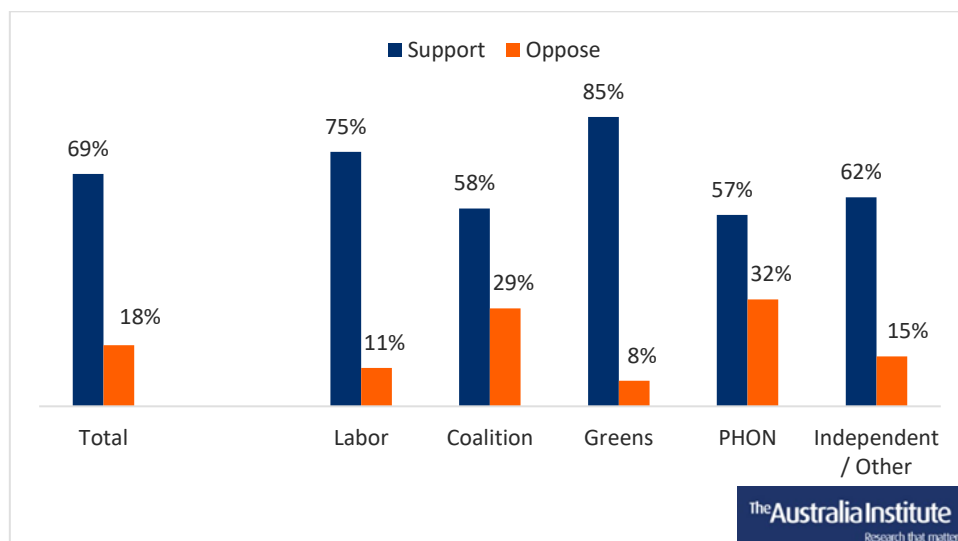
The Australia Institute surveyed 1,501 Australians about their attitudes towards the logging of native forests in Australia.

Respondents were told that the governments of Victoria and Western Australia will end native forest logging this year and asked whether they support or oppose an end to native forest logging in New South Wales and Tasmania as well.

The results show that:

- Seven in 10 Australians (69%) support ending native forest logging in New South Wales and Tasmania.
- A majority of voters for each political party support an end to native forest logging.
 - Three in four Labor voters (75%) and three in five Coalition voters (58%) support the policy.
 - Support is highest among Greens voters (85%) and weakest among One Nation voters (57%).

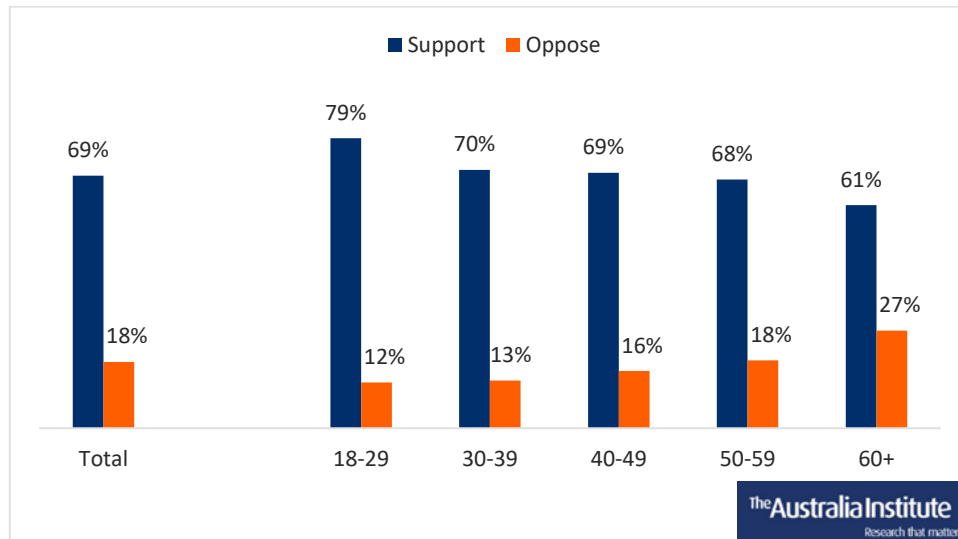
Figure 1: End native forest logging in NSW and Tasmania, by voting intention



A majority of Australians in every age group support ending native forest logging in New South Wales and Tasmania, with support highest among younger Australians and decreasing with age.

- Eight in 10 Australians aged 18-29 (79%), seven in 10 Australians aged 30-59 (68-70%) and six in 10 Australians aged 60 and older (61%) support the policy.

Figure 2: End native forest logging in NSW and Tasmania, by age



Method

Between 1 and 4 August 2023, The Australia Institute surveyed 1501 adults living in Australia, online through Dynata’s panel, with nationally representative samples by gender, age group and state/territory. South Australia and Queensland were “over-sampled” to produce more precise results, but weighting was used to ensure that people from these states were not over-represented in national results.

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 1169.

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. Lower house voting intention was asked first, followed by upper house voting intention. 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 governments of Victoria and Western Australia will end native forest logging this year. Would you support or oppose an end to native forest logging in New South Wales and Tasmania as well?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
Strongly support	38%	35%	41%	37%	39%	37%	37%
Support	30%	31%	30%	34%	24%	29%	41%
Oppose	11%	13%	10%	9%	13%	14%	9%
Strongly oppose	7%	10%	4%	5%	12%	6%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	13%	12%	15%	15%	12%	13%	11%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
Strongly support	38%	47%	37%	36%	36%	36%
Support	30%	32%	34%	34%	32%	25%
Oppose	11%	9%	11%	8%	10%	17%
Strongly oppose	7%	4%	2%	8%	8%	10%
Don't know / Not sure	13%	9%	17%	15%	14%	13%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>PHON</i>	<i>Other</i>
Strongly support	38%	44%	27%	54%	20%	43%
Support	30%	31%	32%	31%	37%	19%
Oppose	11%	9%	16%	6%	19%	10%
Strongly oppose	7%	3%	13%	2%	13%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	13%	14%	13%	7%	12%	24%