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Dear «Name»,

## Australian Election Study

This is a survey of voting in the recent federal election, conducted by Queensland University of Technology and the Australian National University. The study is supported by a grant from the Australian Research Council. We are interested in how people voted in the election and the reasons for their choice.

### ***Why we need to hear from you***

This survey forms part of an important long-term study of Australian politics and elections, which examines such questions as changing support for the political parties, the role of the party leaders and the importance of political issues, like the economy and the environment.

### ***Benefits and risks***

In completing this survey you will help to provide researchers and policy makers with a better understanding of what Australians think and feel about the way government works and the decisions that it makes. The study will also become part of a large resource maintained by the Australian Social Science Data Archive to be used in Australia and overseas for social and comparative research. There are no risks beyond normal day-to-day living associated with your participation in this project.

### ***Completing the survey***

This survey should take around half an hour to complete and your participation is entirely voluntary. If you choose to participate, you can complete online by going to [www.srcentre.com.au/aes](http://www.srcentre.com.au/aes) and follow the links. To access this survey you will need the username and password located in the panel in the top right hand corner of this page. Alternatively, you can complete and return this questionnaire in the reply-paid envelope provided. Respondents who complete the Australian Election Study early and return the questionnaire by **26 September 2013** will be entered into a prize draw to win \$500 cash. In total 3 x \$500 will be drawn. For those who complete and return the questionnaire by **25 October 2013** you will also be entered into a prize draw to win \$500 cash (refer to prize draw terms and conditions of entry at [www.srcentre.com.au/aes](http://www.srcentre.com.au/aes)). To assist you there are some instructions before the beginning of the questionnaire about how to fill it out. Remember, it is important that we get your personal views on the issues outlined in the questionnaire as well as some general information about yourself.

### ***Confidentiality***

Your views will remain strictly confidential and will be reported only as part of the general findings from the survey. The only identifying feature on the questionnaire is a barcode which is used to avoid sending you reminders after you have returned the completed questionnaire. The link between this barcode and your name and address is securely stored and is destroyed once the survey is completed.

### ***Queries***

If you have any questions about the survey or would like to opt out, you can call the toll free hotline on **1800 023 040**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor Ian McAllister  
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How did you get my details?

The Australian Electoral Commission has supplied name and address information for the project in accordance with Item 3 of subsection 90B(4) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918. The information has been provided by the AEC on a confidential basis and will not be used or dealt with, including forwarded on or sold, or otherwise disclosed for any other purpose other than to contact participants for this project. You were chosen from a scientifically designed random sample of voters listed on the Electoral Roll.

### What if I have concerns about the ethical conduct of the survey?

Queensland University of Technology is committed to research integrity and the ethical conduct of research projects. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the project you may contact the QUT Research Ethics Unit on 07 3138 5123 or email [ethicscontact@qut.edu.au](mailto:ethicscontact@qut.edu.au). The QUT Research Ethics Unit is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.

### What are my options for completing the survey?

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## How To Fill Out This Questionnaire

To answer most of the questions you only need to **cross a box**. Please cross the box which is **closest** to your view—there are no right or wrong answers. Here is an example:

Do you think the government should spend more or less on education?	
Spend more on education .....	1
Doesn't matter .....	2
Spend less on education .....	3
<b>If you think the government should spend more on education, you would put a cross in the box as shown.</b>	

Some boxes have "Go to" instructions that look like this:  → **GO TO B3**

Sometimes you are asked to write in an answer — in that case, simply write your answer in the space provided.

Please read each question carefully. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers—we just want to know **your own** personal opinions.

**We hope you enjoy the questionnaire. Thank you very much for taking part in this study.**

Professor Clive Bean, Queensland University of Technology  
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## Section A: The Election Campaign

First, some questions about the Federal election campaign, the period between when the election was announced on Sunday 4 August and election day on Saturday 7 September.

A1 Generally speaking, how much interest do you **usually have** in what's going on in politics?

A good deal.....	1
Some.....	2
Not much.....	3
None .....	4

A2 How much attention did you pay to reports about the election campaign **in the newspapers**—a good deal, some, not much or none at all?

A good deal.....	1
Some.....	2
Not much.....	3
None at all.....	4

A3 Did you follow the election campaign news **on television**—a good deal, some, not much or none at all? And did you follow the election campaign news **on the radio**? And how about the internet—did you follow the election campaign news **on the internet**?

	Television	Radio	Internet
A good deal.....	1	1	1
Some.....	2	2	2
Not much.....	3	3	3
None at all.....	4	4	4

A4 And how much interest would you say you took **in the election campaign** overall?

A good deal.....	1
Some.....	2
Not much.....	3
None at all.....	4

A5 Here is a list of things some people do during elections. How often did you do any of these things during the recent election?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Not at all
Discuss politics with others in person (i.e. face to face or over the phone)	1	2	3	4
Discuss politics with others online (i.e. through email or on a social network site like Facebook or Twitter)	1	2	3	4
Talk to other people to persuade them to vote for a particular party or candidate	1	2	3	4
Show your support for a particular party or candidate by, for example, attending a meeting, putting up a poster, or in some other way	1	2	3	4
Go to any political meetings or rallies	1	2	3	4
Contribute money to a political party or election candidate	1	2	3	4

A6. Did you watch the televised debate between Kevin Rudd and Tony Abbott on Sunday 11 August?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2

A7 From what you saw or what you heard or read about it, who do you think performed better in the debate—Rudd or Abbott?

Rudd did much better .....	1
Rudd did somewhat better .....	2
About equal <sup>3</sup> .....	3
Abbott did somewhat better .....	4
Abbott did much better .....	5

A8 During the election campaign, did a candidate or anyone from a political party contact you to persuade you to vote for them?

*Please cross all that apply*

No .....	1
Yes, by telephone .....	2
Yes, by mail .....	3
Yes, by face-to-face .....	4
Yes, by text message or SMS .....	5
Yes, by email .....	6
Yes, by social network site or other web-based method .....	7

A9 Which parties or candidates contacted you by any of these means?

*Please cross all that apply*

None .....	1
Liberal .....	2
Labor .....	3
National .....	4
Greens .....	5
Other party or candidate .....	6

A10 During the campaign, did a friend, family member, neighbour, work colleague or other acquaintance try to persuade you to vote for a particular party or candidate?

*Please cross all that apply*

No .....	1
Yes, by telephone .....	2
Yes, by mail .....	3
Yes, by face-to-face .....	4
Yes, by text message or SMS .....	5
Yes, by email .....	6
Yes, by social network site or other web-based method .....	7

A11 Do you think that voting at Federal elections should be compulsory, or do you think that people should only have to vote if they want to?

Strongly favour compulsory voting .....	1
Favour compulsory voting .....	2
Favour people voting only if they want to .....	3
Strongly favour people voting only if they want to .....	4

A12 Would you have voted in the election if voting had not been compulsory?

Definitely would have voted .....	1
Probably would have voted.....	2
Might, might not .....	3
Probably not.....	4
Definitely not .....	5

A13 Currently, most voters complete paper ballots at polling booths on election day. How much confidence do you have that your vote would be accurately recorded and counted if you cast it in the following ways?

	A great deal of confidence	Quite a lot of confidence	Not very much confidence	None at all
A paper ballot in a polling booth on election day	1	2	3	4
A paper ballot at a pre-poll centre before election day	1	2	3	4
A postal ballot before election day	1	2	3	4
An electronic voting machine in a polling booth on election day	1	2	3	4
Online via the internet before election day	1	2	3	4
Via a smart phone or SMS text before election day	1	2	3	4

A14 Did you make use of the internet at all to get news or information about the 2013 Federal election?

Yes, many times .....	1
Yes, on several occasions .....	2
Yes, once or twice .....	3
Have internet access but didn't use it for election information .....	4 → GO TO B1
Do not use/have access to internet .....	5 → GO TO B1

A15 During the 2013 election campaign did you read or access any of the following websites?

*Please cross all that apply*

Party or candidate campaign sites (e.g. home pages, blogs, official Facebook profiles, official YouTube channels) .....	1
Mainstream news media (e.g. ABC Online, SMH site etc) .....	2
Unofficial online videos (i.e. non-party produced) with campaign or political content (e.g. YouTube).....	3
Federal Parliament site.....	4
Australian Electoral Commission site .....	5

A16 During the 2013 election campaign did you do any of the following activities online?

*Please cross all that apply*

Signed up to receive information from a party or candidate and/or registered as their follower/friend/supporter on Twitter or Facebook.....	1
Used online tools to promote parties and candidates (e.g. shared, posted or reposted official campaign information on a blog, Twitter feed or social network profile) .....	2
Shared, posted, or reposted any non-official content (e.g. links to videos, news stories, jokes) on a blog, Twitter feed or social network profile .....	3
Joined or started a political or election related group on a social networking site (e.g. Facebook, MySpace, Bebo etc.) .....	4

## Section B: Party Preference and Voting

- B1 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?
- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Liberal .....                               | 1                   |
| Labor .....                                 | 2                   |
| National (Country) Party .....              | 3                   |
| Greens .....                                | 4                   |
| Other party ( <i>please specify</i> ) ..... | 5                   |
| No party .....                              | 6 → <b>GO TO B3</b> |
- B2 Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, or not very strong supporter of that party?
- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Very strong supporter .....     | 1 |
| Fairly strong supporter .....   | 2 |
| Not very strong supporter ..... | 3 |
- B3 Would you say you cared a good deal which party won the Federal election or that you did not care very much which party won?
- |                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Cared a good deal .....      | 1 |
| Did not care very much ..... | 2 |
| Did not care at all .....    | 3 |
- B4 When did you decide how you would **definitely** vote in this election?
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| A long time ago .....  | 1 |
| A few months ago, <b>before</b> election day was announced ..... | 2 |
| About the time the election was announced, on 4 August .....     | 3 |
| In the first few weeks of the campaign .....                     | 4 |
| A few days before election day .....                             | 5 |
| On election day .....  | 6 |
- B5 In deciding how you would vote in the election, which was **most** important to you?
- Please cross one box only*
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| The party leaders .....                 | 1 |
| The policy issues .....                 | 2 |
| The candidates in your electorate ..... | 3 |
| The parties taken as a whole .....      | 4 |
- B6 Which do you think is better—when the Federal Government has a majority in **both** the House of Representatives **and** the Senate, OR when the Federal Government in the House of Representatives **does not** control the Senate?
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Much better when Government controls <b>both</b> .....               | 1 |
| Better when Government controls <b>both</b> .....                    | 2 |
| Neither / doesn't matter .....                                       | 3 |
| Better when Government <b>does not</b> control the Senate .....      | 4 |
| Much better when Government <b>does not</b> control the Senate ..... | 5 |

B7 Considering everything the Labor Party and the Liberal Party stand for, would you say there is....

A good deal of difference between the parties .....	1
Some difference between the parties .....	2
Not much difference between the parties .....	3
No difference between the parties .....	4

B8 In politics, people sometimes talk about the 'left' and the 'right'. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

<b>Left</b>											<b>Right</b>
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Using the same scale, where would you place each of the Federal political parties?

	<b>Left</b>										<b>Right</b>
Liberal Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Labor Party (ALP)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
National Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Greens	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

B9 In the Federal election for the House of Representatives on Saturday 7 September, which party did you vote for **first** in the House of Representatives? And in the Senate election?

	<b>House of Representatives</b>	<b>Senate</b>
Liberal Party .....	1	1
Labor Party (ALP) .....	2	2
National (Country) Party .....	3	3
Greens .....	4	4
Other ( <i>please specify party below</i> ) .....	5	5
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Voted informal/Did not vote .....	6	6

B10 **If your first preference was for the Greens or other minor party:** In the end, which of the two major parties, the Liberal-National Coalition or the Labor Party, did you give your preference to in the House of Representatives? And in the Senate election?

	<b>House of Representatives</b>	<b>Senate</b>
Liberal-National Coalition.....	1	1
Labor Party (ALP) .....	2	2
Not sure / Don't know.....	3	3

B11 In voting for the House of Representatives, did you follow a party 'How to Vote' card or did you decide your own preferences?

Followed a 'How to Vote' card .....	1
Decided my own preferences .....	2

B12 Was there any time during the election campaign when you **seriously** thought you might give your **first** preference to another party in the House of Representatives?

*Please cross one box only*

No .....	1
Yes, Liberal Party .....	2
Yes, Labor Party (ALP) .....	3
Yes, National (Country) Party .....	4
Yes, Greens .....	5
Yes, another party/independent .....	6

B13 In the last Federal election in August 2010, when Labor was led by Julia Gillard and the Liberals by Tony Abbott, which party got your first preference then in the House of Representatives election?

Liberal Party .....	1
Labor Party (ALP) .....	2
National (Country) Party .....	3
Greens .....	4
Another party/independent .....	5
Did not vote .....	6

B14 Before this current Federal election for the House of Representatives, had you always voted for the same party, or had you sometimes voted for different parties?

*Please cross all that apply*

Always voted for the same party .....	1
Sometimes voted Liberal .....	2
Sometimes voted Labor (ALP) .....	3
Sometimes voted National (Country) .....	4
Sometimes voted Greens .....	5
Sometimes voted for other party/independent .....	6
Did not vote before this election .....	7

B15 Some people say that political parties in Australia care what ordinary people think. Others say that political parties in Australia don't care what ordinary people think. Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5?

**Political parties in Australia care what ordinary people think**

**Political parties in Australia don't care what ordinary people think**

1	2	3	4	5
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B16 Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means that political parties are necessary to make our political system work, and 5 means that political parties are not needed in Australia?

**Political parties are necessary to make our political system work**

**Political parties are not needed in Australia**

1	2	3	4	5
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B17 Finally in this section, we would like to know what you think about each of our political parties. Please rate each party on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly **dislike** that party and 10 means that you strongly **like** that party. If you are neutral about a particular party or don't know much about them, you should give them a rating of 5.

	<b>Strongly dislike</b>					<b>Neutral</b>					<b>Strongly like</b>				
<b>How do you feel about:</b>															
Liberal Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Labor Party (ALP)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
National Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Greens	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				

**Section C: Politicians and Government**

C1 Again using a scale from 0 to 10, please show how much you **like** or **dislike** the party leaders. If you don't know much about them, you should give them a rating of 5.

	<b>Strongly dislike</b>					<b>Neutral</b>					<b>Strongly like</b>				
<b>How do you feel about:</b>															
Kevin Rudd	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Tony Abbott	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Warren Truss	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Julia Gillard	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Christine Milne	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				

C2 Here is a list of words and phrases people use to describe party leaders. Thinking first about **Kevin Rudd**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him—extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

	<b>Extremely well</b>	<b>Quite well</b>	<b>Not too well</b>	<b>Not well at all</b>
Intelligent.....	1	2	3	4
Compassionate .....	1	2	3	4
Competent.....	1	2	3	4
Sensible .....	1	2	3	4
Provides strong leadership.....	1	2	3	4
Honest.....	1	2	3	4
Knowledgeable.....	1	2	3	4
Inspiring.....	1	2	3	4
Trustworthy.....	1	2	3	4

C3 Now thinking about **Tony Abbott**, in your opinion how well does each of these describe him—extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

	Extremely well	Quite well	Not too well	Not well at all
Intelligent.....	1	2	3	4
Compassionate .....	1	2	3	4
Competent.....	1	2	3	4
Sensible .....	1	2	3	4
Provides strong leadership.....	1	2	3	4
Honest.....	1	2	3	4
Knowledgeable.....	1	2	3	4
Inspiring.....	1	2	3	4
Trustworthy.....	1	2	3	4

C4 On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Australia?

Very satisfied .....	1
Fairly satisfied .....	2
Not very satisfied .....	3
Not at all satisfied .....	4

C5 In general, do you feel that the people in government are too often interested in looking after themselves, or do you feel that they can be trusted to do the right thing nearly all the time?

Usually look after themselves .....	1
Sometimes look after themselves.....	2
Sometimes can be trusted to do the right thing .....	3
Usually can be trusted to do the right thing .....	4

C6 Would you say the government is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

Entirely run for the big interests.....	1
Mostly run for the big interests.....	2
About half and half.....	3
Mostly run for the benefit of all .....	4
Entirely run for the benefit of all.....	5

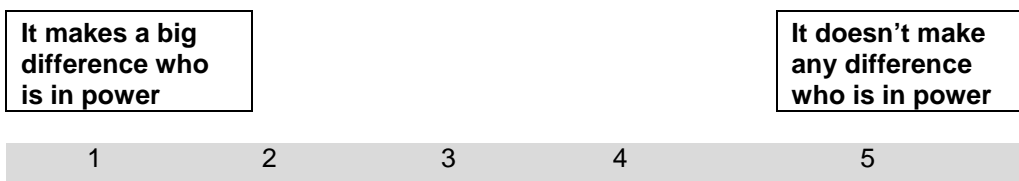
C7 Over the past five years or so, have you done any of the following things to express your views about something the government should or should not be doing?

	Yes	No
Contacted a politician or government official by email.....	1	2
Contacted a politician or government official either in person, or in writing .....	1	2
Taken part in a protest, march or demonstration.....	1	2
Worked together with people who shared the same concern.....	1	2
Signed a written petition .....	1	2
Signed an online or e-petition.....	1	2

C8 Some people say that Federal politicians know what ordinary people think. Others say that Federal politicians don't know much about what ordinary people think. Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5?



C9 Some people say it makes a big difference who is in power. Others say it doesn't make any difference who is in power. Using the scale below, where would you place yourself?



C10 Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference to what happens. Using the scale below, where would you place yourself?



**Section D: Election Issues**

D1 Here is a list of important issues that were discussed during the election campaign. **When you were deciding about how to vote**, how important was each of these issues to you personally?

Issues	Extremely important	Quite important	Not very important
1. Taxation.....	1	2	3
2. Immigration.....	1	2	3
3. Education.....	1	2	3
4. The environment.....	1	2	3
5. Industrial relations.....	1	2	3
6. Health and Medicare.....	1	2	3
7. Refugees and asylum seekers.....	1	2	3
8. Global warming.....	1	2	3
9. The carbon tax.....	1	2	3
10. Management of the economy .....	1	2	3

D2 Still thinking about these same issues, whose policies—the Labor Party’s or the Liberal–National Coalition’s—would you say **come closer** to your own views on each of these issues?

Issues	Labor (ALP)	Liberal–National Coalition	No difference	Don’t know
1. Taxation.....	1	2	3	4
2. Immigration.....	1	2	3	4
3. Education .....	1	2	3	4
4. The environment .....	1	2	3	4
5. Industrial relations .....	1	2	3	4
6. Health and Medicare .....	1	2	3	4
7. Refugees and asylum seekers .....	1	2	3	4
8. Global warming .....	1	2	3	4
9. The carbon tax .....	1	2	3	4
10. Management of the economy .....	1	2	3	4

D3 Still thinking about the same 10 issues, which of these issues was **most** important to you and your family during the election campaign? And which next?

*Please put the number of the issue in the appropriate box below*

Issue of most concern .....       Second issue of concern.....

D4 How does the **financial situation of your household** now compare with what it was 12 months ago? And how do you think the **general economic situation in Australia** now compares with what it was 12 months ago?

	A lot better	A little better	About the same	A little worse	A lot worse
Financial situation of your household .....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic situation in Australia.....	1	2	3	4	5

D5 Compared with 12 months ago, would you say that the Federal government's policies have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really have not made much difference to the financial situation of your household? And what effect do you think they have had on the general economic situation in Australia as a whole?

	A good effect	Not much difference	A bad effect
Financial situation of your household .....	1	2	3
Economic situation in Australia.....	1	2	3

D6 Compared to now, what do you think the financial situation of your household will be **in 12 months time**? And what do you think the general economic situation in Australia as a whole will be in 12 months time?

	A lot better	A little better	About the same	A little worse	A lot worse
Financial situation of your household .....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic situation in Australia.....	1	2	3	4	5

D7 Do you think that, **12 months from now**, the Federal government's policies will have had a good effect, a bad effect, or that they really will have not made much difference to the financial situation of your household? And what effect do you think they will have had on general economic situation in Australia as a whole?

	<b>A good effect</b>	<b>Not much difference</b>	<b>A bad effect</b>
Financial situation of your household .....	1	2	3
Economic situation in Australia.....	1	2	3

D8. Please say whether there should be more or less public expenditure in each of the following areas. Remember if you say 'more' it could require a tax increase, and if you say 'less' it could require a reduction in those services.

	<b>Much more than now</b>	<b>Somewhat more than now</b>	<b>The same as now</b>	<b>Somewhat less than now</b>	<b>Much less than now</b>
Health	1	2	3	4	5
Education .....	1	2	3	4	5
Unemployment benefits .....	1	2	3	4	5
Defence .....	1	2	3	4	5
Old-age pensions .....	1	2	3	4	5
Business and industry .....	1	2	3	4	5
Police and law enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Welfare benefits .....	1	2	3	4	5

D9 Over the next ten years or so, how likely or unlikely is it that you will improve your standard of living?

Very likely.....	1
Somewhat likely.....	2
Somewhat unlikely.....	3
Very unlikely.....	4

D10 On the whole, how satisfied are you with the present state of the economy in Australia?

<b>Extremely dissatisfied</b>					<b>Extremely satisfied</b>					
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

D11 How likely or unlikely do you think it is that your household's income could be severely reduced ***in the next 12 months?***

Very likely.....	1
Somewhat likely.....	2
Somewhat unlikely.....	3
Very unlikely.....	4

D12 If you lost your job, how easy or difficult would it be to find another job ***in the next 12 months?***

If your spouse / partner lost their job, how easy or difficult would it be for them to find another job ***in the next 12 months?***

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Do not have spouse/ partner
You.....	1	2	3	4	
Your spouse / partner.....	1	2	3	4	5

D13 Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
High income tax makes people less willing to work hard .....	1	2	3	4	5
The trade unions in this country have too much power .....	1	2	3	4	5
Big business in this country has too much power .....	1	2	3	4	5
Income and wealth should be redistributed towards ordinary working people .....	1	2	3	4	5
There should be stricter laws to regulate the activities of trade unions .....	1	2	3	4	5
The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels.....	1	2	3	4	5

## Section E: Social Policy

E1 If the government had a choice between reducing taxes or spending more on social services, which do you think it should do?

Strongly favour reducing taxes .....	1
Mildly favour reducing taxes .....	2
Depends.....	3
Mildly favour spending more on social services .....	4
Strongly favour spending more on social services .....	5

E2 The statements below indicate some of the changes that have been happening in Australia over the years. For each one, please say whether you think the change has gone too far, not gone far enough, or is it about right?

	<b>Gone much too far</b>	<b>Gone too far</b>	<b>About right</b>	<b>Not gone far enough</b>	<b>Not gone nearly far enough</b>
Equal opportunities for migrants .....	1	2	3	4	5
The right to show nudity and sex in films and magazines .....	1	2	3	4	5
Aboriginal land rights .....	1	2	3	4	5
Equal opportunities for women .....	1	2	3	4	5
The number of migrants allowed into Australia at the present time.....	1	2	3	4	5
Government help for Aborigines .....	1	2	3	4	5
Building closer relations with Asia .....	1	2	3	4	5

E3 Which one of these statements comes closest to how you feel about abortion in Australia?

Women should be able to obtain an abortion readily when they want one .....	1
Abortion should be allowed only in special circumstances .....	2
Abortion should not be allowed under any circumstances .....	3
Don't know .....	4

E4 What do you think is the best way to handle the processing and resettlement of asylum seekers who come by boat and manage to reach Australian waters?

Process and resettle offshore .....	1
Process offshore but resettle in Australia .....	2
Process and resettle onshore in Australia .....	3
None of these options .....	4

E5 On average, there are fewer women than men in top leadership positions in politics and business in Australia. How much of this gender difference occurs because ...?

	<b>Great deal</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>A little</b>	<b>None</b>
Women are discriminated against in politics and the workplace .....	1	2	3	4
Many men are unwilling to take on greater responsibilities at home to allow women to move into top leadership positions.....	1	2	3	4
Women lack the drive and ambition needed to make it to the top .....	1	2	3	4
Most women are not tough enough to be good leaders .....	1	2	3	4

E6 Here are some statements about general social concerns. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The death penalty should be reintroduced for murder .....	1	2	3	4	5
The smoking of marijuana should NOT be a criminal offence.....	1	2	3	4	5
People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences .....	1	2	3	4	5
Women should be given preferential treatment when applying for jobs and promotions.....	1	2	3	4	5
All boats carrying asylum seekers should be turned back .....	1	2	3	4	5
Same-sex marriages should be prohibited by law .....	1	2	3	4	5
White Australians are advantaged over others in applying for jobs .....	1	2	3	4	5
It's a problem if people think of themselves mostly as members of ethnic groups rather than as individuals .....	1	2	3	4	5
The government should increase opportunities for women in business and industry.....	1	2	3	4	5

E7 Next, a question about what you think the aims of Australia should be for the next ten years. Here is a list of four aims that different people would give priority. If you had to choose among these four aims, which would be your first choice? And which would be your second choice?

*Put the number of the statement in the appropriate box*

1. Maintain order in the nation
2. Give people more say in important government decisions
3. Fight rising prices
4. Protect freedom of speech

First choice.....       Second choice.....

E8 Thinking about the past few years, have things generally got better or worse for ethnic minority groups in Australia, or have things stayed much the same?

A lot better.....	1
A little better .....	2
Stayed the same.....	3
A little worse.....	4
A lot worse .....	5

E9 Do you think there is a lot of ethnic prejudice in Australia nowadays, a little or hardly any?

A lot .....	1
A little .....	2
Hardly any.....	3



## Section F: General Political Views

F1 How important do you feel the Queen and the Royal Family are to Australia?

Very important .....	1
Fairly important .....	2
Not very important .....	3

F2 Do you think that Australia should become a republic with an Australian head of state, or should the Queen be retained as head of state?

Strongly favour becoming republic .....	1
Favour becoming republic .....	2
Favour retaining the Queen as head of state .....	3
Strongly favour retaining the Queen as head of state .....	4

F3 How important do you think the Australian alliance with the United States under the ANZUS treaty is for protecting Australia's security?

Very important .....	1
Fairly important .....	2
Not very important .....	3
Not at all important.....	4

F4 If Australia's security were threatened by some other country, how much trust do you feel Australia can have in the United States to come to Australia's defence?

A great deal.....	1
A fair amount .....	2
Not very much.....	3
None at all.....	4

F5 In your opinion, are any of the following countries likely to pose a threat to Australia's security?

Countries	Very likely	Fairly likely	Not very likely
1. Japan .....	1	2	3
2. United States.....	1	2	3
3. China .....	1	2	3
4. Vietnam .....	1	2	3
5. Malaysia .....	1	2	3
6. Indonesia.....	1	2	3

F6 Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Australia's defence is stronger now than it was 10 years ago .....	1	2	3	4	5
Australia would be able to defend itself successfully if it were ever attacked.....	1	2	3	4	5
Australia's trading future lies in Asia .....	1	2	3	4	5
Australia should provide military assistance for the war on terrorism.....	1	2	3	4	5

F7 Do you think the number of immigrants allowed into Australia nowadays should be reduced or increased?

Increased a lot .....	1
Increased a little.....	2
Remain about the same as it is .....	3
Reduced a little .....	4
Reduced a lot.....	5

F8 There are different opinions about the effects that immigrants have on Australia. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Immigrants increase the crime rate.....	1	2	3	4	5
Immigrants are generally good for Australia's economy .....	1	2	3	4	5
Immigrants take jobs away from people who are born in Australia .....	1	2	3	4	5
Immigrants make Australia more open to new ideas and cultures .....	1	2	3	4	5

F9 How serious a threat do you think global warming will pose to you or your way of life in your lifetime?

Very serious .....	1
Fairly serious .....	2
Not very serious.....	3
Not at all serious .....	4

F10 Now a few questions about your interest in and knowledge of politics. If you don't know the answer, just indicate that and move on to the next one. First, which of these persons was the Federal Treasurer before the recent Federal election?

Bob Carr .....	1
Bill Shorten .....	2
Chris Bowen .....	3
Tony Burke .....	4
Don't know.....	5

F11 What was the current unemployment rate in Australia as of June 2013?

3.7% .....	1
5.7% .....	2
7.7% .....	3
9.7% .....	4
Don't know.....	5

F12 Which party came in second in seats in the House of Representatives?

Greens.....	1
Katter's Australian Party .....	2
Labor Party (ALP).....	3
Liberal-National Coalition .....	4
Don't know.....	5

F13 Who is the current Secretary-General of the United Nations?

- Kofi Annan..... 1
- Kurt Waldheim ..... 2
- Ban Ki-moon..... 3
- Boutros Boutros-Ghali ..... 4
- Don't know..... 5

F14 Before the election, did you know the name of your local Federal MP in the House of Representatives, and his or her party affiliation?

*Write in name of MP and party if you recall them, otherwise cross the Don't recall box*

Name of Federal MP \_\_\_\_\_ Don't recall MP name

Party \_\_\_\_\_ Don't recall party

F15 Have you or anyone in your family living here ever contacted your local Federal MP or anyone in his or her office?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2

F16 And finally, a quick quiz on Australian government. For each of the following statements, please say whether it is true or false. If you don't know the answer, cross the "don't know" box and try the next one.

	True	False	Don't know
1. Australia became a federation in 1901 .....	1	2	3
2. There are 75 members of the House of Representatives.....	1	2	3
3. The Constitution can only be changed by the High Court .....	1	2	3
4. The Senate election is based on proportional representation .	1	2	3
5. No-one may stand for Federal parliament unless they pay a deposit.....	1	2	3
6. The longest time allowed between Federal elections for the House of Representatives is four years.....	1	2	3

**Section G: Education and Work**

G1 How old were you when you left secondary school?

**Age when left secondary school**

- No formal schooling..... 1
- Went to primary school only..... 2
- Still at school..... 3

G2 In all, how many years of **tertiary** study have you completed since you left secondary school? If your tertiary study was part-time, give the number of years of equivalent full-time study.

Years of full-time tertiary study

G3 Have you obtained a trade qualification, a degree or a diploma, or any other qualification since leaving school? What is your highest qualification?

**No qualification** since leaving school ..... 1

**Qualified**—*cross one box for highest qualification only*

Postgraduate Degree or Postgraduate Diploma ..... 2

Bachelor Degree (including Honours) ..... 3

Undergraduate Diploma ..... 4

Associate Diploma ..... 5

Trade qualification ..... 6

Non-trade qualification ..... 7

G4 Now some questions about the work you are doing now. Last week, what were you mainly doing?

Working full-time for pay ..... 1

Working part-time for pay ..... 2

Unemployed—looking for full-time work ..... 3

Unemployed—looking for part-time work ..... 4

Retired from paid work ..... 5

A full-time school or university student ..... 6

Keeping house ..... 7

Other (*please specify*) ..... 8

G5 What kind of work do you do? Please give your full job title, and as much detail as you can. For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.

*If you are unemployed or retired, please describe your last regular paid job  
If you have never worked for pay, please skip this section and go to Section H*

a. Full job title \_\_\_\_\_

b. What are (or were) the **main tasks** that you usually perform? Please give full details.

Main tasks \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. What kind of business or industry is (or was) that in? What do they do or make at the place where you work (or used to work)?

Kind of industry \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

d. Which of the following best describes the position that you hold (or held)?

Upper managerial.....	1
Middle managerial.....	2
Lower managerial.....	3
Supervisory .....	4
Non-supervisory .....	5

e. Whom do (or did) you work for?

Self-employed .....	1
Employee in private company or business .....	2
Employee of Federal / State / Local Government.....	3
Employee in family business or farm .....	4

f. As an official part of your job, do (or did) you directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2

G6 Do you belong to a trade union?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2

## Section H: Personal Background

This final section includes questions about yourself and your family background. These characteristics are very important to our research on how people in different circumstances feel about the issues covered earlier. ***The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.***

H1 Are you male or female?

Male .....	1
Female.....	2

H2 In what year were you born?

Year 19 |\_\_| |\_\_|

H3 Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2

H4 Do you or a member of your household own or have ...?

	Yes	No
A residence – for example, a home or an apartment .....	1	2
A business, a piece of property, a farm, or livestock.....	1	2
Stocks or bonds .....	1	2
Any savings .....	1	2

H5 Did your father have any particular preference for one of the political parties when you were young, say about 14 years old? And how about your mother?

	Father	Mother
Liberal (includes UAP) .....	1	1
Labor.....	2	2
National / Country (includes Progressive Party).....	3	3
Democratic Labor (DLP) .....	4	4
Australian Democrats .....	5	5
Other parties .....	6	6
Don't know .....	7	7

H6 What is your religion or faith?

Roman Catholic .....	1
Anglican / Church of England .....	2
Uniting Church / Methodist .....	3
Orthodox Church .....	4
Presbyterian.....	5
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ) .....	6
No religion.....	7

H7 Apart from weddings, funerals and baptisms, about how often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week.....	1
At least once a month .....	2
Several times a year .....	3
At least once a year .....	4
Less than once a year .....	5
Never .....	6

H8 What is your current marital status?

Never married .....	1
Now married (including de facto relationships).....	2
Widowed .....	3
Divorced or separated .....	4

H9 Do you own outright, are you buying or renting the dwelling in which you now live?

Own outright.....	1
Own, paying off mortgage.....	2
Rent from private landlord .....	3
Rent from public housing authority .....	4
Other (boarding, living at home, etc) .....	5

H10 In general, how often do you use the internet?

Several times a day .....	1
About once a day .....	2
Three to five days a week .....	3
One to two days a week .....	4
Every few weeks .....	5
Less often .....	6
Do not use the internet .....	7

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H11 When did you first start using the internet?

Within the last six months .....	1
About a year ago .....	2
Two or three years ago .....	3
More than three years ago .....	4

H12 Have you done any of the following tasks on the Internet?

*Please cross all that apply*

Sent an attachment with an email .....	1
Posted audio, video or image files .....	2
Personally designed a webpage or blog .....	3
Downloaded a software program to your computer .....	4

H13 Which social class would you say you belong to?

Upper class .....	1
Middle class .....	2
Working class .....	3
None .....	4

H14 Would you say you now live in ...

A rural area or village .....	1
A small country town (under 10,000 people) .....	2
A larger country town (over 10,000 people) .....	3
A large town (over 25,000 people) .....	4
A major city (over 100,000 people) .....	5

H15 What is the gross annual income, before tax or other deductions, for you and your family living with you from all sources? Please include any pensions and allowances, and income from interest or dividends.

Less than \$10,000 per year .....	1	\$70,001 to \$80,000 per year .....	12
\$10,001 to \$15,000 per year .....	2	\$80,001 to \$90,000 per year .....	13
\$15,001 to \$20,000 per year .....	3	\$90,001 to \$100,000 per year .....	14
\$20,001 to \$25,000 per year .....	4	\$100,001 to \$110,000 per year .....	15
\$25,001 to \$30,000 per year .....	5	\$110,001 to \$120,000 per year .....	16
\$30,001 to \$35,000 per year .....	6	\$120,001 to \$130,000 per year .....	17
\$35,001 to \$40,000 per year .....	7	\$130,001 to \$140,000 per year .....	18
\$40,001 to \$45,000 per year .....	8	\$140,001 to \$150,000 per year .....	19
\$45,001 to \$50,000 per year .....	9	\$150,001 to \$160,000 per year .....	20
\$50,001 to \$60,000 per year .....	10	\$160,001 to \$180,000 per year .....	21
\$60,001 to \$70,000 per year .....	11	More than \$180,000 per year .....	22

H16 Would you be prepared to take part in a similar survey at the next Federal election?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2

**The next few questions (H17 to H22) are ONLY for those who are MARRIED or living with a PARTNER.**

**If you are NOT currently married or living in a de facto relationship, please skip this section and GO TO H23.**

## YOUR PARTNER

H17 What was your partner's main activity last week?

Working full-time for pay .....	1
Working part-time for pay .....	2
Unemployed—looking for full-time work.....	3
Unemployed—looking for part-time work.....	4
Retired from paid work.....	5
A full-time school or university student.....	6
Keeping house.....	7
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ) .....	8

H18 What kind of work does (or did) your partner do? Please give their full job title, and as much detail as you can. For public servants, state official designation and occupation. For armed services personnel, state rank and occupation.

*If not working for pay now, please describe your partner's last regular paid job  
If your partner has never worked for pay, please go to H22*

a. Job title \_\_\_\_\_

b. What are (or were) the **main tasks** that your partner usually performs? Please give full details.

Main tasks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



- H19 Whom does (or did) your partner work for?
- Self-employed ..... 1
  - Employee in private company or business ..... 2
  - Employee of Federal / State / Local Government ..... 3
  - Employee in family business or farm ..... 4
- H20 As an official part of their job, does (or did) your partner directly supervise the work of other employees or tell other employees what work to do?
- Yes ..... 1
  - No ..... 2
- H21 Does your partner belong to a trade union?
- Yes ..... 1
  - No ..... 2
- H22 Generally speaking, does your partner usually think of himself or herself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?
- Liberal ..... 1
  - Labor ..... 2
  - National (Country) Party ..... 3
  - Greens ..... 4
  - Other party (*please specify*) ..... 5
  - No party ..... 6

**We would like EVERYONE to answer question H23 below.**

H23 In which country were you born? And your mother? And your father?

Country of birth	Yourself	Mother	Father
Australia .....	1	1	1
New Zealand .....	2	2	2
United Kingdom.....	3	3	3
Republic of Ireland .....	4	4	4
Italy.....	5	5	5
Germany .....	6	6	6
Greece .....	7	7	7
China.....	8	8	8
Netherlands.....	9	9	9
Vietnam .....	10	10	10
Yugoslavia (former) .....	11	11	11
Other ( <i>please specify below</i> ) .....	12	12	12

**Yourself** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father** \_\_\_\_\_

**If YOU and BOTH your parents WERE BORN IN AUSTRALIA, that is the end of the questionnaire. Please put the questionnaire in the pre-paid reply envelope and post it back to us.**  
**Thank you again for your co-operation.**

**The last few questions (H24 to H31) are ONLY for those who were BORN OUTSIDE OF AUSTRALIA or whose MOTHER and/or FATHER were BORN OUTSIDE of Australia**

H24 In what year did you (or your mother and/or father) come to Australia?

	<b>Yourself</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Father</b>
<b>Year</b>	<input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

H25 What were your (or your mother's and/or father's) reasons for coming to live in Australia?

*Please cross all that apply*

- Accompanying or joining family ..... 1
- Accompanying or joining husband or wife ..... 2
- To be a student..... 3
- Better life..... 4
- Freedom..... 5
- Earn money..... 6
- Just to live in Australia ..... 7
- Poverty in country of origin ..... 8
- Persecution in country of origin ..... 9
- Other (*please specify*) ..... 10

H26 Are you (or your mother or father) a citizen of any country other than Australia?

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Yourself</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Father</b>
Citizen of Australia only .....	1	1	1
New Zealand .....	2	2	2
United Kingdom.....	3	3	3
Republic of Ireland .....	4	4	4
Italy.....	5	5	5
Germany .....	6	6	6
Greece .....	7	7	7
China.....	8	8	8
Netherlands.....	9	9	9
Vietnam .....	10	10	10
Yugoslavia (former) .....	11	11	11
Other ( <i>please specify below</i> ) .....	12	12	12

Yourself \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_

H27 **If you were born outside of Australia:** Since coming to Australia, have you ever been back to your country of birth?

**If you were born in Australia:** Have you ever been to your mother's or father's country of birth?

- Yes, once only ..... 1
- Yes, 2 to 4 times..... 2
- Yes, 5 to 9 times..... 3
- Yes, 10 times or more ..... 4
- No ..... 5

H28 And how much interest do you generally have in what is going on in politics in your (or your mother's or father's) country of birth?

- A good deal ..... 1
- Some ..... 2
- Not much ..... 3
- None ..... 4

H29 In the past five years, how often do you feel that you have experienced ethnic discrimination or unfair treatment in Australia?

- Often ..... 1
- Sometimes ..... 2
- Rarely ..... 3
- Not at all ..... 4

H30 Is English the main language you speak at home?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2

H31 In day-to-day life, how good are you at speaking English when you need to?

- Very good ..... 1
- Fairly good..... 2
- Below average..... 3
- Poor ..... 4

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