

Dickson Community Survey Background Info + FAQ v.1

Overview:

- In the Dickson Community Survey, we are talking to the community about the issues they most care about. Having conversations with voters over the phone is a core tactic for the GetUp Action Network. By finding out what matters to voters, we can have the most effective conversations with voters come election time.

Background on the Dickson electorate:

- Dickson is a semi-rural, outer suburban electorate located in northwest Brisbane. Most of the population is concentrated in the Eastern third of the electorate, and includes a diverse mix of income and voting patterns. The North of the electorate is more strongly Labor voting, with sections in the South predominately LNP. Dickson has a mixture of low-density urban housing in the outskirts of Brisbane and in the small towns such as Dayboro and Samford and farms and larger properties in the rural parts of the electorate.
- Peter Dutton is the Member for Dickson in the Australian Parliament, holding the seat since 2001 for the Liberal Party. He is the current Minister for Immigration and Home Affairs, and was previously Health Minister in the Abbott government.

Last federal election:

- GetUp's 2016 election campaign focused on the hard right of the Liberal party - those powerful figures who were holding Australia back on climate change, refugees and economic fairness. Queensland MP Peter Dutton was not only responsible for overseeing Australia's offshore detention regime, but when he was health minister presided over billion dollars in cuts and proposed the deeply unpopular GP co-payment. The GetUp campaign in Dickson focused on health funding and featured local doctor and GetUp member Peter Pohlner.



- In the 2016 Federal Election, Dickson recorded the largest swing in QLD at 5.12%, and Dutton now holds it on a margin of just 1.7%. For more information on the seat and the redistribution

that changed its boundaries, you can check out this entry from GetUp's resident psephologist, Ben Raue: <http://www.tallyroom.com.au/aus2019/dickson2019>

- **Question 5** asks who they voted for. The names of all candidates in the 2016 election are:

Candidate Name	Candidate Party
NICHOLSON, Doug	Liberal Democrats
PROHASKA, Thor	Independent
LAVARCH, Linda	Australian Labor Party
BERKMAN, Michael	The Greens
HUTCHINSON, Ray	Family First
DUTTON, Peter	Liberal National Party of Queensland

Additional info on questions 7 and 8

We want to gauge people's interest and opinions on these GetUp campaigns. Here is some info to help you converse on these issues:

- **Dutton's electoral donors:** in a media interview last year Peter Dutton MP stated that he had raised \$650K for his campaign. Big corporations and wealthy individuals donate to political campaigns all the time. But politicians only have to disclose their donors after the election - but by then it's too late to know who is calling the shots in their campaigns. We're calling on Peter Dutton to disclose his political donations now (<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/if-getup-want-a-fight-theyll-get-one-peter-dutton-under-siege-in-his-own-seat-20170529-gwfd3.html>)
- **Jobs guarantee:** A Job Guarantee is a federally funded, locally administered initiative to directly end involuntary unemployment and underemployment. Anyone who wants to work would be able to accept employment in a publicly funded position at a living wage. Crucially, these jobs would come with all the workplace rights of full-time employment: holiday leave, sick leave, and overtime. GetUp is pushing for a jobs guarantee as part of the Future to Fight For campaign. (<https://futuretofightfor.org.au/policies/01/>)