

FINAL RESULTS

uComms conducted a survey of 837 residents in the Northern Territory seats of Blain, Brennan, Casuarina, Daly, Drysdale, Fannie Bay, Fong Lim, Johnston, Karama, Katherine, Nightcliff, Port Darwin, Sanderson, Spillett, Wanguri during the nights of the 10th & 11th January 2021.

Question 1:

Do you use rivers in the Top End for fishing, boating or other recreational activities?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>18 – 34</i>	<i>35 – 50</i>	<i>51 - 65</i>	<i>65+</i>
<i>Yes</i>	63.3%	59.5%	66.8%	63.2%	68.5%	65.0%	37.9%
<i>No</i>	36.7%	40.5%	33.2%	36.8%	31.5%	35.0%	62.1%

Question 2:

What aspect of Top End rivers do you find most appealing?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>18 – 34</i>	<i>35 – 50</i>	<i>51 - 65</i>	<i>65+</i>
<i>Fishing</i>	33.2%	22.0%	43.6%	32.7%	37.8%	31.3%	21.4%
<i>Wildlife and bird watching</i>	13.4%	15.1%	11.9%	11.1%	10.2%	17.5%	25.0%
<i>Time with friends / family</i>	17.8%	24.7%	11.4%	19.0%	20.5%	12.5%	14.3%
<i>A sense of freedom</i>	6.2%	9.1%	3.5%	3.9%	6.3%	7.5%	10.7%
<i>Healthy natural rivers</i>	19.1%	20.4%	17.8%	19.0%	18.9%	20.0%	21.4%
<i>Other</i>	10.3%	8.6%	11.9%	14.4%	6.3%	11.3%	7.1%

Question 3:

Large agricultural companies are calling for the establishment of a large scale cotton industry in the Top End, including a proposal to divert 520 billion litres away from the Daly River each year. Do you support or oppose the establishment of a large scale cotton industry in the Top End?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>18 – 34</i>	<i>35 – 50</i>	<i>51 - 65</i>	<i>65+</i>
<i>Strongly support</i>	18.6%	18.4%	18.8%	26.5%	15.1%	10.0%	17.2%
<i>Support</i>	18.1%	18.4%	17.8%	18.5%	21.4%	12.5%	17.2%
<i>Oppose</i>	12.7%	11.9%	13.4%	7.3%	14.3%	16.3%	24.1%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	33.9%	35.1%	32.7%	21.9%	42.1%	43.8%	31.0%
<i>Unsure / Don't know</i>	16.8%	16.2%	17.3%	25.8%	7.1%	17.5%	10.3%

Question 4:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Large cotton companies shouldn't be allowed into the Territory until they fix the problems they have caused in the Murray Darling."

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>18 – 34</i>	<i>35 – 50</i>	<i>51 - 65</i>	<i>65+</i>
<i>Strongly agree</i>	59.3%	60.9%	57.9%	44.4%	70.6%	67.5%	63.3%
<i>Agree</i>	10.1%	12.5%	7.9%	7.8%	9.5%	13.8%	13.3%
<i>Disagree</i>	10.9%	7.1%	14.4%	14.4%	10.3%	5.0%	10.0%
<i>Strongly disagree</i>	8.0%	11.4%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	2.5%	6.7%
<i>Unsure / Don't know</i>	11.7%	8.2%	14.9%	18.3%	5.6%	11.3%	6.7%

Question 5:

What concerns you most about large-scale cotton farming starting in the Territory, if anything?

	Total	Female	Male	18 – 34	35 – 50	51 - 65	65+
<i>Water pollution</i>	16.5%	17.7%	15.3%	15.1%	17.5%	16.0%	22.2%
<i>Taking water away from rivers</i>	38.1%	37.1%	39.1%	32.9%	39.7%	44.4%	44.4%
<i>Impacts on fish</i>	8.0%	12.9%	3.5%	7.9%	5.6%	14.8%	3.7%
<i>Impacts on Territory lifestyle</i>	4.1%	3.2%	5.0%	0.0%	5.6%	6.2%	11.1%
<i>Risks to tourism and other businesses</i>	5.2%	3.8%	6.4%	3.3%	7.9%	6.2%	0.0%
<i>Other</i>	8.0%	4.3%	11.4%	7.2%	8.7%	8.6%	3.7%
<i>I'm not concerned</i>	20.1%	21.0%	19.3%	33.6%	15.1%	3.7%	14.8%

Question 6:

Would you support or oppose the Northern Territory government give subsidies to companies starting large-scale cotton growing in the Top End?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>18 – 34</i>	<i>35 – 50</i>	<i>51 - 65</i>	<i>65+</i>
<i>Strongly support</i>	12.4%	12.4%	12.4%	22.4%	7.9%	2.5%	7.1%
<i>Support</i>	11.6%	12.9%	10.4%	15.1%	7.9%	11.3%	10.7%
<i>Oppose</i>	21.1%	21.0%	21.3%	18.4%	21.4%	21.3%	32.1%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	39.7%	40.3%	39.1%	25.7%	46.0%	56.3%	39.3%
<i>Unsure / Don't know</i>	15.2%	13.4%	16.8%	18.4%	16.7%	8.8%	10.7%

This survey was conducted using an automated telephone based survey system among 837 voters. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The results have been weighted by gender and age to reflect the population according to ABS figures. Please note that due to rounding, not all tables necessarily total 100% and subtotals may also vary. Copyright uCommunications Pty Ltd.