

NET ZERO POLL



March 2022

Net Zero Poll

This poll of 1,007 Australians was commissioned by the Institute of Public Affairs. Data for this poll was collected by marketing research firm Dynata between 4-6 March 2022, and rounded to the closest whole number.

Summary

The federal government should be more focused on national defence than meeting Australia's net zero emissions by 2050 target.	
Agree	61%
Disagree	39%

What should be the main focus of Australia's energy policy?	
Affordability	41%
Reliability	31%
Meeting net zero emissions by 2050 targets	28%

How much would you personally be willing to pay each year for Australia to reduce its emissions to zero by 2050?	
None	42%
About \$50 per year	30%
About \$100 per year	20%
About \$500 per year	5%
More than \$500 per year	3%

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	AGE GROUPS					
Column %	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Agree	56%	66%	67%	58%	58%	58%
Disagree	44%	34%	33%	42%	42%	42%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	117	178	194	183	153	182

What should be the main focus of Australia's energy policy?

	AGE GROUPS					
Column %	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Affordability	33%	44%	49%	43%	41%	32%
Reliability	33%	23%	28%	31%	33%	41%
Meeting net zero emissions by 2050 targets	33%	33%	23%	27%	26%	26%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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How much would you personally be willing to pay each year for Australia to reduce its emissions to zero by 2050?

	AGE GROUPS					
Column %	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
None	16%	34%	41%	50%	51%	48%
About \$50 per year	38%	31%	29%	29%	25%	31%
About \$100 per year	36%	25%	19%	15%	16%	14%
About \$500 per year	7%	5%	6%	2%	5%	5%
More than \$500 per year	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Are you...?

	AGE GROUPS					
Column %	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Male	23%	27%	37%	51%	75%	77%
Female	77%	73%	63%	49%	25%	23%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Location

	AGE GROUPS					
Column %	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Metro	73%	76%	75%	74%	71%	63%
Regional	27%	24%	25%	26%	29%	37%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	117	178	194	183	153	182

What is your annual gross (i.e. before tax) household income range?

	AGE GROUPS					
Column %	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Less than \$15,000 AUD	13%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%
\$15,000 to \$29,999 AUD	7%	11%	7%	15%	14%	22%
\$30,000 to \$44,999 AUD	8%	6%	6%	9%	11%	27%
\$45,000 to \$59,999 AUD	8%	11%	9%	13%	13%	12%
\$60,000 to \$74,999 AUD	11%	10%	10%	11%	10%	10%
\$75,000 to \$99,999 AUD	12%	16%	16%	13%	12%	13%
\$100,000 to \$149,999 AUD	16%	19%	21%	15%	15%	6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999 AUD	12%	13%	12%	9%	5%	2%
\$200,000 to \$499,999 AUD	3%	2%	7%	3%	7%	0%
\$500,000 to \$999,999 AUD	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
\$1 million + AUD	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Prefer not to answer	9%	8%	8%	11%	8%	6%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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What is your annual gross (i.e. before tax) personal income range?

	AGE GROUPS					
Column %	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Less than \$15,000 AUD	32%	18%	14%	10%	13%	8%
\$15,000 to \$29,999 AUD	14%	19%	12%	19%	22%	41%
\$30,000 to \$44,999 AUD	12%	11%	9%	16%	8%	20%
\$45,000 to \$59,999 AUD	9%	12%	11%	11%	7%	8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999 AUD	9%	11%	12%	9%	8%	5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999 AUD	7%	8%	16%	11%	14%	5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999 AUD	5%	6%	12%	10%	11%	4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999 AUD	0%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%
\$200,000 to \$499,999 AUD	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%
\$500,000 to \$999,999 AUD	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
\$1 million + AUD	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Prefer not to answer	12%	12%	8%	11%	11%	7%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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How would you describe your current living arrangements?

Column %	AGE GROUPS					
	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Living with parents	53%	19%	8%	8%	3%	0%
Living on my own or with housemates/boarders	21%	19%	19%	23%	20%	18%
Living with a partner/spouse, never had kids	20%	22%	12%	11%	16%	3%
Parent/guardian, with the youngest child aged under 3 years living with me	2%	19%	9%	0%	1%	0%
Parent/guardian, with the youngest child aged 3-12 years living with me	3%	18%	35%	15%	1%	1%
Parent/guardian, with the youngest child aged 13-18 years living with me	1%	1%	12%	20%	3%	1%
Parent/guardian, with the youngest child aged 19 years and above living with me	1%	1%	2%	14%	13%	8%
Retirement village	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%	38%
Parent/guardian, with children aged 19 years and above who have left home / Empty Nesters	1%	0%	1%	7%	29%	30%
Other (please specify)	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Prefer not to answer	117	178	194	183	153	182
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	102	185	195	183	154	183

Which of the following best describes your employment status?

Column %	AGE GROUPS					
	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Full-time (30 or more hours per week)	32%	41%	55%	39%	29%	5%
Part-time	23%	15%	18%	20%	12%	5%
Contract, Freelance or Temp Emp.	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Full-time Student	18%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%
Part-time Student (working MORE than 30 hours per week)	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Part-time Student (working LESS than 30 hours per week)	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Homemaker	0%	8%	8%	7%	2%	3%
Self-employed	3%	3%	2%	4%	6%	3%
Stay-at-Home Parent	2%	7%	2%	2%	1%	0%
Retired	0%	0%	1%	7%	33%	81%
Semi-retired	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%
Unemployed	12%	15%	11%	15%	11%	2%
None of the above	3%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%
NET	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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