

Polling - Stage 3 tax cuts in key seats

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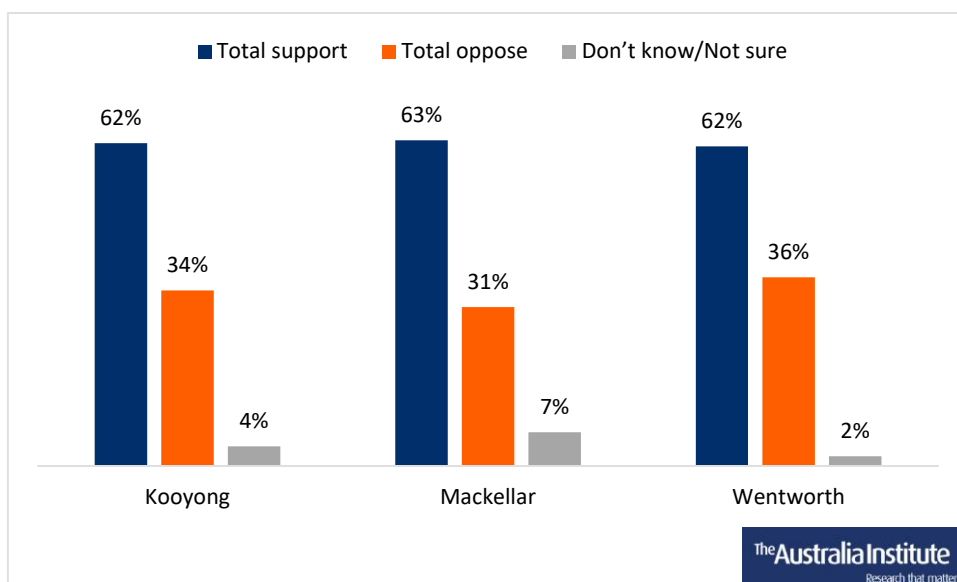
Key results

On behalf of The Australia Institute, uComms surveyed residents of the federal electorates of Kooyong, Mackellar and Wentworth on 5 February 2024.

Respondents were asked whether they support or oppose the Albanese Government's changes to the Stage 3 tax cuts.

- In each electorate, six in 10 respondents (between 62% and 63%) support the Albanese Government's changes to the Stage 3 tax cuts.
- About one in three respondents (between 31% and 36%) oppose the Albanese Government's changes.

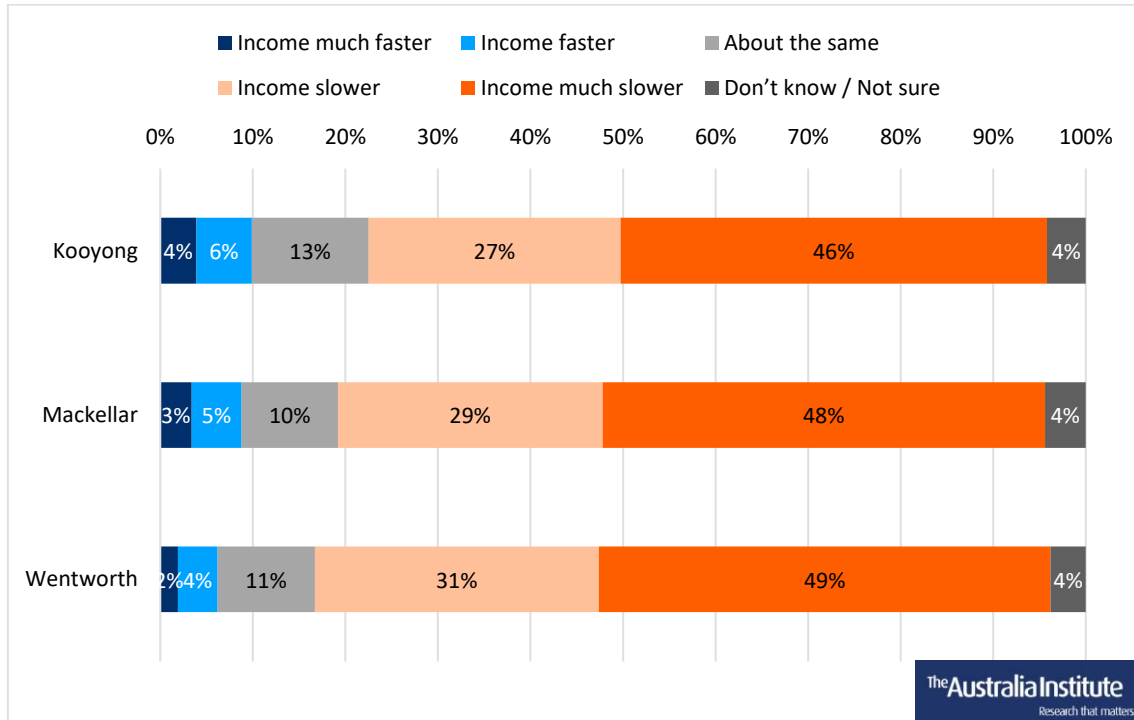
Figure 1: Support for Albanese Government changes to Stage 3 tax cuts



Respondents were then asked whether their incomes are keeping pace with the cost of living.

- Seven in 10 or more in each electorate said their incomes were growing somewhat slower or much slower than the cost of living.

Figure 2: Income growth relative to cost of living increases



For crosstabulation purposes, residents were also asked their voting intention. In all three electorates, the voting intention polling results show a swing against the independent MPs (relative to the 2022 election) in primary vote terms but swings towards them in two-candidate preferred terms.

Table 1: Primary vote and two-candidate preferred voting intention polling result

Seat (incumbent)	Primary vote	Two-candidate preferred
Kooyong (Monique Ryan)	33%	56%
Mackellar (Sophie Scamps)	32%	54%
Wentworth (Allegra Spender)	34%	57%

Stage 3 benefits by electorate

In the three electorates, tens of thousands of additional taxpayers will receive a tax cut thanks to the changes to Stage 3: 18,044 taxpayers in Wentworth, 24,713 in Kooyong and 26,369 in Mackellar. These are people earning below \$45,000 but above the tax-free threshold, who received nothing from the original Stage 3 tax cuts. Many more were going to receive a tax cut, but will now receive a larger tax cut thanks to the changes.

A majority of voters in Kooyong, Mackellar and Wentworth support the changes, despite the changes resulting in a smaller average tax cut in those electorates: \$227 smaller in Mackellar, \$493 smaller in Kooyong and \$862 smaller in Wentworth.

While some are receiving a smaller tax cut, they are still receiving bigger tax cuts than those who have seen their tax cut increase. This is because the absolute tax cut of those losing out is still larger than the absolute tax cut of those getting more. And the larger the loss in tax cut, the bigger the absolute tax cut is.

Electorate	Additional people getting a tax cut	Additional tax cut per taxpayer	Average tax cut per taxpayer
Kooyong	24,713 (24%)	-\$493	\$2,183
Mackellar	26,369 (25%)	-\$227	\$2,012
Wentworth	18,044 (21%)	-\$862	\$2,713

Note: The percentage of additional people getting a tax cut is the share of taxpayers in the electorate who were previously not going to receive a tax cut under Stage 3, who will do so under the modified version. The average tax cut per taxpayer is the mean tax cut, not the tax cut for the median taxpayer. These calculations ignore the net impact of LITO changes.

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FINAL RESULTS

uComms conducted a survey of 647 residents across the Federal Seat of Kooyong on behalf of The Australia Institute during the evening of 05th February 2024 using self-completed automated voice and SMS polling methodologies.

Question 1:

If a Federal Election were to be held today, which of the following would receive your first preference vote in the House of Representatives (lower house)?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Independent Monique Ryan	32.6%	29.1%	36.9%	36.7%	28.7%	32.2%	34.0%
Liberal	36.8%	40.4%	32.4%	20.3%	31.3%	42.6%	41.3%
Labor	12.1%	11.3%	13.0%	12.7%	11.3%	10.4%	13.2%
Green	6.8%	7.1%	6.5%	16.5%	12.0%	4.9%	1.7%
Other Minor party or Independent	2.0%	2.3%	1.7%	2.5%	3.3%	2.2%	1.3%
Undecided	9.7%	9.9%	9.6%	11.4%	13.3%	7.7%	8.5%

2 Party Preferred

	Total
Independent Monique Ryan	56%
Liberal	44%

Note: Undecided voters allocated by Q1a, and preferences distributed as per Q1b

Question 1a:

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

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Independent Monique Ryan</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
<i>Liberal</i>	<i>28.1%</i>
<i>Labor</i>	<i>36.8%</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>7.0%</i>
<i>Other Minor party or Independent</i>	<i>19.3%</i>

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

Question 1b:

Which of the following two parties would you preference higher?

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Independent Monique Ryan</i>	80.1%
<i>Liberal</i>	19.9%

Note: Only respondents who didn't answer 'Independent Monique Ryan' or 'Liberal' In Question 1 and 1a were included in Question 1b

Question:

The Stage 3 income tax cuts as originally legislated would cost the budget \$319 billion over the next 10 years and mostly benefit high income earners. The Albanese Government has proposed restructuring the Stage 3 tax cuts so all taxpayers receive a tax cut, with 84% receiving a larger tax cut but those earning above \$150,000 receiving a smaller tax cut than they otherwise would have.

Do you support or oppose the Albanese Government's proposed restructure of the Stage 3 tax cuts?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly Support	45.2%	43.2%	47.6%	51.4%	44.4%	40.8%	47.4%
Support	17.1%	15.3%	19.2%	21.6%	15.3%	16.8%	16.7%
Oppose	8.8%	8.8%	8.7%	5.4%	10.4%	6.1%	11.0%
Strongly Oppose	25.1%	30.3%	18.9%	13.5%	25.0%	34.1%	21.9%
Don't know/Not sure	3.8%	2.4%	5.6%	8.1%	4.9%	2.2%	3.1%

	Total	IND	LIB	LAB	GRE	OTH	UND
Strongly Support	45.2%	77.3%	6.9%	80.3%	67.4%	40.0%	15.7%
Support	17.1%	18.0%	15.9%	13.2%	18.6%	13.3%	23.5%
Oppose	8.8%	2.4%	18.1%	1.3%	0.0%	13.3%	11.8%
Strongly Oppose	25.1%	1.9%	55.6%	1.3%	11.6%	33.3%	27.5%
Don't know/Not sure	3.8%	0.5%	3.4%	3.9%	2.3%	0.0%	21.6%

Question:

How do you think your income in the past year has compared to the increase in the cost of living?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>My income has grown much faster than the cost of living</i>	3.9%	4.5%	3.2%	7.2%	6.3%	3.9%	1.8%
<i>My income has grown somewhat faster than the cost of living</i>	6.0%	6.8%	5.0%	11.6%	5.6%	7.8%	3.6%
<i>My income has grown about as fast as the cost of living</i>	12.6%	14.3%	10.7%	2.9%	13.9%	11.1%	16.0%
<i>My income has grown somewhat slower than the cost of living</i>	27.2%	27.1%	27.4%	24.6%	27.1%	23.3%	31.1%
<i>My income has grown much slower than the cost of living</i>	46.0%	43.8%	48.8%	47.8%	45.8%	53.3%	39.1%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	4.2%	3.6%	5.0%	5.8%	1.4%	0.6%	8.4%

	Total	IND	LIB	LAB	GRE	OTH	UND
<i>My income has grown much faster than the cost of living</i>	3.9%	9.5%	1.3%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>My income has grown somewhat faster than the cost of living</i>	6.0%	6.7%	6.6%	4.1%	9.1%	7.1%	2.1%
<i>My income has grown about as fast as the cost of living</i>	12.6%	17.6%	8.7%	12.2%	4.5%	14.3%	17.0%
<i>My income has grown somewhat slower than the cost of living</i>	27.2%	26.2%	24.5%	39.2%	27.3%	14.3%	29.8%
<i>My income has grown much slower than the cost of living</i>	46.0%	35.7%	55.9%	32.4%	56.8%	64.3%	48.9%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	4.2%	4.3%	3.1%	10.8%	2.3%	0.0%	2.1%

Methodology Disclosure Statement - Short

Short Methodology Statement	
Research conducted by	<i>uCommunications Pty Ltd – T/A uComms</i>
Commissioned by	<i>The Australia Institute</i>
End client	<i>The Australia Institute</i>
Fieldwork dates	<i>05th Feb 2024</i>
Mode of data collection	<i>Automated telephone and SMS poll</i>
Target population	<i>Australian eligible voters</i>
Sample size	<i>647</i>
Australian Polling Council (APC) Compliant	<i>Yes</i>
URL of Long Methodology Disclosure Statement	<i>www.ucommsapc.info</i>
Voter intention published	<i>Yes</i>

Methodology Disclosure Statement - Long

Long Methodology Statement	
Effective sample size after weighting applied	<i>591</i>
Margin of Error associated with effective sample size	<i>+/- 3.84%</i>
Variables used in weighting	<i>Federal Seat of Kooyong population distribution (Age & Gender)</i>
Weighting method used	<i>Ranked weighting</i>
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	<i>See within attached</i>
Proportion of landline/mobile completed samples	<i>78% Mobile 22% Landline</i>
Source of Sample	<i>Households selected at random across the Federal Seat of Kooyong</i>
Positioning of voter intention questions within survey	<i>First question after poll intro</i>
Undecided voter handling	<i>Respondents who answered “Undecided” were then asked a leaning question</i>
2pp calculation method	<i>Respondent allocated preferences</i>

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FINAL RESULTS

uComms conducted a survey of 602 residents across the Federal Seat of Mackellar on behalf of The Australia Institute during the evening of 05th February 2024 using self-completed automated voice and SMS polling methodologies.

Question 1:

If a Federal Election were to be held today, which of the following would receive your first preference vote in the House of Representatives (lower house)?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Independent Sophie Scamps	30.4%	28.5%	32.3%	29.5%	25.2%	36.2%	29.3%
Liberal	35.3%	35.9%	34.6%	14.8%	31.5%	36.9%	42.3%
Labor	13.2%	15.6%	10.8%	13.1%	12.6%	11.3%	14.9%
Green	5.8%	5.2%	6.5%	19.7%	10.8%	1.4%	2.3%
Other Minor party or Independent	4.5%	5.9%	3.1%	9.8%	7.2%	2.8%	2.3%
Undecided	10.8%	8.9%	12.7%	13.1%	12.6%	11.3%	8.8%

2 Party Preferred

	Total
Independent Sophie Scamps	54%
Liberal	46%

Note: Undecided voters allocated by Q1a, and preferences distributed as per Q1b

Question 1a:

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

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Independent Sophie Scamps</i>	<i>16.7%</i>
<i>Liberal</i>	<i>37.0%</i>
<i>Labor</i>	<i>14.8%</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>7.4%</i>
<i>Other Minor party or Independent</i>	<i>24.1%</i>

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

Question 1b:

Which of the following two parties would you preference higher?

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Independent Sophie Scamps</i>	74.0%
<i>Liberal</i>	26.0%

Note: Only respondents who didn't answer 'Independent Sophie Scamps' or 'Liberal' in Question 1 and 1a were included in Question 1b

Question:

The Stage 3 income tax cuts as originally legislated would cost the budget \$319 billion over the next 10 years and mostly benefit high income earners. The Albanese Government has proposed restructuring the Stage 3 tax cuts so all taxpayers receive a tax cut, with 84% receiving a larger tax cut but those earning above \$150,000 receiving a smaller tax cut than they otherwise would have.

Do you support or oppose the Albanese Government's proposed restructure of the Stage 3 tax cuts?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly Support	45.1%	41.2%	49.0%	40.4%	36.8%	50.4%	47.4%
Support	17.8%	18.7%	16.9%	25.0%	18.9%	12.4%	19.1%
Oppose	11.9%	12.1%	11.6%	15.4%	11.3%	10.2%	12.4%
Strongly Oppose	18.8%	23.0%	14.5%	11.5%	24.5%	21.9%	15.3%
Don't know/Not sure	6.5%	5.1%	8.0%	7.7%	8.5%	5.1%	5.7%

	Total	IND	LIB	LAB	GRE	OTH	UND
Strongly Support	45.1%	79.2%	7.1%	81.2%	73.3%	33.3%	16.7%
Support	17.8%	11.0%	18.7%	11.6%	20.0%	28.6%	37.5%
Oppose	11.9%	2.6%	23.6%	4.3%	3.3%	9.5%	14.6%
Strongly Oppose	18.8%	2.6%	42.3%	1.4%	0.0%	14.3%	18.8%
Don't know/Not sure	6.5%	4.5%	8.2%	1.4%	3.3%	14.3%	12.5%

Question:

How do you think your income in the past year has compared to the increase in the cost of living?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>My income has grown much faster than the cost of living</i>	3.4%	4.3%	2.5%	9.8%	1.0%	1.4%	4.3%
<i>My income has grown somewhat faster than the cost of living</i>	5.4%	6.6%	4.1%	7.8%	6.7%	4.3%	5.3%
<i>My income has grown about as fast as the cost of living</i>	10.4%	12.1%	8.6%	7.8%	3.8%	8.7%	15.5%
<i>My income has grown somewhat slower than the cost of living</i>	28.6%	29.7%	27.5%	21.6%	32.7%	25.4%	30.0%
<i>My income has grown much slower than the cost of living</i>	47.8%	43.0%	52.9%	52.9%	53.8%	55.8%	38.2%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	0.0%	1.9%	4.3%	6.8%

	Total	IND	LIB	LAB	GRE	OTH	UND
<i>My income has grown much faster than the cost of living</i>	3.4%	3.9%	1.7%	4.4%	0.0%	5.0%	8.5%
<i>My income has grown somewhat faster than the cost of living</i>	5.4%	6.5%	2.8%	11.8%	13.3%	5.0%	0.0%
<i>My income has grown about as fast as the cost of living</i>	10.4%	16.9%	5.6%	14.7%	6.7%	10.0%	2.1%
<i>My income has grown somewhat slower than the cost of living</i>	28.6%	39.6%	26.7%	26.5%	16.7%	5.0%	19.1%
<i>My income has grown much slower than the cost of living</i>	47.8%	29.2%	60.0%	33.8%	63.3%	75.0%	59.6%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	4.4%	3.9%	3.3%	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	10.6%

Methodology Disclosure Statement - Short

Short Methodology Statement	
Research conducted by	<i>uCommunications Pty Ltd – T/A uComms</i>
Commissioned by	<i>The Australia Institute</i>
End client	<i>The Australia Institute</i>
Fieldwork dates	<i>05th Feb 2024</i>
Mode of data collection	<i>Automated telephone and SMS poll</i>
Target population	<i>Australian eligible voters</i>
Sample size	<i>602</i>
Australian Polling Council (APC) Compliant	<i>Yes</i>
URL of Long Methodology Disclosure Statement	<i>www.ucommsapc.info</i>
Voter intention published	<i>Yes</i>

Methodology Disclosure Statement - Long

Long Methodology Statement	
Effective sample size after weighting applied	<i>564</i>
Margin of Error associated with effective sample size	<i>+/- 3.98%</i>
Variables used in weighting	<i>Federal Seat of Mackellar population distribution (Age & Gender)</i>
Weighting method used	<i>Ranked weighting</i>
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	<i>See within attached</i>
Proportion of landline/mobile completed samples	<i>75% Mobile 25% Landline</i>
Source of Sample	<i>Households selected at random across the Federal Seat of Mackellar</i>
Positioning of voter intention questions within survey	<i>First question after poll intro</i>
Undecided voter handling	<i>Respondents who answered “Undecided” were then asked a leaning question</i>
2pp calculation method	<i>Respondent allocated preferences</i>

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FINAL RESULTS

uComms conducted a survey of 643 residents across the Federal Seat of Wentworth on behalf of The Australia Institute during the evening of 05th February 2024 using self-completed automated voice and SMS polling methodologies.

Question 1:

If a Federal Election were to be held today, which of the following would receive your first preference vote in the House of Representatives (lower house)?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Independent Allegra Spender	32.1%	31.4%	32.9%	18.8%	33.1%	40.9%	27.9%
Liberal	35.5%	35.4%	35.6%	18.8%	33.8%	27.0%	46.1%
Labor	13.1%	13.3%	13.0%	9.4%	12.0%	14.8%	13.6%
Green	10.0%	11.1%	8.8%	31.3%	12.7%	7.0%	5.8%
Other Minor party or Independent	2.9%	3.5%	2.3%	3.1%	2.1%	3.5%	3.2%
Undecided	6.3%	5.3%	7.4%	18.8%	6.3%	7.0%	3.2%

2 Party Preferred

	Total
Independent Allegra Spender	57%
Liberal	43%

Note: Undecided voters allocated by Q1a, and preferences distributed as per Q1b

Question 1a:

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

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Independent Allegra Spender</i>	<i>28.0%</i>
<i>Liberal</i>	<i>32.0%</i>
<i>Labor</i>	<i>20.0%</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>4.0%</i>
<i>Other Minor party or Independent</i>	<i>16.0%</i>

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

Question 1b:

Which of the following two parties would you preference higher?

	<i>Total</i>
<i>Independent Allegra Spender</i>	82.5%
<i>Liberal</i>	17.5%

Note: Only respondents who didn't answer 'Independent Allegra Spender' or 'Liberal' In Question 1 and 1a were included in Question 1b

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Do you support or oppose the Albanese Government's proposed restructure of the Stage 3 tax cuts?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
Strongly Support	45.2%	49.5%	40.7%	46.4%	38.0%	53.0%	45.3%
Support	16.5%	14.9%	18.2%	25.0%	13.1%	20.9%	15.3%
Oppose	9.7%	5.9%	13.9%	10.7%	5.1%	11.3%	12.0%
Strongly Oppose	26.7%	29.3%	23.9%	17.9%	41.6%	14.8%	24.0%
Don't know/Not sure	1.9%	0.5%	3.3%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	3.3%

	Total	IND	LIB	LAB	GRE	OTH	UND
Strongly Support	45.2%	64.3%	11.0%	76.8%	78.6%	38.5%	20.8%
Support	16.5%	13.3%	18.2%	14.3%	19.0%	30.8%	20.8%
Oppose	9.7%	2.8%	19.5%	5.4%	2.4%	0.0%	16.7%
Strongly Oppose	26.7%	18.2%	48.7%	3.6%	0.0%	23.1%	37.5%
Don't know/Not sure	1.9%	1.4%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	4.2%

Question:

How do you think your income in the past year has compared to the increase in the cost of living?

	Total	Male	Female	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>My income has grown much faster than the cost of living</i>	1.9%	2.8%	1.0%	0.0%	2.2%	1.8%	2.7%
<i>My income has grown somewhat faster than the cost of living</i>	4.3%	5.6%	2.9%	7.1%	3.7%	4.5%	4.7%
<i>My income has grown about as fast as the cost of living</i>	10.5%	11.6%	9.3%	7.1%	3.7%	10.0%	17.6%
<i>My income has grown somewhat slower than the cost of living</i>	30.7%	31.0%	30.4%	28.6%	25.2%	40.0%	29.1%
<i>My income has grown much slower than the cost of living</i>	48.8%	46.3%	51.5%	46.4%	65.2%	38.2%	41.2%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	3.8%	2.8%	4.9%	10.7%	0.0%	5.5%	4.7%

	Total	IND	LIB	LAB	GRE	OTH	UND
<i>My income has grown much faster than the cost of living</i>	1.9%	0.7%	1.3%	5.5%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%
<i>My income has grown somewhat faster than the cost of living</i>	4.3%	3.7%	4.0%	3.6%	7.0%	16.7%	0.0%
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<i>My income has grown much slower than the cost of living</i>	48.8%	41.9%	61.6%	36.4%	41.9%	50.0%	50.0%
<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	3.8%	2.9%	4.0%	3.6%	7.0%	0.0%	4.2%

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End client	<i>The Australia Institute</i>
Fieldwork dates	<i>05th Feb 2024</i>
Mode of data collection	<i>Automated telephone and SMS poll</i>
Target population	<i>Australian eligible voters</i>
Sample size	<i>643</i>
Australian Polling Council (APC) Compliant	<i>Yes</i>
URL of Long Methodology Disclosure Statement	<i>www.ucommsapc.info</i>
Voter intention published	<i>Yes</i>

Methodology Disclosure Statement - Long

Long Methodology Statement	
Effective sample size after weighting applied	<i>585</i>
Margin of Error associated with effective sample size	<i>+/- 3.85%</i>
Variables used in weighting	<i>Federal Seat of Wentworth population distribution (Age & Gender)</i>
Weighting method used	<i>Ranked weighting</i>
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	<i>See within attached</i>
Proportion of landline/mobile completed samples	<i>76% Mobile 24% Landline</i>
Source of Sample	<i>Households selected at random across the Federal Seat of Wentworth</i>
Positioning of voter intention questions within survey	<i>First question after poll intro</i>
Undecided voter handling	<i>Respondents who answered “Undecided” were then asked a leaning question</i>
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