

Polling - Dutton's gas plans

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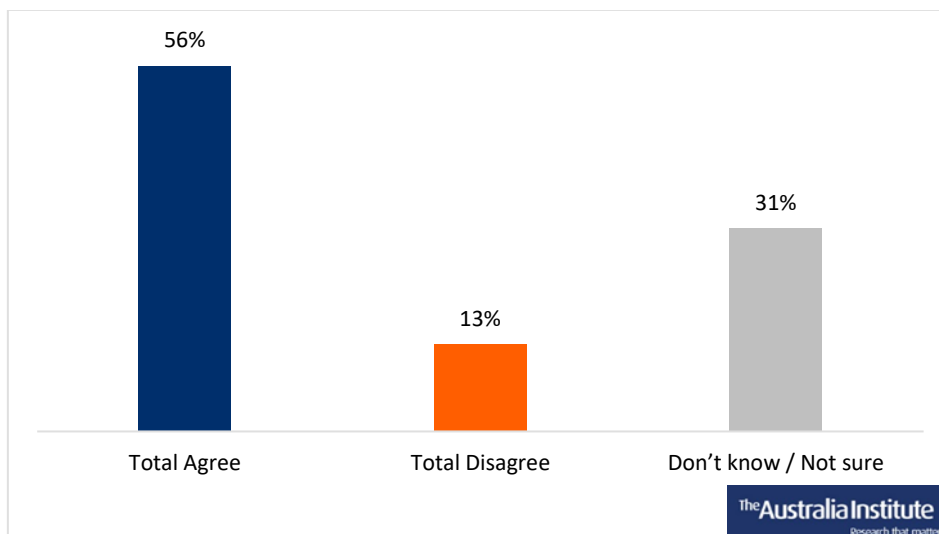
Key results

On behalf of The Australia Institute, YouGov surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,089 Australians about Peter Dutton's newly announced policies on gas prices and exports.

The results show that:

- 56% of Australians agree that Australia exports too much gas, and 13% disagree.
 - 71% of Coalition voters agree, including 37% who strongly agree; 8% disagree.
 - 72% of Australians aged 65+ and 59% Australians aged 50-64 agree.
- 61% of Australians support Peter Dutton's proposal to tax gas exports, and 12% oppose.
 - 71% of Coalition voters agree, including 38% who strongly agree; 6% disagree.
 - There is majority support for Peter Dutton's proposal across all age groups, voting intentions and all larger states.

Figure 1: Do you agree or disagree that Australia exports too much gas?



Respondents were told that “Peter Dutton says that there is no shortage of gas in Australia and that high gas prices in Australia are caused by the fact that Australia exports too much gas”. They were then asked “do you agree or disagree that Australia exports too much gas?”

Results show that:

- 56% of Australians agree that Australia exports too much gas, and 13% disagree.
- A majority of men (61%) and women (51%) agree that Australia exports too much gas; More men than women agree.
- 72% of Australians aged 65+ and 59% Australians aged 50-64 agree that Australia exports too much gas.
- Australians who are doubtful (67%) and dismissive (83%) of climate change agree in the greatest numbers that Australia exports too much gas.
- More than two thirds (67%) of Australians in rural electorates agree that Australia exports too much gas.
 - More than half of Australians in provincial (59%), outer-metropolitan (51%) and in inner-metropolitan (52%) electorates agree that Australia exports too much gas.

Figure 2: Australia exports too much gas – by gender

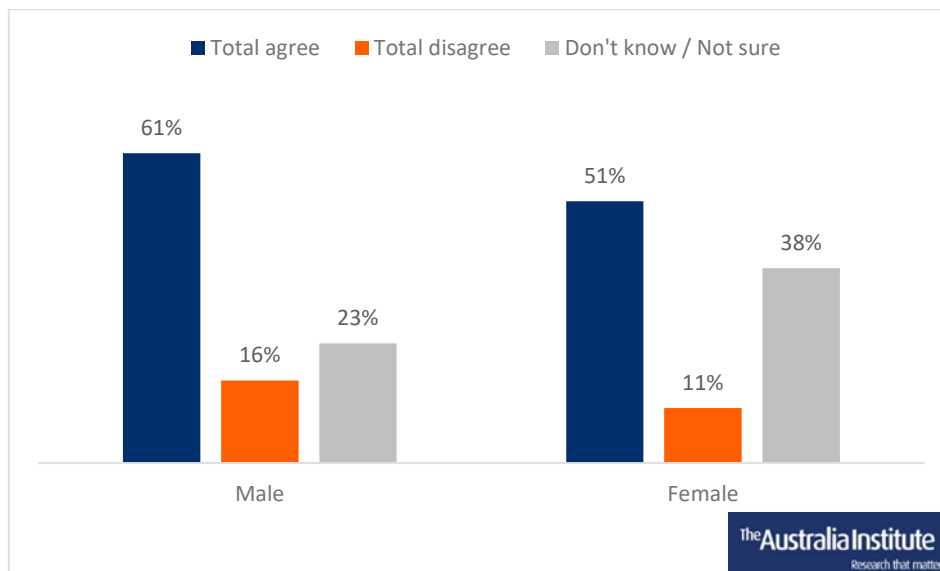
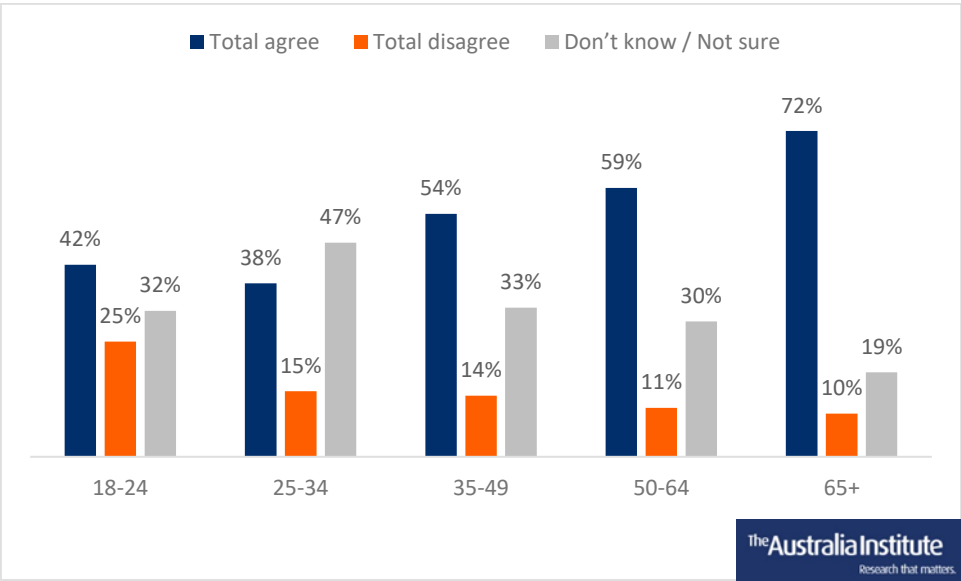


Figure 3: Australia exports too much gas – by age bracket



Respondents were told that “Peter Dutton is proposing to introduce a new tax on gas exports to encourage gas companies to sell more gas to Australians domestically”. They were then asked “Do you support or oppose the idea that gas exports should be taxed?”

Results show that:

- 61% of Australians support the idea that gas exports should be taxed, and 12% oppose.
- A majority of voters across all voting intentions support the idea that gas exports should be taxed.
 - 71% of Coalition voters support the idea that gas exports should be taxed, including 38% who strongly support; 6% oppose.
- 66% of men and 55% of women support taxing gas exports.
- A majority of Australians in every age bracket, including 69% of 65+ year olds and 61% of 50-64 year olds, support taxing gas exports.
- Australians who are doubtful or dismissive of climate change are the most supportive of taxing gas exports.
 - 69% of those who are doubtful of climate change and 82% of those who are dismissive of climate change support taxing gas exports.
- Two thirds (66%) of Australians in rural electorates support the idea that gas exports should be taxed, as well as 63% in provincial, 54% in outer-metropolitan and 63% in inner-metropolitan electorates.

Figure 4: Do you support or oppose the idea that gas exports should be taxed?

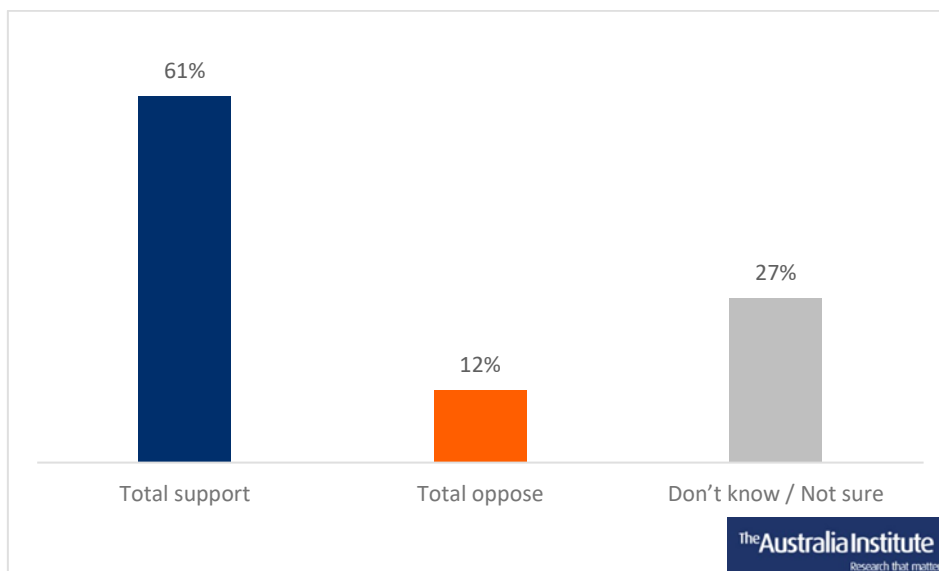


Figure 5: Taxing gas exports – by gender

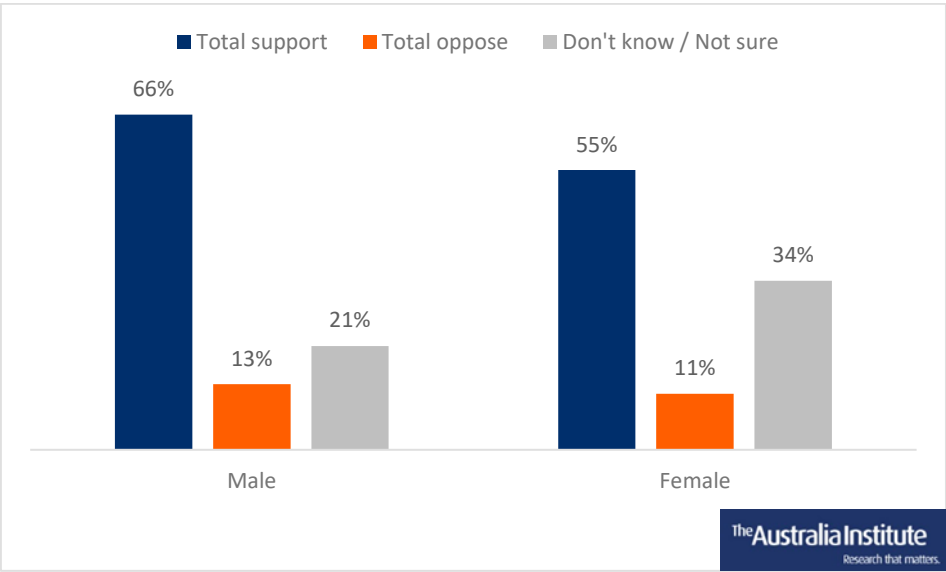
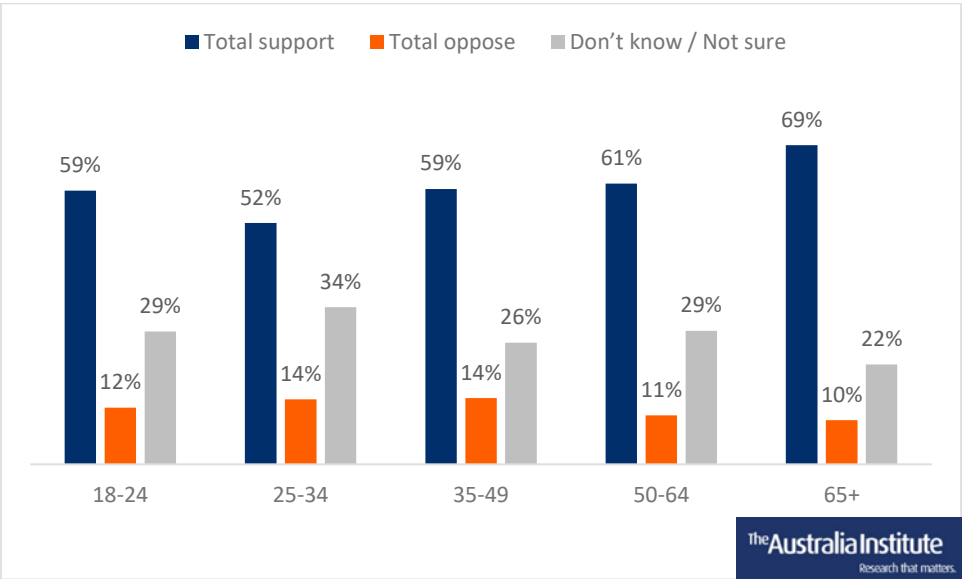


Figure 6: Taxing gas exports – by age bracket





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Method

Short Methodology Statement

Research company	YouGov Galaxy Pty Ltd
Client commissioning the research	Australia Institute
Fieldwork dates	8 th Apr - 10 th Apr 2025
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from research panel (100%)
Target population	Australians eligible to vote
Sample size	1089
Australian Polling Council compliant	Yes
URL of Long Methodology statement	https://australiainstitute.org.au/australian-polling-council-long-methodology-disclosure-statements/
Is voting intention published?	No

Long Methodology Statement

Effective sample size after weighting applied	858
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	±3.3
Quotas and weighting	Age, Gender, Education, AEC region, household income, Weighting by Federal and Referendum and Referendum vote
Weighting method used	Rim weighting
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	Below for published questions
Source of online sample	Selected from previously recruited online panels of research participants using quotas based on weighting frame and past vote.
Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire?	After demographics
How were undecided voters handled?	NA
2PP calculation method	NA

Detailed results

Data was collected for smaller states but not included because the sample was too small to meaningfully analyse. Trumpet of Patriots (ToP) was given as a separate option for voting intention, but is included as part of “Other” because the sample was too small to meaningfully analyse.

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

Peter Dutton says that there is no shortage of gas in Australia and that high gas prices in Australia are caused by the fact that Australia exports too much gas.

Do you agree or disagree that Australia exports too much gas?

Single select, reverse

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't know / Not sure

	<i>Total</i>	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly agree	27	34	20	25	24	34	26
Agree	29	27	31	30	29	30	23
Disagree	9	11	8	14	7	7	11
Strongly disagree	4	5	3	3	4	4	3
Don't know / Not sure	31	23	38	28	36	25	37

	<i>Total</i>	Labor	Coalition	Greens	One Nation	Other
Strongly agree	27	17	37	14	46	32
Agree	29	26	34	31	23	25
Disagree	9	13	7	12	3	7
Strongly disagree	4	6	1	3	6	8
Don't know / Not sure	31	40	21	40	23	28

	<i>Total</i>	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Strongly agree	27	15	12	25	32	40
Agree	29	28	26	29	28	32
Disagree	9	21	9	11	6	6
Strongly disagree	4	5	5	3	5	3
Don't know / Not sure	31	32	47	33	30	19

	<i>Total</i>	Inner Metro	Outer Metro	Provincial	Rural
Strongly agree	27	21	22	33	40
Agree	29	31	29	26	27
Disagree	9	11	8	10	6
Strongly disagree	4	4	3	6	4
Don't know / Not sure	31	33	37	26	23

	Total	Alarmed	Alert	Concerned	Cautious	Doubtful	Dismissive
Strongly agree	27	17	21	20	25	35	62
Agree	29	28	33	31	33	31	21
Disagree	9	12	14	9	8	9	3
Strongly disagree	4	4	10	2	3	2	6
Don't know / Not sure	31	40	22	38	31	22	8

Peter Dutton is proposing to introduce a new tax on gas exports to encourage gas companies to sell more gas to Australians domestically.

Do you support or oppose the idea that gas exports should be taxed? (%)

Single select

1. Strongly support
2. Support
3. Oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. Don't know/Not sure

	<i>Total</i>	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support	28	35	22	26	26	35	26
Support	33	32	34	35	35	28	38
Oppose	9	10	8	13	7	7	4
Strongly oppose	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
Don't know / Not sure	27	21	34	23	29	28	29

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
Strongly support	28	18	38	15	46	34
Support	33	35	33	40	16	28
Oppose	9	14	3	11	11	6
Strongly oppose	3	3	2	5	3	4
Don't know / Not sure	27	31	23	29	23	28

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>
Strongly support	28	19	16	26	32	38
Support	33	40	37	33	29	30
Oppose	9	10	11	9	8	8
Strongly oppose	3	2	3	6	3	2
Don't know / Not sure	27	29	34	26	29	22

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Inner Metro</i>	<i>Outer Metro</i>	<i>Provincial</i>	<i>Rural</i>
Strongly support	28	27	21	34	35
Support	33	36	32	28	31
Oppose	9	9	11	10	6
Strongly oppose	3	3	5	2	1
Don't know / Not sure	27	26	31	25	26

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Alarmed</i>	<i>Alert</i>	<i>Concerned</i>	<i>Cautious</i>	<i>Doubtful</i>	<i>Dismissive</i>
Strongly support	28	25	26	18	21	33	60
Support	33	32	41	35	37	35	22
Oppose	9	10	10	10	9	11	1
Strongly oppose	3	3	4	2	4	2	2
Don't know / Not sure	27	31	19	34	28	19	14