

Wide Bay's Community Survey 2012

Wide Bay Electorate

<u>TRANSPORT and ROADS:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Are you concerned about the condition of state and local roads in your area?	88%	10%	2%
Are you concerned about safety when travelling on the Bruce Highway?	83%	15%	2%
Do you support the 90km/hr speed limit on the Cooroy to Bells Bridge section of the Bruce Highway?	49%	43%	8%
Should the speed limit be extended to other sections of the Bruce Highway?	28%	56%	16%
Do you think that more should be done to increase the availability of public transport in your area?	61%	22%	17%
Do you think more freight should be sent by rail instead of road?	87%	7%	6%

<u>HOSPITALS and HEALTHCARE:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Are you satisfied with the range of services available from your local hospital?	37%	50%	13%
Should Federal funding for health care be paid direct to local hospitals rather than to State Governments?	79%	8%	13%
Do you support the creation of local hospital boards to manage local hospitals?	81%	7%	12%
Are you readily able to access a general practitioner?	82%	16%	2%
Are you readily able to access medical specialists?	51%	39%	10%
Are you readily able to access dentists, physiotherapists, chiropractors etc?	72%	22%	6%
Are you readily able to make Medicare claims?	78%	18%	4%
Do you support the proposed National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?	49%	13%	38%
Would you be prepared to pay a special tax surcharge to fund NDIS?	24%	50%	26%
Do you support extending Medicare to cover dental?	85%	9%	6%
Would you be prepared to pay a higher Medicare levy to cover dental care?	48%	40%	12%
Do you support the Government's decision to cut rebates for private health insurance?	24%	62%	14%

<u>PENSIONERS and SENIORS:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
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Do you expect to be able to fund your own retirement income?	27%	57%	16%
Should the Age Pension be increased?	74%	14%	12%
Would you support higher taxes to fund higher pension payments?	35%	50%	15%
Do you believe that increases in the Age Pension should be funded from existing revenue sources?	71%	12%	17%
Would you support raising taxes to fund more discounts on government services for seniors, for example vehicle registration fees, council rates, etc?	42%	46%	12%
Should self-funded retirees be eligible for more fringe benefits?	68%	18%	14%

<u>COST of LIVING, ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT:</u>			BETTER OFF	WORSE OFF	THE SAME
Comparing your personal situation now to this time last year, do you feel:			6%	57%	37%
			VERY WORRIED	WORRIED	NOT WORRIED
In relation to the economic climate and the impact it may have on your quality of life, are you:			24%	56%	20%
			YES	NO	UNSURE
Should the Federal Government continue to borrow money to fund its spending?			11%	74%	15%
If the Government continues to borrow, what should it spend the borrowings on?:					
Tax Cuts	7%	Pension increases	26%	Environment	9%
Cash bonus payments	2%	Health	50%	Housing	16%
Roads, Rail & Infrastructure	50%	Education	21%	Don't know	3%
			YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you always try to buy Australian food and groceries?			77%	20%	3%
Have increases in grocery prices made you more likely to buy cheaper imported produce?			51%	44%	5%
Are you concerned about your job security?			33%	57%	10%
Do unions have too much power?			54%	29%	17%
Should the Government provide assistance to business and industry to support local jobs?			78%	13%	9%
			YES	NO	UNSURE
Are you concerned about the number of Government forms you are required to complete?			67%	26%	7%

Should Australia continue to subsidise the manufacture of cars?	38%	43%	19%
Should the Government subsidise food production in Australia?	74%	17%	9%
Should Australian farmers be allowed to grow genetically modified crops?	38%	43%	19%
Should there be more local Work for the Dole programs?	87%	7%	6%
Are you satisfied with Australia's new Fair Work laws?	20%	37%	43%
Do you support the increase in compulsory superannuation contributions from 9 to 12 percent?	54%	29%	17%
	EMPLOYERS	EMPLOYEES	Govt through new taxes
If yes, who should fund the increase?	46%	54%	21%
	GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE SECTOR	UNIONS
Which has the greatest role in creating sustainable and secure jobs?	27%	70%	3%

<u>TAXATION:</u>	TAX CUTS	MORE SERVICES	MORE INFRA-STRUCTURE
Would you prefer the Federal Government to provide:	21%	26%	53%
	TOO HIGH	TOO LOW	ABOUT RIGHT
Do you feel the current level of taxation is:	35%	4%	61%
	FEDERAL Government Debt	STATE Government Debt	LOCAL Government Debt
Are you concerned about the size of:	82%	71%	45%
	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you support the mining tax?	42%	39%	19%

<u>SOCIAL SECURITY:</u>	TOO GENEROUS	NOT GENEROUS ENOUGH	ABOUT RIGHT
Do you think the welfare system in Australia is:	39%	20%	41%
	TOO HARSH	ABOUT RIGHT	NOT TOUGH ENOUGH

Do you think the conditions placed on those receiving Centrelink benefits are:	10%	41%	49%
	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you know anyone you believe is cheating the welfare system?	30%	69%	1%

LAW and ORDER:

Do you support?:

More police on the beat?	88%		
More closed circuit television cameras in known problem areas?	81%		
Centrelink and the Tax Office to deduct payments from those who avoid paying fines?	82%		
More use of community service penalties (eg building footpaths, boardwalks or eradicating weeds) to rehabilitate offenders?	88%		
Licence plate recognition technology to identify hooning vehicles?	80%		
Higher penalties and tougher sentencing to deter would be offenders?	81%		
More intervention programs to deter anti-social behaviour?	80%		
	YES	NO	UNSURE
Should Australia become a republic?	29%	58%	13%
Should the Australian Constitution be amended to include a Bill of Rights?	31%	33%	36%
Should the Australian flag be changed?	13%	82%	5%
Should it be illegal to desecrate the Australian flag?	83%	13%	4%
Should property rights be given greater protection?	84%	6%	10%
Thinking of crime generally, do you feel safe in and secure in your local area?	70%	22%	8%
Are you concerned about safety and security on the internet?	77%	16%	7%

MIGRATION and POPULATION:

	YES	NO	UNSURE
Should the number of skilled migrants to Australia be increased?	29%	58%	13%
Should the number of humanitarian & refugee migrants to Australia be increased?	16%	74%	10%
Should the number of family sponsored migrants to Australia be increased?	24%	66%	10%

Should a cap be placed on the population of Australia?	54%	32%	14%
Should there be more public housing available in your community?	57%	29%	14%
Do you support the offshore processing of asylum seekers?	64%	26%	10%
Do you support the Government's plan to send 800 asylum seekers to Malaysia for processing in exchange for increasing Australia's intake of refugees from Malaysia by 4,000?	10%	81%	9%
Do you support increased migrant settlement in Wide Bay?	26%	58%	16%
Do you think Australia is a racist country?	28%	61%	11%
<i>Do you think your local area should:</i>	YES	NO	UNSURE
- grow at the same rate as the rest of Queensland?	54%	34%	12%
- grow faster than the rest of Queensland?	8%	80%	12%
- impose a freeze on population growth?	32%	54%	14%
Should Australia spend more on foreign aid?	10%	82%	8%
Are Australia's quarantine and border protection measures adequate?	25%	58%	17%
<u>FOREIGN OWNERSHIP:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Are you concerned about the level of foreign ownership of Australian land?	90%	7%	3%
Are you concerned about the level of foreign ownership of Australian companies?	89%	8%	3%
Should the Government intervene to prevent foreign takeovers?	85%	7%	8%
Should Qantas be allowed to establish new airlines overseas?	47%	31%	22%

<u>CARBON TAX & EMISSIONS TRADING:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you understand how the Government's carbon tax works?	34%	49%	17%
Will the carbon tax reduce your use of electricity?	20%	65%	15%
Are you concerned that Australia's carbon tax will lead Australian industry to relocate to countries that do not have an emissions tax?	79%	13%	8%
<i>Do you think the carbon tax is:</i>			
- too high		37%	
- too low		3%	
- about right		14%	
- should be delayed until other countries have similar schemes		43%	
- should be abolished		59%	
<i>How much more are you prepared to pay to use renewable energy in your home?</i>			
- no more		77%	
- 20%		13%	
- 50%		2%	
- 100%		0%	
- whatever it costs		8%	

<u>Environment:</u>	
<i>Which statement best summarises your view about climate change:</i>	
- climate change is caused by humans	9%
- climate change is part of a naturally occurring environmental cycle made worse by humans	49%
- climate change is part of a naturally occurring environmental cycle	42%

<i>Do you Support:</i>	
A water grid to supply water from our region to Brisbane?	18%
A ban on feeding dingoes on Fraser Island?	48%
Inclusion of the Cooloolo National Park and the Great Sandy Region on the World Heritage List?	54%
Wind farms in your area?	48%
Fluoridation of the water supply?	41%

<u>Resources and Energy:</u>			
<i>Which of the following should be used to increase water resources:</i>			
- aquifer storage and recovery			25%
- more dams			38%
- recycling of treated sewerage for industrial purposes			66%
- pump water from Fraser Island			13%
- recycling of treated sewerage for human consumption			14%
- water saving schemes			52%
- desalination			18%
- piping water from the tropics			34%
<i>Do you support::</i>			
- the opening up of new coal mining areas in Queensland			65%
- the Colton Coal Mine near Maryborough			55%
- nuclear energy as a means of reducing carbon emissions			36%
- the extraction of coal seam gas in Queensland			27%
- uranium mining			35%
	YES	NO	
Have you installed solar panels or a solar hot water system?	41%	59%	

<u>EDUCATION:</u>		YES	NO	UNSURE
Should school students complete compulsory community service as part of their education?		62%	22%	16%
Should greater emphasis be placed in the school curriculum on basic skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic?		93%	4%	3%
Should greater emphasis be placed on teaching Australian history at school?		79%	11%	10%
Are you concerned about bullying in schools?		76%	17%	24%
Do you think the Education Revolution promise has been delivered?		5%	68%	27%
Should University education be free to all?		50%	35%	15%
Should details of the performance of schools be made public?		53%	33%	14%
<u>COMMUNITY and SOCIAL:</u>		YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you think the Federal Government is heading in the right direction?		11%	74%	15%
Should Queensland adopt Daylight Saving Time in summer?		33%	62%	5%
Do you think same sex couples should be allowed to marry?		29%	62%	9%
Do you support civil unions for same sex couples?		47%	43%	10%
Do you think the State Government's forced amalgamation of your council has been a success?		10%	78%	12%
Do you think there should be a referendum on whether or not to de-amalgamate your Council?		66%	23%	11%
Are you satisfied with the digital television reception in your area?		53%	41%	6%
Are you satisfied with the internet speeds available in your home?		50%	38%	12%
	\$20	\$40	\$60	Nothing
How much extra per month are you prepared to pay for high speed broadband?	31%	3%	1%	65%

The most important issues:

The four issues that received the most Number 1 votes:

1. Improving hospitals and healthcare	28%
2. Reducing the cost of living	15%
3. Improving roads	5%
4. Reducing Government debt	4%

The four issues that received the most votes over all four numbered positions:

1. Improving hospitals and healthcare	63%
2. Reducing the cost of living	39%
3. Improving roads	25%
4. Tougher sentences for law breakers	21%