

ANU Poll September 2008 Frequencies

All things considered, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the country is heading?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very satisfied	124	12.4	12.4	12.4
Satisfied	545	54.5	54.5	66.9
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	70	7.0	7.0	73.9
Dissatisfied	183	18.3	18.3	92.2
Very dissatisfied	64	6.4	6.4	98.6
(Don't know / Not sure)	13	1.3	1.3	99.9
(Refused)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

What do you think is the most important problem facing Australia today?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Economy/jobs	216	21.6	21.6	21.6
Industrial relations	3	.3	.3	21.9
Interest rates	20	2.0	2.0	23.9
Housing affordability	30	3.0	3.0	26.9
Health care	71	7.1	7.1	34.0
Education	44	4.4	4.4	38.4
Defence/national security	7	.7	.7	39.1
Terrorism	7	.7	.7	39.8
Iraq war	1	.1	.1	39.9
Environment/global warming	179	17.9	17.9	57.8
Water management	57	5.7	5.7	63.5
Immigration	32	3.2	3.2	66.7
Indigenous affairs	18	1.8	1.8	68.5
Taxation	3	.3	.3	68.8
Social services	39	3.9	3.9	72.7
Law and order/ crime/ justice system	26	2.6	2.6	75.3
Poverty/ social exclusion/ inequality	20	2.0	2.0	77.3

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Infrastructure/ planning/ innovation	11	1.1	1.1	78.4
Alcohol and drug use	9	.9	.9	79.3
Better government	38	3.8	3.8	83.1
Young people's behaviour/ attitude	16	1.6	1.6	84.7
Foreign influence/ Australia's position in the world	13	1.3	1.3	86.0
Values/ morals/ respect for others	25	2.5	2.5	88.5
Family/ community/ societal breakdown	11	1.1	1.1	89.6
Increasing/ ageing population	10	1.0	1.0	90.6
Other	42	4.2	4.2	94.8
(None/ no other)	5	.5	.5	95.3
(Don't Know / Can't Say)	46	4.6	4.6	99.9
(Refused)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

And what do you think is the second most important problem facing Australia today?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Economy/jobs	173	17.3	18.2	18.2
Industrial relations	7	.7	.7	18.9
Interest rates	20	2.0	2.1	21.1
Housing affordability	34	3.4	3.6	24.6
Health care	76	7.6	8.0	32.6
Education	77	7.7	8.1	40.7
Defence/national security	11	1.1	1.2	41.9
Terrorism	11	1.1	1.2	43.1
Iraq war	4	.4	.4	43.5
Environment/global warming	117	11.7	12.3	55.8
Water management	37	3.7	3.9	59.7
Immigration	38	3.8	4.0	63.7
Indigenous affairs	11	1.1	1.2	64.8
Taxation	4	.4	.4	65.3
Social services	37	3.7	3.9	69.2

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Law and order/ crime/ justice system	29	2.9	3.1	72.2
Poverty/ social exclusion/ inequality	30	3.0	3.2	75.4
Infrastructure/ planning/ innovation	20	2.0	2.1	77.5
Alcohol and drug use	11	1.1	1.2	78.6
Better government	26	2.6	2.7	81.4
Young people's behaviour/ attitudes	4	.4	.4	81.8
Foreign influence/ Australia's position in the world	14	1.4	1.5	83.3
Values/ morals/ respect for others	13	1.3	1.4	84.6
Family/ community/ societal breakdown	15	1.5	1.6	86.2
Increasing/ ageing population	14	1.4	1.5	87.7
Other	51	5.1	5.4	93.1
(None/ no other)	5	.5	.5	93.6
(Don't Know / Can't Say)	58	5.8	6.1	99.7
(Refused)	3	.3	.3	100.0
Total	950	95.0	100.0	
Missing System	50	5.0		
Total	1000	100.0		

Which of the following would you say is the most serious threat to the future wellbeing of the world?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Terrorism	188	18.8	18.8	18.8
Global warming	394	39.4	39.4	58.2
Population growth	293	29.3	29.3	87.5
AIDs/HIV, or	34	3.4	3.4	90.9
Capitalism/ consumerism/ greed	5	.5	.5	91.4
Religion/ spirituality/ morals	6	.6	.6	92.0
Aggression/ war	9	.9	.9	92.9
Degradation of the environment/	8	.8	.8	93.7
Economy/jobs/standard of living	7	.7	.7	94.4

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Natural resource shortages	12	1.2	1.2	95.6
Poverty / social exclusion/ inequality	8	.8	.8	96.4
Other	17	1.7	1.7	98.1
(Don't know / Not sure)	17	1.7	1.7	99.8
(Refused)	2	.2	.2	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How serious do you consider global warming or the greenhouse effect?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very serious	567	56.7	56.7	56.7
Somewhat serious	281	28.1	28.1	84.8
Not very serious	83	8.3	8.3	93.1
Not serious at all	38	3.8	3.8	96.9
(Don't know/not sure)	29	2.9	2.9	99.8
(Refused)	2	.2	.2	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How serious do you consider loss of native vegetation or animal species or biodiversity?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very serious	573	57.3	57.3	57.3
Somewhat serious	335	33.5	33.5	90.8
Not very serious	60	6.0	6.0	96.8
Not serious at all	18	1.8	1.8	98.6
(Don't know/not sure)	13	1.3	1.3	99.9
(Refused)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How serious do you consider degradation of rivers, lakes and oceans?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very serious	712	71.2	71.2	71.2
Somewhat serious	224	22.4	22.4	93.6
Not very serious	42	4.2	4.2	97.8
Not serious at all	6	.6	.6	98.4
(Don't know/not sure)	13	1.3	1.3	99.7
(Refused)	3	.3	.3	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How serious do you consider soil salinity and erosion?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very serious	569	56.9	56.9	56.9
Somewhat serious	318	31.8	31.8	88.7
Not very serious	63	6.3	6.3	95.0
Not serious at all	13	1.3	1.3	96.3
(Don't know/not sure)	36	3.6	3.6	99.9
(Refused)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How serious do you consider environmental damage resulting from logging of native forests?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very serious	491	49.1	49.1	49.1
Somewhat serious	371	37.1	37.1	86.2
Not very serious	91	9.1	9.1	95.3
Not serious at all	25	2.5	2.5	97.8
(Don't know/not sure)	19	1.9	1.9	99.7
(Refused)	3	.3	.3	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How serious do you consider drought and drying?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very serious	732	73.2	73.2	73.2
Somewhat serious	224	22.4	22.4	95.6
Not very serious	31	3.1	3.1	98.7
Not serious at all	7	.7	.7	99.4
(Don't know/not sure)	2	.2	.2	99.6
(Refused)	4	.4	.4	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Do you agree or disagree that nuclear energy is a real necessity for the future?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Strongly agree	148	14.8	14.8	14.8
Agree	245	24.5	24.5	39.3
Neither agree nor disagree	48	4.8	4.8	44.1
Disagree	265	26.5	26.5	70.6
Strongly disagree	230	23.0	23.0	93.6
(It depends)	13	1.3	1.3	94.9
(Don't know / Not sure)	51	5.1	5.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Do you agree or disagree that Australia should mine its uranium?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Strongly agree	157	15.7	15.7	15.7
Agree	318	31.8	31.8	47.5
Neither agree nor disagree	44	4.4	4.4	51.9
Disagree	199	19.9	19.9	71.8
Strongly disagree	178	17.8	17.8	89.6
(It depends)	27	2.7	2.7	92.3
(Don't know / Not sure)	76	7.6	7.6	99.9
(Refused)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Recycle household rubbish	78	7.8	7.8	7.8
Recycle household rubbish	922	92.2	92.2	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Watch TV programs about the environment or nature	259	25.9	25.9	25.9
Watch TV programs about the environment or nature	741	74.1	74.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Use energy saving light bulbs	186	18.6	18.6	18.6
Use energy saving light bulbs	814	81.4	81.4	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Use biodegradable cleaning products	262	26.2	26.2	26.2
Use biodegradable cleaning products	738	73.8	73.8	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Use public transport	704	70.4	70.4	70.4
Use public transport	296	29.6	29.6	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Buy organic food	604	60.4	60.4	60.4
Buy organic food	396	39.6	39.6	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Buy ethical or 'Fair Trade' products	537	53.7	53.7	53.7
Buy ethical or 'Fair Trade' products	463	46.3	46.3	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no Conserve water	84	8.4	8.4	8.4
Conserve water	916	91.6	91.6	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no (Don't know / Not sure)	1,000	100.0	100.0	100.0

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no (Refused)	1,000	100.0	100.0	100.0

Which, if any, of the following do you do on a regular basis?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid no (None of the above)	999	99.9	99.9	99.9
(None of the above)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

And how often do you cut back on driving a vehicle for environmental reasons?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Always	55	5.5	5.5	5.5
Often	148	14.8	14.8	20.3
Sometimes	339	33.9	33.9	54.2
Never	348	34.8	34.8	89.0
Don't drive/own a vehicle	104	10.4	10.4	99.4
(Don't know / Not sure)	6	.6	.6	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How well do you feel you understand the issue of global warming?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very well	178	17.8	17.8	17.8
Fairly well	585	58.5	58.5	76.3
Not very well	199	19.9	19.9	96.2
Not at all well	28	2.8	2.8	99.0
(Don't know / Not sure)	8	.8	.8	99.8
(Refused)	2	.2	.2	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Do you think that global warming will pose a serious threat to you or your way of life in your lifetime?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid A very serious threat	194	19.4	19.4	19.4
A fairly serious threat	348	34.8	34.8	54.2
Not a serious threat, or	298	29.8	29.8	84.0
No threat at all	140	14.0	14.0	98.0
(Don't know / Not sure)	18	1.8	1.8	99.8
(Refused)	2	.2	.2	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Do you favour or oppose the Emissions Trading Scheme?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Strongly favour	262	26.2	26.2	26.2
Mildly favour	271	27.1	27.1	53.3
Neither favour or oppose	56	5.6	5.6	58.9
Mildly oppose	127	12.7	12.7	71.6
Strongly oppose	216	21.6	21.6	93.2
(Don't know / Not sure)	66	6.6	6.6	99.8
(Refused)	2	.2	.2	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

Some countries are doing more to protect the world environment than other countries are. In general, how is Australia doing?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid More than enough	76	7.6	7.6	7.6
About the right amount, or	331	33.1	33.1	40.7
Too little	559	55.9	55.9	96.6
(Don't know / Not sure)	33	3.3	3.3	99.9
(Refused)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How much do you oppose or support logging in old growth forests?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid 1 (totally opposed)	328	32.8	32.8	32.8
2	134	13.4	13.4	46.2
3	162	16.2	16.2	62.4
4	169	16.9	16.9	79.3
5	111	11.1	11.1	90.4
6	35	3.5	3.5	93.9
7 (totally support)	50	5.0	5.0	98.9
(Don't know)	10	1.0	1.0	99.9
(Refused)	1	.1	.1	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How much do you agree or disagree that the government should buy back farmers' excess water allocations and use the water to meet the needs of the environment?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Strongly agree	320	32.0	32.0	32.0
Agree	407	40.7	40.7	72.7
Neither agree nor disagree	41	4.1	4.1	76.8
Disagree	107	10.7	10.7	87.5
Strongly disagree	52	5.2	5.2	92.7
(Don't know / Not sure)	67	6.7	6.7	99.4
(Refused)	6	.6	.6	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How much do you agree or disagree that more water should be set aside for the environment even if it causes higher food prices?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Strongly agree	221	22.1	22.1	22.1
Agree	401	40.1	40.1	62.2
Neither agree nor disagree	59	5.9	5.9	68.1
Disagree	187	18.7	18.7	86.8
Strongly disagree	77	7.7	7.7	94.5
(Don't know / Not sure)	51	5.1	5.1	99.6
(Refused)	4	.4	.4	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How much do you agree or disagree that more water should be set aside for the environment even if it causes economic decline in rural areas?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Strongly agree	109	10.9	10.9	10.9
Agree	267	26.7	26.7	37.6
Neither agree nor disagree	64	6.4	6.4	44.0
Disagree	329	32.9	32.9	76.9
Strongly disagree	145	14.5	14.5	91.4
(Don't know / Not sure)	72	7.2	7.2	98.6
(Refused)	14	1.4	1.4	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How willing would you be to pay much higher prices in order to protect the environment?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very willing	154	15.4	15.4	15.4
Fairly willing	493	49.3	49.3	64.7
Neither willing nor unwilling	96	9.6	9.6	74.3
Fairly unwilling	138	13.8	13.8	88.1
Very unwilling	84	8.4	8.4	96.5

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(Don't know / Not sure)	27	2.7	2.7	99.2
(Refused)	8	.8	.8	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How willing would you be to pay much higher prices for water if mandatory water restrictions were abolished?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very willing	164	16.4	16.4	16.4
Fairly willing	366	36.6	36.6	53.0
Neither willing nor unwilling	57	5.7	5.7	58.7
Fairly unwilling	166	16.6	16.6	75.3
Very unwilling	184	18.4	18.4	93.7
(Don't know / Not sure)	51	5.1	5.1	98.8
(Refused)	12	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

How willing would you be to pay much higher taxes in order to protect the environment?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very willing	101	10.1	10.1	10.1
Fairly willing	347	34.7	34.7	44.8
Neither willing nor unwilling	62	6.2	6.2	51.0
Fairly unwilling	191	19.1	19.1	70.1
Very unwilling	216	21.6	21.6	91.7
(Don't pay taxes)	56	5.6	5.6	97.3
(Don't know / Not sure)	17	1.7	1.7	99.0
(Refused)	10	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	

F6_4. And how willing would you be to accept cuts to your standard of living in order to protect the environment?

	Frequency	Per cent	Valid Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
Valid Very willing	147	14.7	14.7	14.7
Fairly willing	449	44.9	44.9	59.6
Neither willing nor unwilling	81	8.1	8.1	67.7
Fairly unwilling	164	16.4	16.4	84.1
Very unwilling	126	12.6	12.6	96.7
(Don't know / Not sure)	29	2.9	2.9	99.6
(Refused)	4	.4	.4	100.0
Total	1,000	100.0	100.0	