

## METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

<b>Project name</b>	Mood of the Nation (Wave 11) - Bush Summit
<b>Project reference</b>	NGR 2203003
Research dates:	23rd - 28th June 2023
Target population:	The target population for the research was Australian residents (all states and territories) aged 18+.
Research methodology:	The research comprised of a 20-minute self-complete online survey with n=2,207 participants including a sample boost in South Australia, Tasmania and regional areas, sourced from an ISO accredited market research panel.
Weighting approach:	The data was weighted using ABS Census population statistics on age, gender, location and occupation to match the estimated population of all Australian residents aged 18+. The total effective sample size after weighting was approximately 53%, equating to a margin of error of approximately +/-2.1% (at the 95% confidence interval).
Research questions:	A combination of single choice, multiple choice and open-ended (text response) questions were used in the research. All questions and response options were displayed in full during interviews.

This research was conducted in accordance with the Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards which can be viewed here: <https://www.australianpollingcouncil.com/>

## PUBLISHED QUESTIONS

What are the main issues facing Australians that are most important to you right now – the specific cares, concerns, or priorities that you typically talk about with friends or family?

Please select all the emotions that best describe how you have been **feeling** over the last few weeks?

1	Happy		17	Anxious
2	Grateful		18	Envious
3	Calm		19	Bored
4	Content		20	Confused
5	Inspired		21	Pessimistic
6	Confident		22	Sad
7	Optimistic		23	Scared
8	Loved		24	Stressed
9	Excited		25	Lonely
10	Ambitious		26	Depressed
11	Proud		27	Exhausted
12	Brave		28	Disappointed
13	Energised		29	Rushed
14	Joyful		30	Overwhelmed
15	Angry		31	Included
16	Annoyed		32	Valued

In this question we will show you a series of 36 things that some people believe are important for Australia's future.

We know it's a long list, but the results will provide important information to Australia's leaders.

How important are these things to you personally?

	Extremely important	Quite important	Slightly important	Not important at all
1	Reducing personal taxes			
2	Strengthening pensions, welfare payments and support for vulnerable people			
3	Improving representation and conditions for women in the workplace			
4	Promoting diversity, inclusion, and respect for minority groups			
5	Strengthening our economy			
6	Investing more in programs to boost jobs and address unemployment			
7	Supporting small businesses and encouraging entrepreneurship			
8	Addressing Aboriginal disadvantage and promoting reconciliation			
9	Acting decisively on climate change and transitioning to renewables			
10	Increasing our local manufacturing capacity			
11	Strengthening our defence capabilities			
12	Strengthening our borders against illegal immigration			
13	Increasing migration to fill workplace shortages			
14	Expanding and strengthening public services			
15	Investing more to ensure quality affordable healthcare for all Australians			
16	Investing more to ensure access to affordable University and TAFE education			
17	Investing more to improve the quality of primary and high schools in all local communities			
18	Investing more in new transport and other infrastructure projects			
19	Investing more to improve the aged care sector			
20	Improving the preparedness and support for fires, floods and other disasters			

21	Reducing government debt
22	Improving pay and conditions for workers
23	Effectively managing the COVID pandemic recovery
24	Improving the treatment of asylum seekers
25	Preserving freedom of speech and rejecting excessive political correctness
26	Keeping interest rates low
27	Reducing cost increases for household bills and other essential expenses
28	Providing opportunities for more people to own their own home
29	Increasing the availability of affordable rental housing
30	Protecting the natural environment, habitats and wildlife
31	Creating favourable conditions and opportunities for people to build personal wealth
32	Strengthening international alliances to counteract aggression from other countries
33	Strengthening our response to violence against women
34	Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour
35	Investing more to increase the availability of affordable childcare services
36	Improving and securing international trade and supply chains

How likely would you be to consider moving to live in a regional or rural area in the next 2 and 10 years?

		Definitely would	Probably would	May or may not	Probably would not	Definitely would not
A	In 2 years	1	2	3	4	5
B	In 10 years	1	2	3	4	5

For how long have you been living in a regional or rural area?

1	Less than 2 years
2	2-5 years
3	6-10 years
4	More than 10 years

How likely would you be to consider moving to live in a state capital city in the next 2 and 10 years?

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B	In 10 years	1	2	3	4	5

Do you support or oppose the Government putting in place policies, programs and incentives that

1	Strongly support
2	Somewhat support
3	Neither support nor oppose
4	Somewhat oppose
5	Strongly oppose

Do you support or oppose the following measures Governments could implement to support and develop regional and rural Australia?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	
A	Building high-speed rail links between State capital cities and regional centres					
B	Encouraging more people to work from home in regional areas and "telecommute"					
C	Promoting more regional tourism					
D	Developing new "Renewable Energy Zones" (where multiple renewable energy generators share access to the grid) across regional areas					
E	Investing in new transport infrastructure to better connect the regions and cities					
F	Investing in adequate phone and internet coverage so people can maintain meaningful jobs regardless of where they live					
G	Boosting skilled migration to address skills shortages in regional Australia					
H	Incentives to encourage essential workers, such as teachers, nurses and doctors to move to regional areas					
I	Establishing a government-run fund to ensure insurance is affordable in regional areas that are prone to extreme weather events					

And which of these initiatives do you think is the most important measure that Governments could implement to support and develop regional and rural Australia?

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How would you rate each of the following things in your local area?

		Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
A	The overall quality of life for people living in your local area	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	Access to childcare places	1	2	3	4	5	6
C	The quality of roads	1	2	3	4	5	6
D	The quality of rail infrastructure for the transport of goods and freight	1	2	3	4	5	6
E	Access relevant educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	6
F	Access to appropriate healthcare services / facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6
G	The availability of affordable housing for renting or buying	1	2	3	4	5	6
H	Access to a wide range of employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	6
I	The quality of your mobile phone service	1	2	3	4	5	6
J	The quality of your internet service	1	2	3	4	5	6

Overall, do you feel positive or negative about Australia transitioning its electricity generation to renewables like solar, wind and hydro and moving away from coal and other fossil fuels?

Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative
1	2	3	4	5

In Australia, do you think the transition to renewable energy like solar, wind and hydro is currently moving...

Far too quickly	A bit too quickly	At an appropriate pace	A bit too slowly	Far too slowly
1	2	3	4	5

Do you support or oppose the following actions related to energy in Australia?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	
	1	2	3	4	5	
B	The Federal Government committing to "Net zero carbon emissions" by 2050 (meaning that carbon pollution released will be balanced by carbon storage or other offsets)					
C	The Federal Government's target to reduce carbon emissions by 43% by 2030 (compared to 2005 levels)					
D	Australian governments seriously investigating the potential use of nuclear power in Australia					
J	Relaxing the usual regulatory and community planning approvals process for renewables and electricity transmission projects, in order to have more renewable energy available more quickly					

As Australia transitions to more renewable energy we will need to build more energy infrastructure in regional and rural areas (e.g., high voltage power lines and towers as well as solar and wind farms). Which of the following is closest to your view about this?

1	As long as the landholders with new infrastructure on their land are being fairly compensated then regional communities should accept that these projects are a necessary part of the energy transition
2	Regional communities have a right to oppose new renewable energy infrastructure if they feel it adversely affects their quality of life or property values
3	Don't know



Now thinking about the Murray-Darling Basin, which is a large area of south-eastern Australia where water flows through a system of interconnected rivers and lakes. Scientists predict that Australia's weather is likely to be drier over the next few years (as we enter a new El Niño phase) with drought becoming more likely and water probably becoming scarcer.

Which of the following do you think should be the main priorities for governments as they manage the Murray-Darling Basin?

Please rank the following from 1 (most important) down to 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> most important) from your perspective.

1	Ensuring there is enough water allocated for people in regional towns to use
2	Ensuring there is enough water allocated for environmental water flow to these rivers and lakes
3	Ensuring there is enough water allocated for food and fibre production

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan allocates the amount of water that can be used for town water supplies as well as for farming and irrigation, while also ensuring environmental flow to these rivers and lakes.

Some people feel that more water should be returned to the rivers and lakes for environmental reasons. The following are two ways that the water usage in the Basin could be managed. Which do you think should be the main priority for Government?

1	Investing more in on and off-farm efficiency programs to improve food and fibre production while reducing evaporation and water wastage
2	Buying back existing water allocations from farmers and irrigators
3	Don't know