



# Polling - Albanese Government policies

#### **March 2025**

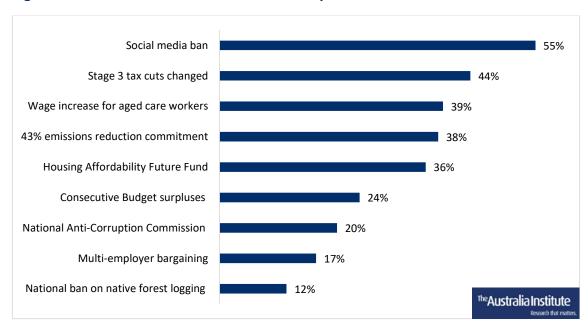
# **Key results**

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 2,009 Australians about their awareness of reforms implemented by the Albanese Government and whether they support or oppose those same reforms.

#### The results show that:

- 84% of Australians support a wage increase for aged care workers and creating a National Anti-Corruption Commission, but only 39% and 20% respectively were aware of these reforms.
- Legislating a social media ban for under 16-year-olds is the only reform that most Australians have heard of (55%).
- Each reform is supported by the majority of Australians.
- 12% of Australians incorrectly identified a national ban on native forest logging as an Albanese Government policy, and 71% support it – more support than for some real Albanese Government policies.

Figure 1: Awareness of Albanese Government policies



Respondents were asked which from a list of nine reforms were implemented by the current Albanese Government.

They were informed that *not all* of the options listed were examples of reforms implemented by the Albanese Government, "so select only those you are aware of".

- There is only one reform which most Australians are confident is an Albanese Government policy: legislating a social media ban for under 16-year-olds (55% aware).
- About two in five Australians are aware of four Albanese Government reforms:
  - o changing the Stage 3 tax cuts to deliver a benefit to all taxpayers;
  - o securing a wage increase for 340,000 aged care workers;
  - o committing to reduce emissions by 43% by 2030; and
  - o the \$10 billion Housing Affordability Future Fund.
- All eight reforms that were implemented by the Albanese Government had higher awareness levels than the one "fake" reform: a national ban on native forest logging.
  - One in 10 Australians (12%) wrongly identified a native forest logging ban as an Albanese Government reform.

Respondents were asked which of the nine reforms they support.

- A majority of Australians support each of the eight Albanese Government reforms.
- Over four in five Australians support creating a National Anti-Corruption Commission (84%) and securing a wage increase for 340,000 aged care workers (84%).
- A national ban on native forest logging, which the Albanese Government has
   not implemented, is about as popular as changes to Stage 3 tax cuts, the social
   media ban, consecutive budget surpluses and the 43% emissions reduction
   commitment (71% support versus 68 to 73% support).

Figure 2: Support and opposition for nine Albanese Government reforms

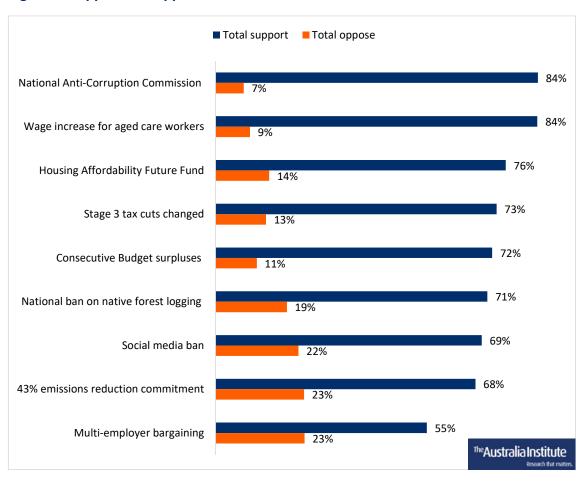
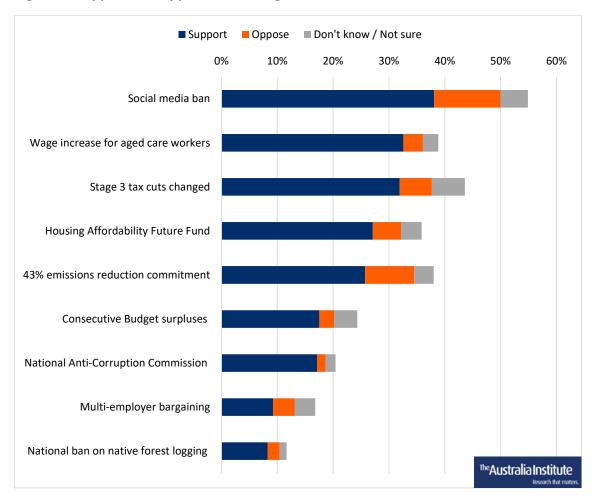


Figure 3 below presents this data in an alternative form: Australians' support and opposition to each reform in proportion to the share of Australians who are aware of the reform.

This assumes that those who are aware of a reform support or oppose it in the same ratios as the total Australian population.

- While some reforms are more or less supported than others, these differences are small compared to the share of the population that is simply unaware of the reform.
- The most highly supported policies the National Anti-Corruption Commission and the wage increase for aged care workers – are at opposite extremes of awareness. Twice as many Australians are aware of the wage increase as are aware of the NACC.





# **Method**

#### **Short disclosure statement**

Panel provider	Dynata
Research company	The Australia Institute
Client commissioning the research	NA
Fieldwork dates	18 February 2025 to 25 February 2025
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from research panel
Target population	Australian adults aged 18+
Sample size	2,009
Australian Polling Council compliant	Yes
Voting intention published	No
Long disclosure statement	See below

### Long disclosure statement

Effective sample size after weighting applied	1,927
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	±2.2%
Variables used in weighting	Age, gender, state/territory based on Australian Bureau of Statistics  "National, state and territory population" data
Gender identity categorisation	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
Weighting method used	Raking method
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	See below
Source of online sample	Dynata's online panel
Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire	Immediately after demographics, before policy questions: Lower house voting intention was asked first, followed by upper house voting intention
How were undecided voters handled?	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
Method of calculating 2PP	NA
Voting intention categorisation	Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. "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
Location results	Results are shown only for larger states



#### **Detailed results**

No preceding questions in the poll are expected to have influenced the results of the questions published here.

To the best of your knowledge, which of the following are examples of reforms that were implemented by the current Albanese Government?

Note: *not all* of the below are examples of reforms implemented by the Albanese Government, so select only those that you are aware of.

Respondents could select as many as apply. Response options were presented in random order, except for 'None of the above'.

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA		
Changing	the Stag	e 3 Tax C	uts to delive	r a benef	it to all	taxpaye	rs		
Selected	44%	49%	38%	44%	46%	41%	41%		
Securing a wage increase for 340,000 aged care workers									
Selected	39%	42%	36%	38%	42%	37%	36%		
Establish	ing a \$10	billion Ho	ousing Affor	dability F	uture Fu	ınd			
Selected	36%	40%	32%	37%	36%	33%	34%		
Legislatir	ng a socia	l media b	an for unde	r 16-year	-olds				
Selected	55%	55%	55%	54%	55%	57%	52%		
Creating	a Nationa	al Anti-Co	rruption Co	mmissior	)				
Selected	20%	24%	17%	21%	23%	15%	17%		
Committ	ing to red	uce carbo	on emission	s by 43%	on 2005	levels b	y 2030		
Selected	38%	42%	35%	38%	41%	37%	32%		
Enabling	trade uni	ons to ne	gotiate mul	ti-emplo <sup>,</sup>	yer pay	deals			
Selected	17%	22%	11%	18%	16%	15%	17%		
Deliverin	g consecu	itive Fede	eral Budget	surpluses	3				
Selected	24%	30%	19%	25%	27%	21%	25%		
Impleme	nting a na	ational ba	n on native	forest lo	gging				
Selected	12%	13%	10%	13%	13%	10%	11%		
None of	the above	:							
Selected	17%	15%	19%	17%	15%	18%	21%		

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other				
Changir	ng the St	age 3 Tax	Cuts to deli	ver a bene	fit to all taxpay	ers				
Selected	44%	50%	44%	39%	28%	37%				
Securin	Securing a wage increase for 340,000 aged care workers									
Selected	39%	49%	37%	32%	26%	27%				
Establis	hing a \$	10 billion	Housing Aff	ordability I	uture Fund					
Selected	36%	45%	34%	29%	19%	30%				
Legislat	ing a soc	ial media	a ban for und	ler 16-year	-olds					
Selected	55%	59%	52%	57%	47%	51%				
Creating	g a Natio	nal Anti-	Corruption C	Commissio	า					
Selected	20%	27%	17%	19%	8%	19%				
Commit	tting to r	educe ca	rbon emissio	ns by 43%	on 2005 levels	by 2030				
Selected	38%	47%	37%	32%	27%	26%				
Enablin	g trade ι	inions to	negotiate m	ulti-emplo	yer pay deals					
Selected	17%	20%	18%	13%	13%	10%				
Deliveri	ing conse	ecutive Fo	ederal Budge	t surpluse:	S					
Selected	24%	34%	22%	18%	11%	14%				
Implem	enting a	national	ban on nativ	ve forest lo	gging					
Selected	12%	15%	11%	12%	6%	5%				
None of	f the abo	ve								
Selected	17%	13%	15%	18%	31%	29%				

# To what extent do you support or oppose the following policies?

### **Changing the Stage 3 Tax Cuts to deliver a benefit to all taxpayers**

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	33%	31%	34%	33%	32%	33%	28%
Support	41%	42%	39%	39%	43%	41%	45%
Oppose	10%	13%	7%	11%	9%	9%	10%
Strongly oppose	4%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	14%	9%	17%	12%	13%	13%	15%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	33%	43%	22%	37%	29%	28%
Support	41%	38%	46%	40%	37%	38%
Oppose	10%	7%	14%	8%	10%	8%
Strongly oppose	4%	2%	5%	1%	10%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	14%	11%	13%	14%	14%	24%

# Securing a wage increase for 340,000 Aged care workers' wages

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	37%	32%	41%	39%	34%	39%	32%
Support	47%	50%	44%	45%	49%	47%	50%
Oppose	7%	9%	5%	6%	7%	7%	6%
Strongly oppose	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	7%	6%	9%	6%	8%	6%	10%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	37%	47%	26%	48%	23%	35%
Support	47%	42%	55%	42%	45%	45%
Oppose	7%	4%	11%	3%	13%	3%
Strongly oppose	2%	1%	3%	2%	6%	4%
Don't know / Not sure	7%	5%	6%	5%	14%	14%

# Establishing a \$10 billion Housing Affordability Future Fund

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	36%	33%	38%	36%	33%	37%	31%
Support	40%	41%	39%	38%	42%	42%	40%
Oppose	9%	11%	7%	13%	7%	6%	11%
Strongly oppose	5%	7%	3%	4%	6%	6%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	10%	8%	13%	8%	12%	10%	13%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	36%	47%	22%	45%	27%	35%
Support	40%	39%	44%	43%	35%	30%
Oppose	9%	6%	14%	3%	15%	7%
Strongly oppose	5%	2%	8%	1%	9%	7%
Don't know / Not sure	10%	7%	11%	7%	15%	21%

# Legislating a social media ban for under 16-year-olds

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	34%	33%	35%	36%	32%	37%	31%
Support	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	33%	38%
Oppose	13%	13%	13%	13%	15%	13%	11%
Strongly oppose	9%	11%	6%	8%	9%	9%	7%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	7%	11%	8%	10%	8%	12%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	34%	40%	33%	27%	30%	29%
Support	35%	36%	38%	32%	30%	33%
Oppose	13%	12%	12%	17%	16%	12%
Strongly oppose	9%	5%	9%	11%	17%	12%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	8%	7%	13%	8%	14%

### **Creating a National Anti-Corruption Commission**

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	40%	43%	38%	40%	41%	39%	36%
Support	44%	43%	44%	42%	43%	46%	46%
Oppose	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	5%	12%	8%	8%	8%	9%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	40%	48%	31%	43%	43%	40%
Support	44%	38%	53%	46%	34%	40%
Oppose	6%	5%	7%	3%	7%	3%
Strongly oppose	2%	1%	2%	1%	6%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	8%	8%	7%	11%	15%

# Committing to reduce carbon emissions by 43% on 2005 levels by 2030

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	33%	30%	36%	33%	34%	30%	29%
Support	35%	34%	36%	35%	35%	33%	39%
Oppose	11%	13%	9%	11%	12%	12%	11%
Strongly oppose	12%	17%	7%	13%	10%	16%	8%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	6%	12%	8%	9%	9%	13%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	33%	43%	18%	54%	14%	33%
Support	35%	37%	35%	36%	22%	33%
Oppose	11%	9%	16%	3%	14%	10%
Strongly oppose	12%	3%	22%	1%	36%	10%
Don't know / Not sure	9%	9%	8%	6%	13%	15%

# Enabling trade unions to negotiate multi-employer pay deals

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	19%	19%	19%	21%	19%	17%	14%
Support	36%	37%	35%	37%	35%	32%	41%
Oppose	14%	17%	12%	13%	14%	18%	16%
Strongly oppose	9%	12%	6%	10%	9%	11%	6%
Don't know / Not sure	22%	15%	28%	20%	23%	23%	23%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	19%	25%	13%	26%	10%	14%
Support	36%	45%	31%	40%	28%	25%
Oppose	14%	10%	22%	8%	14%	15%
Strongly oppose	9%	2%	16%	4%	18%	9%
Don't know / Not sure	22%	18%	19%	22%	30%	37%

# **Delivering consecutive Federal Budget surpluses**

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	27%	29%	25%	26%	27%	28%	27%
Support	45%	48%	43%	44%	46%	46%	46%
Oppose	9%	10%	7%	10%	8%	9%	7%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	17%	11%	23%	17%	18%	16%	19%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	27%	33%	24%	26%	25%	18%
Support	45%	44%	52%	39%	39%	39%
Oppose	9%	8%	8%	8%	12%	9%
Strongly oppose	2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	2%
Don't know / Not sure	17%	13%	14%	25%	18%	31%

### **Banning native forest logging**

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	34%	31%	37%	37%	34%	32%	32%
Support	36%	36%	37%	35%	36%	37%	38%
Oppose	12%	16%	9%	13%	13%	12%	12%
Strongly oppose	6%	9%	4%	6%	7%	7%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	11%	9%	12%	9%	10%	12%	13%

	Total	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly support	34%	41%	21%	48%	33%	38%
Support	36%	39%	35%	38%	28%	34%
Oppose	12%	9%	20%	5%	12%	8%
Strongly oppose	6%	1%	12%	2%	15%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	11%	10%	11%	7%	12%	15%