

Cutting Sunday and Holiday Penalty Rates

POLLING BRIEF – March 2017

On 2nd March The Australia Institute conducted an opinion poll of 754 residents of the State electorate of Braddon through ReachTEL, with representative samples by gender and age.

The polling asked about the Fair Work Commissions ruling that Sunday and public holiday penalty rates should be reduced for full-time and part time workers in the hospitality, retail and fast-food industries.

Respondents were asked if they believed more jobs would be created because of the decision.

- Almost 60% believed that it would lead to either no new jobs or less jobs being created.
- Only 31.7% believed the changes would result in more employment being created.

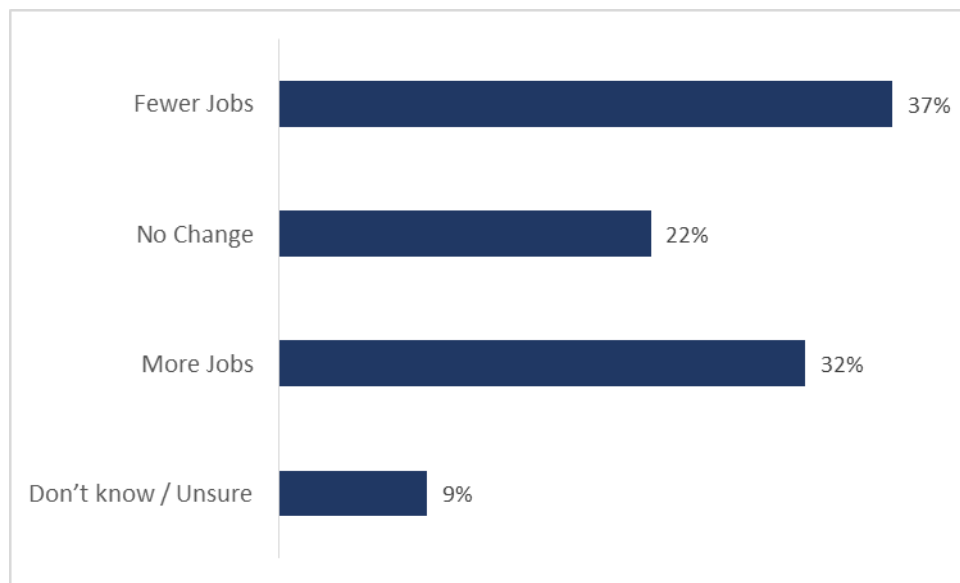
Respondents were also asked if they believed workers in these industries should have their wages cut.

- Support for **not** reducing wages was high at 62.5%
- Support for cutting wage levels was slightly lower than the number of people who believed the changes would lead to new jobs. That is, some people who believed that new jobs would be created, still thought the cuts should not go ahead.

Results

Last week the Fair Work Commission ruled that Sunday and public holiday penalty rates will be reduced for full-time and part-time workers in the hospitality, retail and fast-food industries.

Do you believe this will lead to more or fewer jobs being created in Tasmania?



Do you believe that workers in the hospitality, retail and fast-food industries should or should not have their wages cut on Sundays and public holidays?

