

Wide Bay's Community Survey 2016

Wide Bay Electorate

<u>TRANSPORT and ROADS:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you think money should be moved from the road construction budget to upgrade rail lines?	29%	56%	15%
Are you concerned about safety when travelling on the Bruce Highway?	72%	25%	3%
Do you think more should be done to increase the availability of public transport in your area?	56%	28%	16%
Do you think more freight should be sent by rail instead of road?	86%	8%	6%

<u>HOSPITALS and HEALTHCARE:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Are you satisfied with the range of services available from your local hospital?	43%	43%	14%
Should federal funding for health care be paid direct to local hospitals rather than to state governments?	73%	12%	15%
Are you readily able to access a GP?	89%	9%	2%
Are you readily able to access medical specialists?	55%	35%	10%
Are you readily able to access dentists, physiotherapists, chiropractors, etc?	84%	12%	4%
Are you readily able to make Medicare claims?	74%	20%	6%
Would you be prepared to pay higher taxes to extend the coverage of the NDIS?	21%	59%	20%
Do you support extending Medicare to cover dental care?	76%	17%	7%
Would you be prepared to pay a higher Medicare levy to cover dental care?	49%	40%	11%
Should the Government continue to subsidise private health insurance?	60%	27%	13%

<u>PENSIONERS and SENIORS:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you expect to be able to fund your own retirement income?	30%	56%	14%
Should the Age Pension be increased?	61%	26%	13%
Would you support higher taxes to fund higher pension payments?	38%	49%	13%
Do you believe increases in the Age Pension should be funded by reductions in other Govt programs?	39%	44%	17%
Would you support raising taxes to fund more discounts on government services for seniors, eg vehicle registration fees, council rates, etc?	42%	48%	10%

Should self-funded retirees be eligible for more fringe benefits?	52%	33%	15%
Are you satisfied with the level of community services available for seniors?	53%	22%	25%

<u>SOCIAL SECURITY:</u>	TOO GENEROUS	ABOUT RIGHT	NOT GENEROUS ENOUGH
Do you think the welfare system in Australia is:	39%	47%	14%
	TOO HARSH	ABOUT RIGHT	NOT TOUGH ENOUGH
Do you think the conditions placed on those receiving Centrelink benefits are:	8%	35%	57%
	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you support the decision to phase in higher Age Pension eligibility ages?	26%	62%	12%
	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you know anyone you believe is cheating the welfare system?	29%	59%	12%

<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%	44%	50%
			VERY WORRIED	WORRIED	NOT WORRIED
In relation to the economic climate and the impact it may have on your quality of life, are you:			17%	57%	26%
			YES	NO	UNSURE
Should the Federal Government continue to borrow money to fund its spending?			12%	72%	16%
If the Government continues to borrow, what should it spend the borrowings on?:					
Tax Cuts	5%	Pension increases	12%	Environment	7%
Cash bonus payments	1%	Health	21%	Housing	5%
Roads, Rail & Infrastructure	33%	Education	9%	Defence	7%
			YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you always try to buy Australian food and groceries?			82%	15%	3%
Have increases in grocery prices made you more likely to buy cheaper imported produce?			43%	52%	5%
Do you find Country of Origin labelling confusing?			74%	20%	6%
Should the government subsidise food production in Australia?			66%	23%	11%

Should Australian farmers be allowed to grow genetically modified crops?	37%	42%	21%
Are you concerned about your job security?	30%	61%	9%
Are you concerned about the behaviour of union officials?	67%	22%	11%
Should union officials be required to abide by the same laws as company directors?	81%	6%	13%
Are you satisfied with the operation of Australia's Fair Work Laws?	29%	32%	39%
Are you aware of Federal Government programs to subsidise employers who take on long term unemployed	63%	30%	7%
Should the Government provide assistance to business and industry to support local jobs?	73%	16%	11%
Should the Government subsidise manufacturing?	50%	33%	17%
Should there be more local Work for the Dole programs?	87%	7%	6%
Should penalty rates on Sundays and public holidays be the same as on Saturdays?	61%	33%	6%
	GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE SECTOR	UNIONS
Which has the greatest role in creating sustainable and secure jobs?	25%	71%	4%

<u>TAXATION:</u>	TAX CUTS	MORE SERVICES	MORE INFRA-STRUCTURE
Would you prefer the Federal Government to provide:	17%	25%	58%
	TOO HIGH	TOO LOW	ABOUT RIGHT
Do you feel the current level of taxation is:	35%	7%	58%
	FEDERAL Government Debt	STATE Government Debt	LOCAL Government Debt
Are you concerned about the size of:	96%	73%	42%
	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you support an increase in the GST?	34%	60%	6%
	12.5 percent	15 percent	20 percent
If YES, should the GST be increased from 10% to:	60%	38%	2%
...and should the increased revenue be used to:	YES	NO	UNSURE
*spend more on health & welfare?	71%	20%	9%
*reduce other taxes?	54%	33%	13%

*repay debt?	85%	9%	6%
*give more money to states?	46%	35%	19%
Should low income earners be compensated for the higher cost of living from a GST increase?	65%	24%	11%

<u>LAW and ORDER:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you support:			
*more police on the beat?	81%	11%	8%
*more cctv cameras in known problem areas?	90%	5%	5%
*Centrelink & ATO deducting payments from those who avoid paying fined?	88%	7%	5%
*More community service penalties (building footpaths, boardwalks, eradicating weeds) to rehabilitate offenders?	92%	4%	4%
*higher penalties and tougher sentencing to deter would-be offenders?	83%	9%	8%
*more intervention programs to deter anti-social behaviour?	85%	7%	8%
	YES	NO	UNSURE
Should Australia become a republic?	32%	55%	13%
Should the Australian Constitution be amended to include a Bill of Rights?	33%	34%	33%
Should the Australian flag be changed?	22%	71%	7%
Should it be illegal to desecrate the Australian flag?	81%	15%	4%
Should property rights be given greater protection?	82%	5%	13%
Thinking of crime generally, do you feel safe in and secure in your local area?	76%	15%	9%
Are you concerned about safety and security on the internet?	75%	17%	8%

<u>MIGRATION and POPULATION:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Should the number of skilled migrants to Australia be increased?	30%	56%	14%
Should the number of humanitarian & refugee migrants to Australia be increased?	19%	74%	7%
Should the number of family sponsored migrants to Australia be increased?	24%	62%	14%
Should a cap be placed on the population of Australia?	53%	32%	15%
Should there be more public housing available in your community?	50%	34%	16%

Do you support the offshore processing of asylum seekers?	69%	22%	9%
Do you support the Govt policy of turning around the boats of unauthorised asylum seekers?	82%	13%	5%
Do you support increased migrant settlement in Wide Bay?	31%	52%	17%
Do you think Australia is a racist country?	28%	61%	11%
Do you think your local area should:	YES	NO	UNSURE
*grow at the same rate as the rest of Queensland?	60%	29%	11%
*grow faster than the rest of Queensland?	9%	78%	13%
*impose a freeze on population growth?	28%	57%	15%
Are Australia's quarantine and border protection measures adequate?	39%	38%	23%

<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?	88%	9%	3%
Should the Government intervene to prevent foreign takeovers?	88%	6%	6%

<u>ENVIRONMENT & CARBON TAX:</u>	Caused by Humans		Both Humans & Natural		Natural Cycle
Which statement best summarises your view about climate change?	15%		54%		31%
	Too High		About Right		Too Low
Do you believe Australia's target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 26% (50% per capita) by 2030 is:	26%		46%		28%
	YES		NO		UNSURE
Are you concerned that Australia's target will cost jobs and make Australian industry less competitive?	47%		36%		17%
Do you support the reintroduction of a carbon tax?	21%		67%		12%
	No More	20%	50%	100%	Whatever it Costs
How much more are you prepared to pay to use renewable energy in your home?	72%	15%	2%	1%	10%
Do you support:					
*a water grid to supply water from our region to Brisbane?	15%		70%		15%
*a ban on feeding dingoes on Fraser Island?	64%		26%		10%
*inclusion of the Cooloolo National Park on World Heritage List?	54%		28%		18%

*wind farms in your area?	54%	34%	12%
*fluoridation of the water supply?	43%	48%	9%

<u>Resources and Energy:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
<i>Which of the following should be used to increase water resources:</i>			
- aquifer storage and recovery	26%	1%	73%
- more dams	48%	1%	51%
- recycling of treated sewerage for industrial purposes	56%	1%	43%
- pump water from Fraser Island	12%	2%	86%
- recycling of treated sewerage for human consumption	13%	5%	82%
- water saving schemes	51%	1%	48%
- desalination	19%	2%	79%
- piping water from the tropics	32%	1%	67%
<i>Do you support:</i>			
- the opening up of new coal mining areas in Queensland	37%	16%	47%
- the Colton Coal Mine near Maryborough	34%	15%	51%
- nuclear energy as a means of reducing carbon emissions	32%	16%	52%
- the extraction of coal seam gas in Queensland	16%	20%	64%
- uranium mining	27%	15%	58%
- the storage of nuclear waste in Australia?	22%	18%	60%
	YES	NO	Unanswered
Have you installed solar panels or a solar hot water system?	50%	46%	4%

<u>EDUCATION:</u>	YES	NO	UNSURE
Should greater emphasis be placed in the school curriculum on basic skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic?	94%	3%	3%
Should greater emphasis be placed on teaching Australian history at school?	78%	13%	9%

Should school students complete compulsory community service as part of their education?	60%	25%	15%
Are you concerned about bullying in schools?	75%	17%	8%
Should university students pay back the cost of their courses as their income increase?	79%	11%	10%
Should details of the performance of schools be made public?	61%	26%	13%
Do you think teachers should have part of their salary linked to their performance?	50%	36%	14%

<u>COMMUNITY and SOCIAL:</u>		YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you support the recognition of indigenous Australians in the Constitution?		68%	21%	11%
Do you think the Federal Government is heading in the right direction?		31%	37%	32%
Do you think the State Government is heading in the right direction?		16%	54%	30%
Do you think your council is heading in the right direction?		33%	41%	26%
Should Queensland adopt Daylight Saving Time in summer?		33%	63%	4%
Do you think same sex couples should be allowed to marry?		40%	52%	8%
Should same sex marriage be decided by a vote of the people rather than a vote in Federal Parliament?		71%	19%	10%
Do you support civil unions for same sex couples?		60%	30%	10%
Do you support the Government's decision to reduce foreign aid?		78%	14%	8%
Are you satisfied with digital television reception in your area?		58%	37%	5%
Are you satisfied with mobile phone coverage in your area?		56%	41%	3%
Are you satisfied with the internet speeds available in your home?		44%	46%	10%
	\$0	\$20	\$50	\$100
How much extra per month are you prepared to pay for high speed broadband?	76%	18%	4%	2%

The most important issues:

The four most important issues to you with number 1 as the most important:

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	TOTAL
A Protecting our local environment	6.02%	4.10%	3.60%	4.28%	18.00%
B Improving hospitals & healthcare	19.73%	9.78%	8.09%	8.47%	46.07%
C Reducing the cost of living	10.22%	6.96%	5.09%	4.76%	27.03%
D Strengthening the local economy	6.32%	7.47%	4.92%	5.14%	23.86%
E Investing in renewable energy	4.07%	6.19%	6.55%	4.02%	20.83%
F Reducing taxes	1.78%	1.88%	1.71%	2.03%	7.40%
G Climate change	3.99%	3.67%	3.13%	1.69%	12.47%
H Securing and defending our borders	9.16%	9.05%	6.68%	5.66%	30.56%
I Supporting small business to create jobs	6.24%	9.69%	8.78%	7.26%	31.97%
J Better access to public transport	0.59%	2.22%	2.48%	2.42%	7.72%
K Improving roads	3.10%	5.38%	6.68%	5.53%	20.69%
L Reducing Government debt	9.33%	7.34%	7.66%	6.79%	31.13%
M Investing in education and training	3.78%	4.78%	6.68%	6.87%	22.11%
N Petrol prices	1.06%	2.69%	4.62%	2.98%	11.36%
O More police and tougher sentences	4.24%	6.53%	10.36%	7.96%	29.09%
P Tougher penalties for juvenile offenders	2.89%	5.51%	6.85%	9.30%	24.54%
Q Increased benefits for pensioners	5.39%	4.31%	4.58%	9.30%	23.58%
R More help for self-funded retirees	2.08%	2.43%	1.54%	5.53%	11.59%
<u>Total Respondents</u>	100%	100%	100%	100%	

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

1. Improving hospitals and healthcare	46.07%
2. Supporting small business to create jobs	31.97%
3. Reducing government debt	31.13%
4. Securing and defending our borders	30.56%