

## Polling - Clean Energy Target

***Most Australians support a Clean Energy Target and they want it to build renewables, including most voters for the Coalition and One Nation.***

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### Key Results

The Australia Institute surveyed 1,421 Australians in September 2017 about whether they supported a new Clean Energy Target.

- **Four in five (78%) said Yes: the Australian government should introduce a new Clean Energy Target to encourage the construction of new clean energy sources in Australia.**
  - 11% said No and 11% said they were not sure.
- Amongst voting groups
  - 72% of Coalition voters supported a Clean Energy Target (CET);
  - 85% of ALP voters said Yes to a CET;
  - 58% of One Nation voters said Yes, and 26% said No.
- Support was higher amongst younger groups.
  - 88% of 18-24 year olds supported the CET.
  - The lowest was 69% amongst the 65 years+ age group.

Respondents were also asked what kind of generation should be supported by a new Clean Energy Target. Respondents could select all that applied.

- **81% said the CET should build renewables like wind and solar.**
- Only 27% selected gas fired power and only 16% selected coal fired power.
- Respondents selected 1.33 on average.
- Amongst voting groups, 79% of LNP voters selected renewables, more than double gas (37%) and triple coal (24%), while 68% of One Nation voters selected renewables, again much higher than gas (24%) and coal (23%).

## Method

Between 17 and 26 September 2017 The Australia Institute conducted a national survey of 1,421 Australians through Research Now, with nationally representative samples by gender, age and state or territory.

Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning. These leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs, and are also shown separately. "LNP" includes separate responses for Liberal and National. "Other" includes Nick Xenophon Team and Independent/Other.

Results are shown for larger states, where margins of error were 6% or lower.

## Detailed Results

Should the federal government introduce a new Clean Energy Target to encourage the construction of new clean energy sources in Australia?

	Total	Male	Female	LNP	ALP	Greens	PHON	Other	Undec
Yes	78%	76%	80%	72%	85%	94%	58%	76%	77%
No	11%	16%	7%	17%	5%	3%	26%	12%	7%
Don't know	11%	8%	13%	11%	10%	3%	16%	12%	16%

	18-24y	25-34y	35-44y	45-54y	55-64y	65+	NSW	Qld	Vic
Yes	88%	84%	82%	76%	71%	69%	79%	73%	79%
No	4%	4%	7%	14%	17%	21%	13%	13%	11%
Don't know	8%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	8%	13%	11%

**Which of the following should be encouraged by a new Clean Energy Target?**

*Please select all that apply*

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>LNP</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>Greens</b>	<b>PHON</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Undec</b>
Renewables like wind and solar	<b>81%</b>	80%	81%	79%	85%	90%	68%	74%	73%
Gas fired power	<b>27%</b>	39%	15%	37%	24%	12%	24%	23%	16%
Coal fired power	<b>16%</b>	21%	11%	24%	10%	5%	23%	14%	12%
None of these	<b>2%</b>	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	5%	3%
Don't know / not sure	<b>8%</b>	5%	11%	7%	8%	5%	11%	10%	17%

	<b>18-24y</b>	<b>25-34y</b>	<b>35-44y</b>	<b>45-54y</b>	<b>55-64y</b>	<b>65+</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>Vic</b>
Renewables like wind and solar	80%	82%	85%	78%	82%	76%	79%	81%	79%
Gas fired power	18%	13%	9%	23%	39%	59%	26%	28%	28%
Coal fired power	8%	10%	9%	12%	21%	33%	17%	20%	15%
None of these	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Don't know / not sure	10%	10%	10%	11%	5%	2%	8%	6%	9%