

Polling - Commonwealth Integrity Commission this year

June 2020

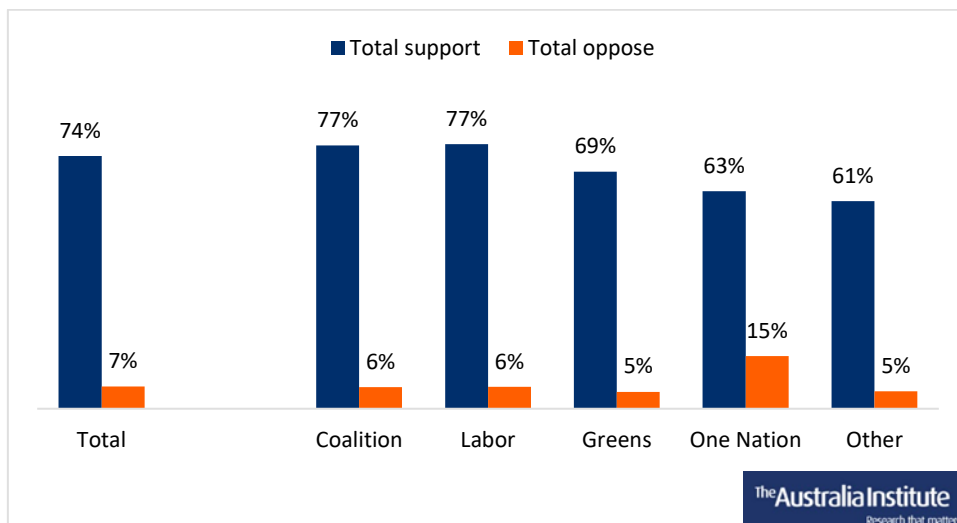
Key results

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,012 Australians about their support for a Commonwealth Integrity Commission (sometimes described as a “Federal ICAC” or “National Integrity Commission”).

Respondents were given a brief description of what a Commonwealth Integrity Commission would entail.

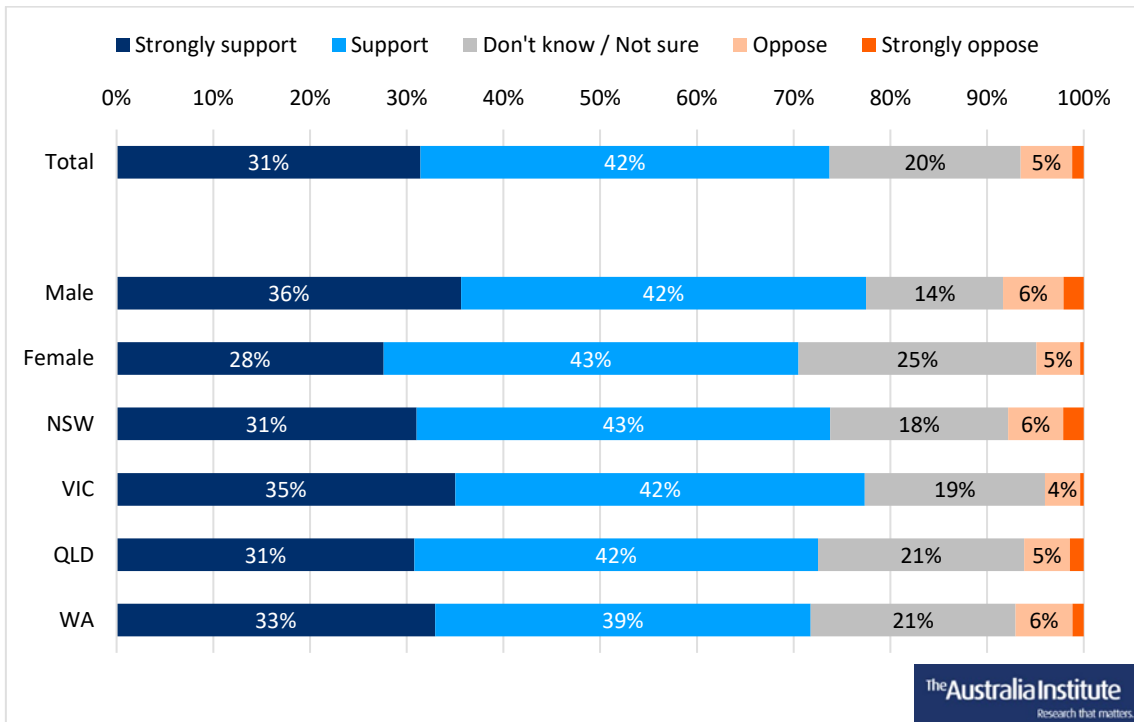
- **Three in four (74%) Australians support setting up a Commonwealth Integrity Commission this year. 7% oppose.**
- Support for the Commission is high across voters for all parties.
 - Support is highest among Coalition and Labor voters (both 77%).
 - Two in three Greens and One Nation voters (69% and 63% respectively) support setting up a Commonwealth Integrity Commission.
 - Other/Independent voters are least supportive, but even among them there is 61% total support (34% don't know/not sure).

Figure 1: Support for a Commonwealth Integrity Commission this year



- Eight in 10 men (78%) and seven in 10 women (71%) support setting up a Commonwealth Integrity Commission this year.
- 74% of NSW, 77% of Victorian, 73% of Queensland and 72% of Western Australian residents support setting up a Commonwealth Integrity Commission this year.

Figure 2: Support for a Commonwealth Integrity Commission this year



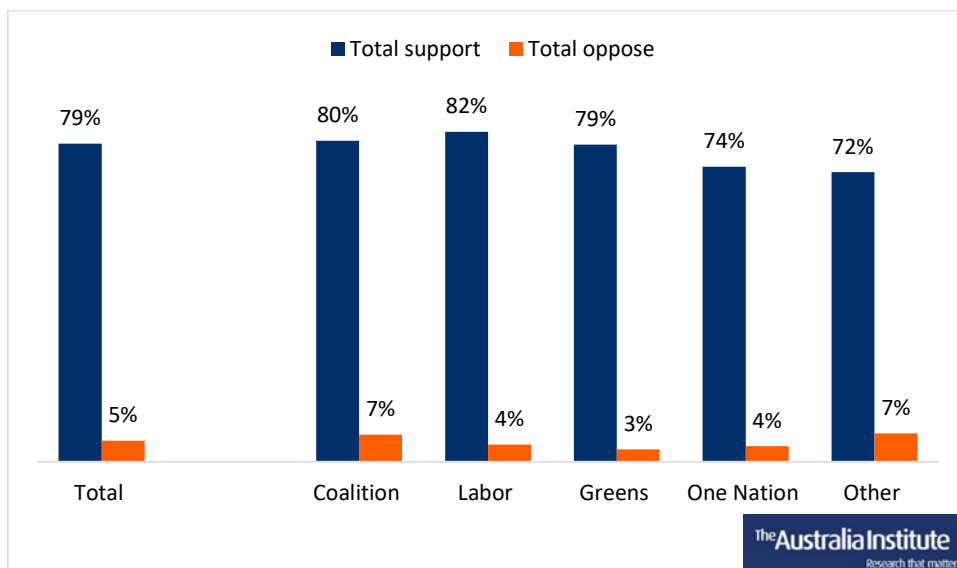
Time frame for a Commission

The federal government has been working on a proposal for a Commonwealth Integrity Commission since January 2018. The government originally planned to establish the Commission in December 2018. Crossbench MPs and anti-corruption campaigners have called for parliamentary debate on a bill that would establish a Commission to begin.¹

The Australia Institute has polled public opinion on a Commonwealth Integrity Commission since March 2017.² This is the first time that the question has been asked with the condition that the Commission be set up “this year” (no timeframe was given in previous questions).

Support for setting up a Commission is somewhat higher than support for setting up a Commission *this year*. When asked in March 2020, 79% of supported setting up a Commission at some point, compared to 74% that support setting up a Commission *this year*.

Figure 3: Support for a Commonwealth Integrity Commission, no time frame specified (March 2020)



¹ Crowe (2020) *Push for national integrity commission to restart after Somyurek fall*, <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/push-for-national-integrity-commission-to-restart-after-somyurek-fall-20200616-p5534m.html>; Knaus (2020) *Federal integrity commission delayed again amid warnings of coronavirus response corruption risk*, <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/may/22/federal-integrity-commission-delayed-again-amid-warnings-of-coronavirus-response-corruption-risk>

² The Australia Institute (2017) *Polling – Trust and Federal ICAC*, <https://www.tai.org.au/sites/default/files/Polling%20brief%20-%20May%202017%20-%20Trust%20and%20ICAC.pdf>

Method (June 2020 polling)

The Australia Institute surveyed 1,012 people on 18–19 June 2020, online through Dynata’s Rapid Results polling, with nationally representative samples by gender, age and region.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 3.1%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” includes Centre Alliance, Jacqui Lambie Network and Independent/Other.

Method (March 2020 polling)

The Australia Institute conducted a national survey of 1,461 people between 3 and 6 March 2020, online through Dynata 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 2.6%.

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Detailed results (June 2020 polling)

A Commonwealth Integrity Commission would investigate corruption within federal law enforcement, the public service, service providers, contractors, federal parliamentarians and their staff.

Do you support or oppose setting up a Commonwealth Integrity Commission *this year*?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
Strongly support	31%	36%	28%	31%	35%	31%	33%
Support	42%	42%	43%	43%	42%	42%	39%
Oppose	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	5%	6%
Strongly oppose	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Don't know / Not sure	20%	14%	25%	18%	19%	21%	21%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
Strongly support	31%	29%	36%	38%	25%	27%
Support	42%	48%	41%	31%	38%	34%
Oppose	5%	5%	5%	5%	10%	5%
Strongly oppose	1%	1%	1%	0%	6%	0%
Don't know / Not sure	20%	17%	16%	26%	21%	34%

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Strongly support	40%	44%	36%	43%	40%	38%	32%
Support	39%	38%	40%	37%	40%	41%	39%
Oppose	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Strongly oppose	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know / Not sure	15%	12%	19%	15%	15%	15%	23%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
Strongly support	40%	32%	45%	49%	35%	44%
Support	39%	48%	37%	30%	38%	28%
Oppose	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	4%
Strongly oppose	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	3%
Don't know / Not sure	15%	13%	14%	18%	23%	21%