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WOULD YOU SAY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IS VERY IMPORTANT, FAIRLY IMPORTANT OR NOT IMPORTANT ON HOW YOU PERSONALLY WOULD VOTE IN A FEDERAL ELECTION?

<u>OCT 2007 - Summary</u>	<u>FEB 2006</u>	<u>JUN 2006</u>	<u>OCT 2006</u>	<u>FEB 2007</u>	<u>JUN 2007</u>	<u>OCT 2007</u>
<u>Issues Rated Very Important</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%
HEALTH & MEDICARE	85	83	82	79	77	81
WATER PLANNING*	NA	NA	NA	82	75	80
EDUCATION	80	79	78	78	75	80
THE ENVIRONMENT	NA	60	NA	70	66	69
THE ECONOMY	67	67	70	66	64	67
WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES	66	59	66	62	63	62
LEADERSHIP	56	55	56	56	58	59
NATIONAL SECURITY	58	60	64	60	58	55
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	48	53	54	48	47	49

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES?

<u>OCT 2007 - Summary</u>	<u>LIBERAL/ NATIONALS COALITION</u>	<u>LABOR PARTY</u>	<u>SOMEONE ELSE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>UNCOMMITTED</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
HEALTH & MEDICARE	33	47	3	3	14
WATER PLANNING*	31	35	10	5	19
EDUCATION	30	50	3	2	15
THE ENVIRONMENT	25	39	19	2	15
THE ECONOMY	53	29	2	3	13
WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES	28	51	5	2	14
NATIONAL SECURITY	49	26	4	3	18
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	34	47	3	2	14

* 'Water Planning' included for the first time in February 2007.

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WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **HEALTH & MEDICARE?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	31	34	34	33	33	33
LABOR PARTY	42	41	41	45	45	47
SOMEONE ELSE	5	6	5	3	4	3
NONE	4	3	3	4	2	3
UNCOMMITTED	18	16	17	15	16	14

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **WATER PLANNING?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	33	29	31
LABOR PARTY	34	36	35
SOMEONE ELSE	9	10	10
NONE	4	6	5
UNCOMMITTED	20	19	19

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **EDUCATION?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	31	35	34	27	28	30
LABOR PARTY	41	39	38	49	50	50
SOMEONE ELSE	5	7	6	3	4	3
NONE	4	3	3	3	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	19	16	19	18	15	15

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WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **THE ENVIRONMENT?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	NA	28	NA	24	25	25
LABOR PARTY	NA	28	NA	41	39	39
SOMEONE ELSE	NA	26	NA	15	17	19
NONE	NA	3	NA	4	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	NA	15	NA	16	16	15

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **THE ECONOMY?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	55	61	54	51	51	53
LABOR PARTY	23	20	22	29	30	29
SOMEONE ELSE	3	4	4	3	2	2
NONE	3	2	3	3	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	16	13	17	14	14	13

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	30	34	30	28	28	28
LABOR PARTY	46	45	43	51	49	51
SOMEONE ELSE	4	6	7	4	5	5
NONE	3	2	2	3	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	17	13	18	14	15	14

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WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **NATIONAL SECURITY**?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	51	56	52	44	47	49
LABOR PARTY	22	21	21	31	28	26
SOMEONE ELSE	4	5	4	4	3	4
NONE	3	3	4	3	4	3
UNCOMMITTED	20	15	19	18	18	18

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	28	29	28	27	31	34
LABOR PARTY	47	48	49	51	47	47
SOMEONE ELSE	4	6	3	4	4	3
NONE	3	2	3	3	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	18	15	17	15	15	14

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. The latest survey was conducted on 12-14 October 2007 and is based on 1,177 interviews among electors. The maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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