

Polling results – conservation, land management and economic recovery

Polling conducted by [Dynata](#) (20-21 July) for the National Landcare Network (n=1009 respondents).

Q1. How concerned are you about each of the following?

Percentage concerned (very concerned / somewhat concerned)	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
The health of Australia's forests, rivers and wildlife following the drought and bushfires	76%	77%	76%	72%	73%
Increasing unemployment if the JobKeeper wage subsidy payments end in September	80%	82%	84%	74%	75%
The impact of COVID-19 on employment in rural and regional areas over the next two years	80%	83%	83%	76%	78%
The impact of COVID-19 on employment in capital cities over the next two years	84%	86%	86%	81%	83%
The long-term economic impacts of COVID-19 on tourism and hospitality workers	84%	87%	83%	84%	80%
The sustainability of agriculture in Australia	72%	74%	71%	71%	70%

Q2. How do you think the Federal Government should keep more people in regional communities in work while Australia recovers from the economic impacts of COVID-19?

Percentage support (support / strongly support)	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Funding for training and apprenticeships	78%	78%	77%	80%	78%
Funding practical environmental jobs like planting trees, removing weeds and restoring rivers	75%	79%	73%	71%	74%
Building, upgrading and maintaining roads	74%	74%	70%	77%	71%
Investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency	71%	72%	72%	65%	72%
Providing income tax cuts	67%	69%	67%	63%	63%
Providing direct cash payments to households	61%	66%	61%	56%	40%
Extending JobKeeper wage subsidies	61%	67%	67%	53%	41%
Funding airlines to maintain regional services	60%	64%	60%	59%	52%
Increasing welfare payments for unemployed people	56%	66%	58%	47%	42%
Supporting the gas industry by building gas pipelines	51%	51%	53%	52%	43%
Subsidising private home construction and renovation	47%	46%	54%	46%	36%
Supporting the mining industry by reducing environmental regulations	44%	45%	43%	49%	39%

Q3. In order to keep people employed while Australia recovers from the impact of COVID-19, conservation and farming organisations are asking State and Federal Government to fund tens of thousands of jobs undertaking practical conservation activities like planting trees, removing weeds and restoring rivers.

Would you support government investment this program?

Response	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Strongly support / Support	83%	86%	81%	81%	86%
Oppose / Strongly oppose	6%	4%	6%	9%	5%
Don't know / Not sure	11%	11%	11%	11%	9%

Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Percentage agree (Strongly agree / Agree)	National	NSW	VIC	Queensland	WA
Economic stimulus funding should be used to help communities and the environment recover from the recent bushfires and drought.	74%	78%	73%	71%	61%
Federal Government should take more action to protect and restore Australia's forests, rivers and wildlife.	70%	73%	67%	65%	65%
Governments should spend more money now to support economic recovery even if it means increasing government debt.	68%	72%	71%	64%	58%
We should prioritise rebuilding the economy over longer term issues like the environment.	58%	63%	57%	54%	57%
I would be more likely to vote for a party that takes strong action to protect and restore Australia's forests, rivers and wildlife.	57%	62%	57%	52%	49%
I trust the Morrison Government to take strong action to protect Australia's forests, rivers and wildlife.	49%	50%	50%	50%	43%

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Federal Government funding for jobs undertaking practical conservation activities like planting trees, removing weeds and restoring rivers, as part of broader economic recovery measures:

Percentage agree (Strongly agree / Agree)	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
Would provide much needed work for people in regional areas impacted by the economic impacts of COVID-19	77%	79%	76%	75%	71%
Would provide meaningful work for people without a trade or other specialised skills	76%	76%	75%	75%	74%
Would put money directly into the pockets of workers in exchange for useful work	76%	80%	72%	73%	72%
Would deliver lasting benefits for Australia's forests, rivers and wildlife	75%	77%	72%	74%	75%
Would improve the long-term sustainability of agriculture in Australia	74%	73%	75%	74%	74%
Would help workers to feel positive and connected with their local community	73%	76%	70%	72%	73%