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Short Methodology Statement

Research company	YouGov Galaxy Pty Ltd
Client commissioning the research	Australia Institute
Fieldwork dates	12th March – 19th March 2026
Mode of data collection	Online recruited from research panel (100%)
Target population	Australians eligible to vote
Sample size	1,502
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	934
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	±3.2
Quotas and weighting	Age, Gender, Education, AEC region, household income, 2025 Federal Election vote and 2023 Voice Referendum vote <i>Except for questions POLI1A and POLI1B which have been weighted to Age, gender, region and education</i>
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



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Full Question Text of Published Questions

POLI1A	<p><i>There has been no increase in the size of the federal Parliament since 1984.</i></p> <p>Would you support or oppose increasing the number of MPs by about 25 across Australia (to 175 total) and the number of senators from 12 per state to 14 per state?</p> <p>Please select one option only</p>	Ask eligible voters
	<p><i>Single select, reverse. AB Logic Asked to 50% of respondents (A)</i></p>	
	1. Strongly support	
	2. Support	
	3. Oppose	
	4. Strongly oppose	
	5. Don't know / Not sure	Fixed
POLI1B	<p><i>There has been no increase in the size of the federal Parliament since 1984.</i></p> <p>Would you support or oppose increasing the number of MPs by about 50 across Australia (to 200 total) and the number of senators from 12 per state to 16 per state?</p> <p>Please select one option only</p>	Ask eligible voters
	<p><i>Single select, reverse. AB Logic Asked to 50% of respondents (B)</i></p>	
	1. Strongly support	
	2. Support	
	3. Oppose	
	4. Strongly oppose	
	5. Don't know/Not sure	Fixed
POLI2	<p>Across most of Australia, each of the House of Representatives' 150 electorates is required to have roughly the same number of residents. Each electorate is represented by a local member.</p> <p>Which do you think is the ideal number of people to be represented by one local member?</p> <p>Please choose the number that is closest to your view</p>	Ask eligible voters
	<p><i>Single select, reverse</i></p>	
	1. 30,000	
	2. 80,000	
	3. 130,000	
	4. 180,000	
	5. 230,000	
	6. 280,000	
	7. Don't know / Not sure	Fixed



FEEL1	How would you describe current levels of trust in the federal Parliament amongst people like you? Please select one option only <i>Single select, reverse</i>	Ask eligible voters
	1. Very high	
	2. High	
	3. Neutral	
	4. Low	
	5. Very low	
	6. Don't know / Not sure	Fixed
FEEL2	Thinking of your local member (the MP who represents your electorate in federal Parliament), are you happy or unhappy with the job they are doing? Please select one option only <i>Single select, reverse</i>	Ask eligible voters
	1. Very happy	
	2. Happy	
	3. Unhappy	
	4. Very unhappy	
	5. Don't know / Not sure	Fixed
FEEL3	Which of the following apply to you? Please select all that apply <i>Multiple select, randomise</i>	Ask eligible voters
	1. If I had a concern about a current political issue, I feel confident I would be able to speak with my local MP	
	2. I have previously spoken in person or on the phone to my local MP	
	3. I have previously written to my local MP	
	4. I know the name of my current federal MP	
	5. None of these	Fixed, Exclusive