

Polling - Logging and bushfires

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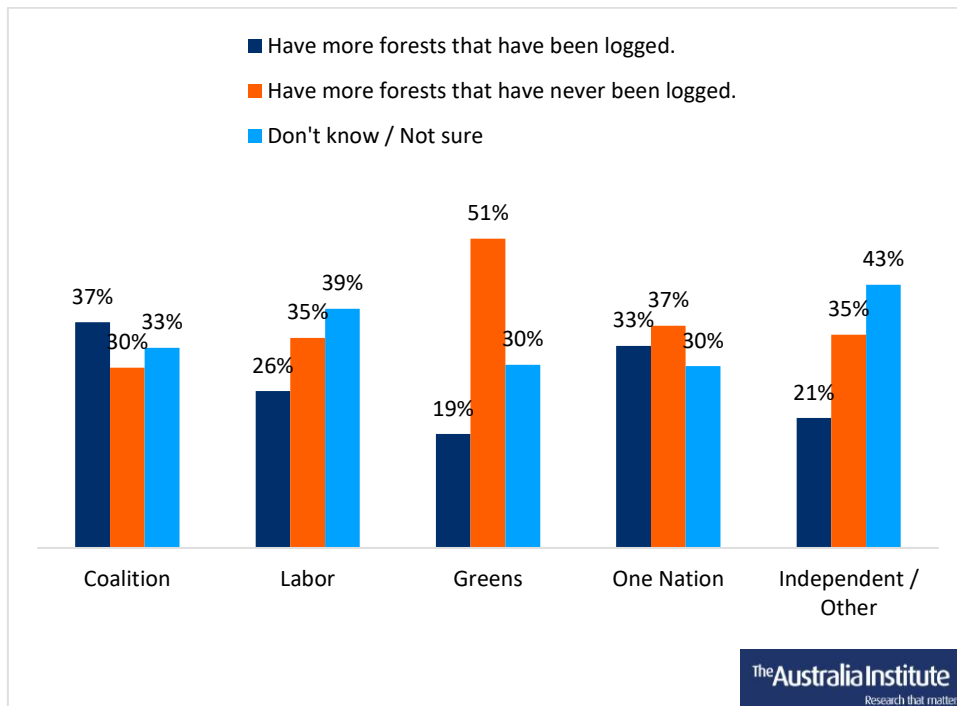
Key Results

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,464 Australians about how they think logging forests affects the severity of bushfires.

Results show that Australians are roughly evenly divided between those who think that having more forests that have been logged reduces bushfire severity, those who think having more forests that have *never* been logged reduces bushfire severity and those who don't know.

- Three in 10 Australians (29%) think having more forests that have been logged is better for limiting the severity of bushfires.
- One in three Australians (35%) think having more forests that have never been logged is better for limiting the severity of bushfires.
- One in three (36%) don't know or aren't sure.
- There is not much variation by age or household income.
- By voting intention, only Coalition voters think that it is better to have forests that have been logged (37%) than not logged (30%).
 - Half of Greens voters (51%) think it is better to have forests that have not been logged, the highest result for any voting intention.

Figure 1: Reduces bushfire severity to have ...



Method

The Australia Institute conducted a national survey of 1,464 people between 23 July 2019 and 30 July 2019, online through Dynata (formerly Research Now) with nationally representative samples by gender, age, state and territory, and household income.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 3%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the lower house. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs, but results are also shown separately for undecideds. "LNP" includes separate responses for Liberal and National. "Other" includes Centre Alliance, Jacqui Lambie Network and Independent/Other.

Detailed results

When it comes to limiting the severity of bushfires, do you think it is better to:

	Total	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Have more forests that have been logged.	29%	33%	25%	29%	30%	32%	25%
Have more forests that have never been logged.	35%	37%	33%	35%	34%	35%	36%
Don't know / Not sure	36%	30%	42%	36%	36%	33%	38%

	Total	Coalition	Labor	Greens	One Nation	Other
Have more forests that have been logged.	29%	37%	26%	19%	33%	21%
Have more forests that have never been logged.	35%	30%	35%	51%	37%	35%
Don't know / Not sure	36%	33%	39%	30%	30%	43%