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About this poll

This report presents the results of an automated voice polls (robo poll) conducted in Queensland.

The questionnaire was constructed by Essential Research in consultation with Fair Agenda.

Essential Research commissioned Ask Australia to conduct the fieldwork and data collection.

The sample was selected randomly from comprehensive telephone lists for Queensland (landline and mobile).

The survey was in the field from 17th to 19th February 2017.

The sample achieved was 1,201 people aged 18+.

The completed data was weighted to ABS Census for region, age and gender.

SPSS software and Microsoft Excel were used to analyse and present the data.



Survey Reliability

Properly constructed sample surveys can provide results that are described as statistically reliable. The level of statistical reliability is dependent upon the sample size and (except where it is extremely small) the size of the population has no practical effect.

A survey that has 800 respondents will provide results that are – at the 95% confidence level – subject to a sampling variation of between 2% and 3% at the total response level. Sub-samples, because of their smaller size, will exhibit larger sampling variances.

Overall the confidence level was set as 95%. In this report where variation in sub-samples is statistically significant a comment has been made.

For the purposes of simplicity we have rounded percentages to the nearest whole number. This may result in some percentage totals being 99% or 101%.

The following table shows the sampling variances at the 95% confidence level for a range of sample sizes and response levels.

Sample Size	Variation where the answer is near the percentage of				
	10% or 90%	20% or 80%	30% or 70%	40% or 60%	50%
100	6%	8%	9%	9%	10%
200	4%	5%	6%	7%	7%
300	3%	5%	5%	6%	6%
400	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%
500	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
600	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%
700	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%
800	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
900	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
1000	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%



Awareness of abortion laws

Q1. Are you aware that, in Queensland, seeking or performing an abortion is a criminal offence, for which a woman or doctor can be sentenced to jail time?

	Total	Vote Lib Nat	Vote Labor	Vote Greens	Vote One Nation	Vote other
Yes, aware	58%	63%	54%	54%	64%	46%
No, not aware	35%	31%	38%	45%	29%	39%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	2%	7%	15%

	Total	Men	Women	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+
Yes, aware	58%	61%	56%	59%	50%	67%
No, not aware	35%	32%	37%	34%	43%	26%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%



Whether abortion should be a criminal offence

Q2. Do you think the law should be changed so that seeking or performing an abortion is no longer a criminal offence or should abortion remain a criminal offence?

	Total	Vote Lib Nat	Vote Labor	Vote Greens	Vote One Nation	Vote other
Abortion should not be a criminal offence	76%	73%	81%	96%	67%	67%
Abortion should remain a criminal offence	19%	21%	14%	3%	27%	29%
Not sure	5%	6%	5%	2%	6%	4%

	Total	Men	Women	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+
Abortion should not be a criminal offence	76%	71%	80%	72%	80%	74%
Abortion should remain a criminal offence	19%	23%	15%	24%	14%	20%
Not sure	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%	6%



Right to terminate pregnancy

Q3. Do you agree or disagree that it should be legal for a woman, in consultation with a medical professional, to decide to terminate her pregnancy?

	Total	Vote Lib Nat	Vote Labor	Vote Greens	Vote One Nation	Vote other
Total agree	82%	80%	88%	96%	78%	59%
Total disagree	13%	16%	9%	3%	16%	31%
Strongly agree	63%	55%	69%	82%	59%	52%
Agree	19%	25%	19%	14%	19%	7%
Disagree	6%	10%	4%	1%	7%	12%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%	5%	2%	9%	19%
Not sure	6%	4%	4%	2%	7%	10%

	Total	Men	Women	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+
Total agree	82%	79%	87%	81%	83%	81%
Total disagree	13%	15%	11%	16%	11%	11%
Strongly agree	63%	62%	64%	63%	66%	59%
Agree	19%	17%	21%	18%	17%	22%
Disagree	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%	7%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	5%	11%	5%	4%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	8%



Impact on vote

Q4. If your local member of parliament voted for abortion to remain a crime in Queensland, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for them?

	Total	Vote Lib Nat	Vote Labor	Vote Greens	Vote One Nation	Vote other
More likely to vote for them	19%	28%	12%	9%	21%	28%
Less likely to vote for them	60%	48%	68%	77%	56%	55%
Makes no difference	17%	20%	16%	8%	20%	16%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	1%

	Total	Men	Women	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+
More likely to vote for them	19%	23%	15%	25%	15%	19%
Less likely to vote for them	60%	56%	63%	60%	63%	56%
Makes no difference	17%	18%	17%	13%	19%	19%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	5%



Access to medical procedures

Q5. Do you think a woman living in rural or remote Queensland should have the same access to medical procedures – including pregnancy terminations – as women in the city?

	Total	Vote Lib Nat	Vote Labor	Vote Greens	Vote One Nation	Vote other
Total agree	88%	87%	94%	94%	83%	74%
Total disagree	8%	10%	3%	4%	12%	18%
Strongly agree	74%	71%	82%	87%	69%	54%
Agree	14%	16%	12%	7%	14%	20%
Disagree	6%	7%	2%	2%	8%	14%
Strongly disagree	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	7%

	Total	Men	Women	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+
Total agree	88%	86%	90%	85%	89%	90%
Total disagree	8%	10%	7%	12%	7%	5%
Strongly agree	74%	71%	78%	72%	78%	73%
Agree	14%	15%	12%	13%	11%	17%
Disagree	6%	8%	3%	8%	5%	4%
Strongly disagree	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	5%



Same legal rights as Victoria

Q6. In Victoria a woman can make the decision to terminate her pregnancy up until 24 weeks of gestation. Do you agree or disagree that a Queensland woman should have the same legal rights?

	Total	Vote Lib Nat	Vote Labor	Vote Greens	Vote One Nation	Vote other
Total agree	70%	68%	75%	88%	65%	56%
Total disagree	25%	27%	19%	11%	28%	41%
Strongly agree	53%	47%	61%	65%	51%	39%
Agree	17%	21%	14%	23%	14%	17%
Disagree	12%	16%	10%	7%	13%	9%
Strongly disagree	13%	11%	9%	4%	15%	32%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	2%	7%	3%

	Total	Men	Women	Aged 18-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55+
Total agree	70%	68%	73%	69%	71%	70%
Total disagree	25%	26%	23%	27%	23%	23%
Strongly agree	53%	54%	53%	51%	55%	52%
Agree	17%	14%	20%	18%	16%	18%
Disagree	12%	13%	11%	8%	12%	15%
Strongly disagree	13%	13%	12%	19%	11%	8%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	4%	6%	7%