

Australia

# Budget Energy Priorities Poll

Conducted for the Climate Council and the Sunrise Project



# **62% of Australians think the Federal Government should prioritise investment in renewable sources of energy in its future energy plan over non renewables.**

85% of Labor voters support prioritising investment in renewable sources of energy. Details on page 9.

## *What Australians want included in the budget*

1. **65%** support funding **making electric vehicles more affordable** in the budget.
2. **62%** support funding **expanding the number of electric vehicle charging stations** in the budget
3. **75%** support funding **making home batteries more affordable** in the budget.
4. **79%** support funding **household energy-efficient appliances and insulation** in the budget.
5. **58%** support funding **helping Australians access public and active transport** in the budget.

## *Accelerating the clean energy shift*

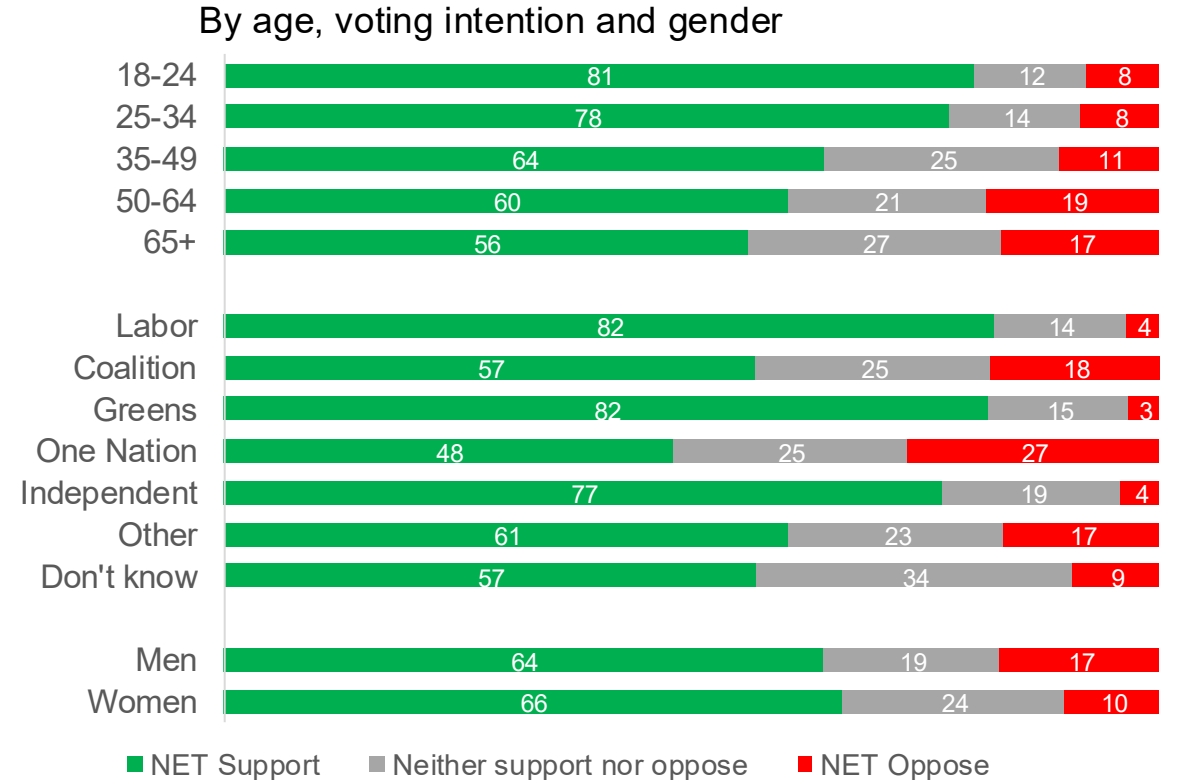
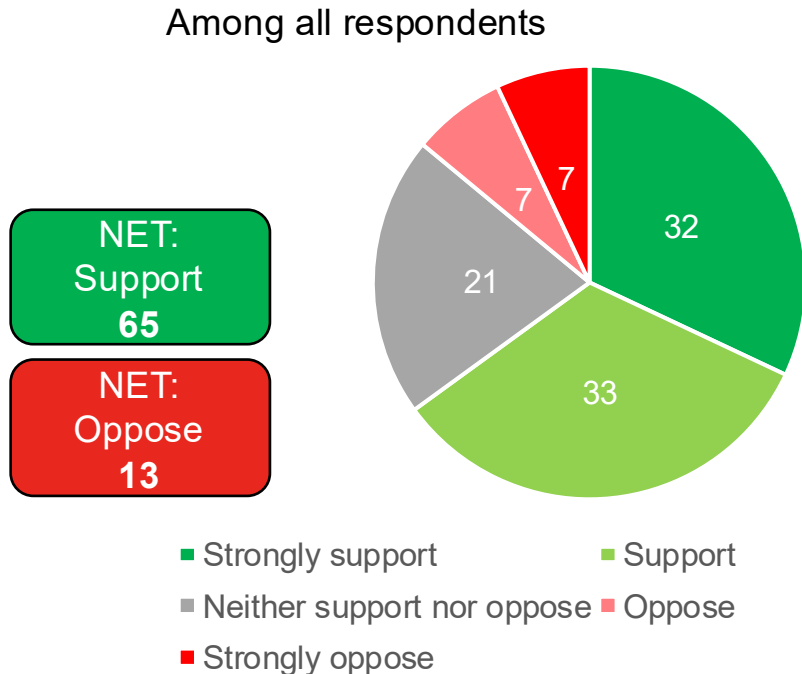
**54%** of voters agree that **Australia should accelerate the shift to clean energy**, with only 22% opposed.

# About this survey

- This survey was conducted online between the 14<sup>th</sup> of April– 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2026.
- The total sample is comprised of 1501 Australian voters aged 18+ with quotas on age, gender, region, education, income, 2023 Voice Referendum vote and 2025 Federal Election past vote.
- Respondents are sourced from the YouGov panel and are incentivised by points redeemable for cash or vouchers.
- Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates for Australian 18+ eligible to vote in these regions.
- Margin of error for poll is 3.011%.
- This study has been carried out in accordance with the ISO 20252:2019 standards, to which YouGov is accredited.
- YouGov is a cofounder of the Australian Polling Council and abides by it's code of transparency in polling by publishing a methodology statement with full details of this survey on the [YouGov website](#)

# 65% support funding making electric vehicles more affordable in the budget.

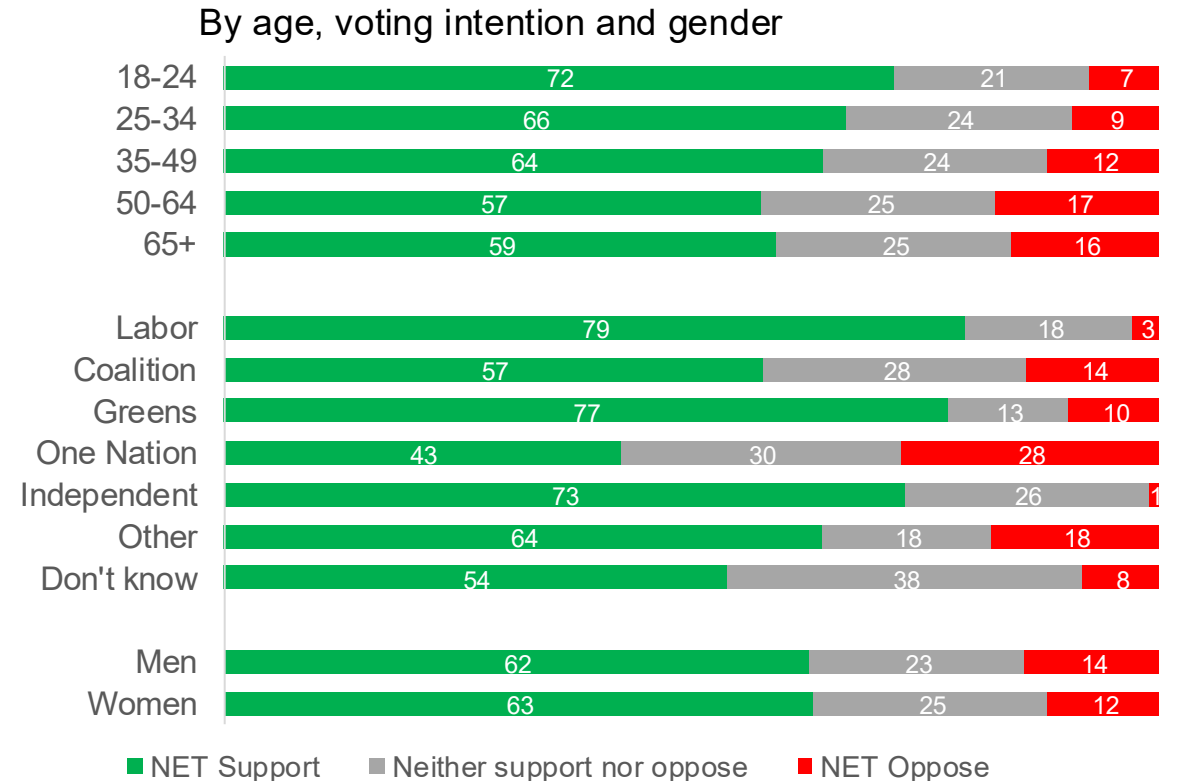
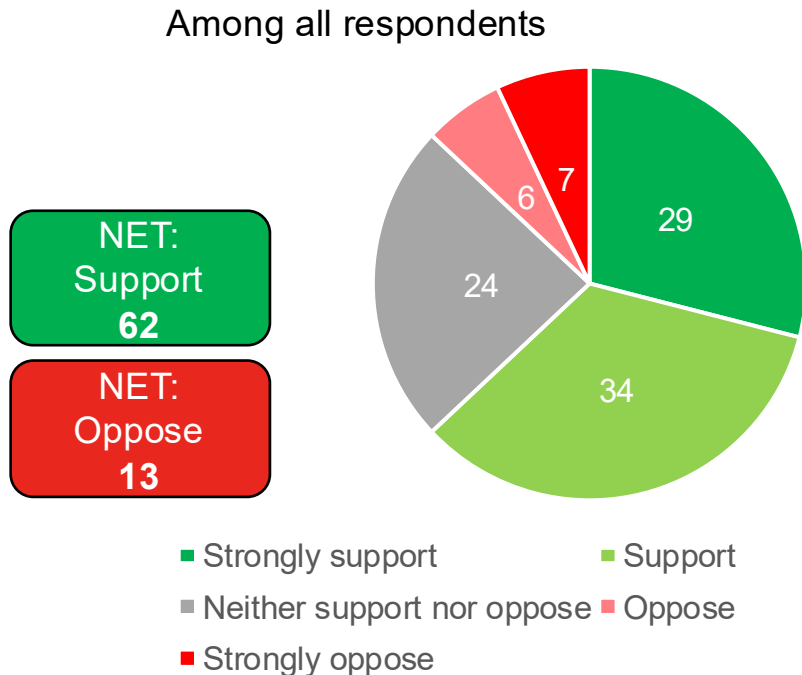
To what extent do you support each of the following? Make electric vehicles more affordable



Below is a list of measures the Federal Government could include in the 2026 Federal Budget to help Australian households and businesses secure their energy supply... To what extent do you support each of the following? Make electric vehicles more affordable  
 Base: All respondents – n=1501  
 NET Support (Strongly support + Support); NET Oppose (Strongly oppose + Oppose)

# 62% support funding expanding the number of electric vehicle charging stations in the budget.

To what extent do you support each of the following? Expand the number of electric vehicle charging stations



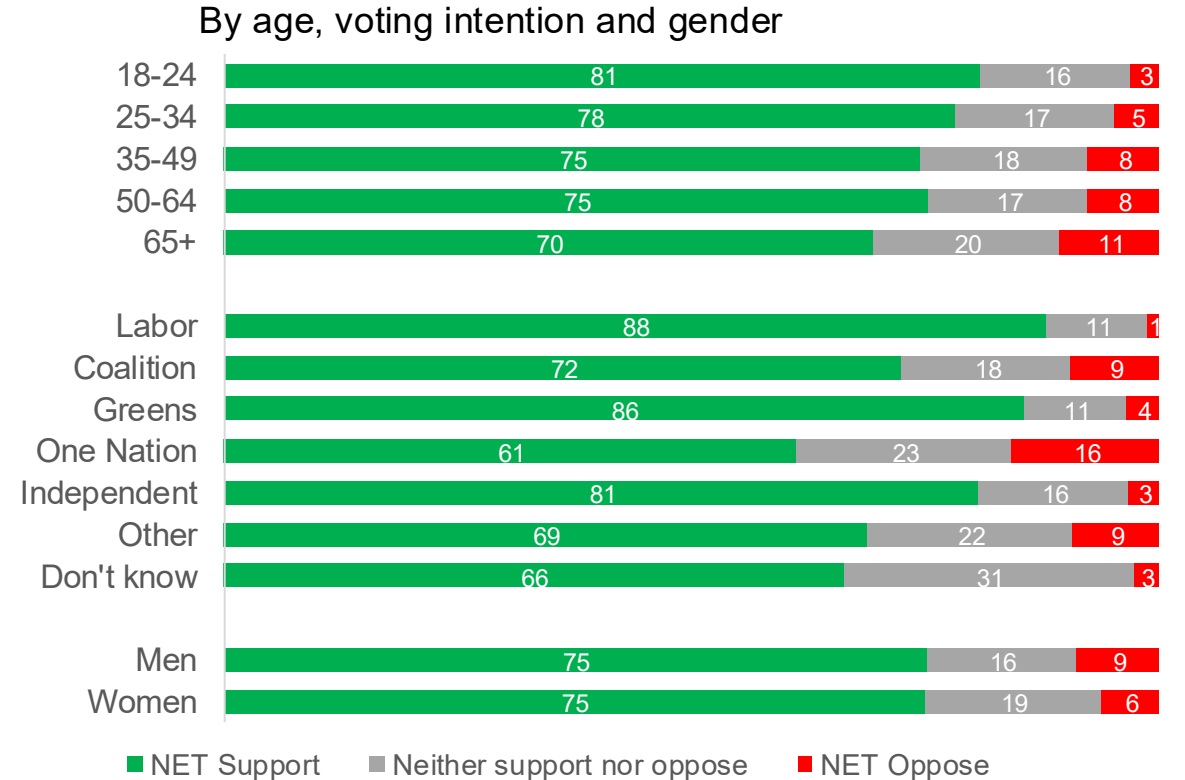
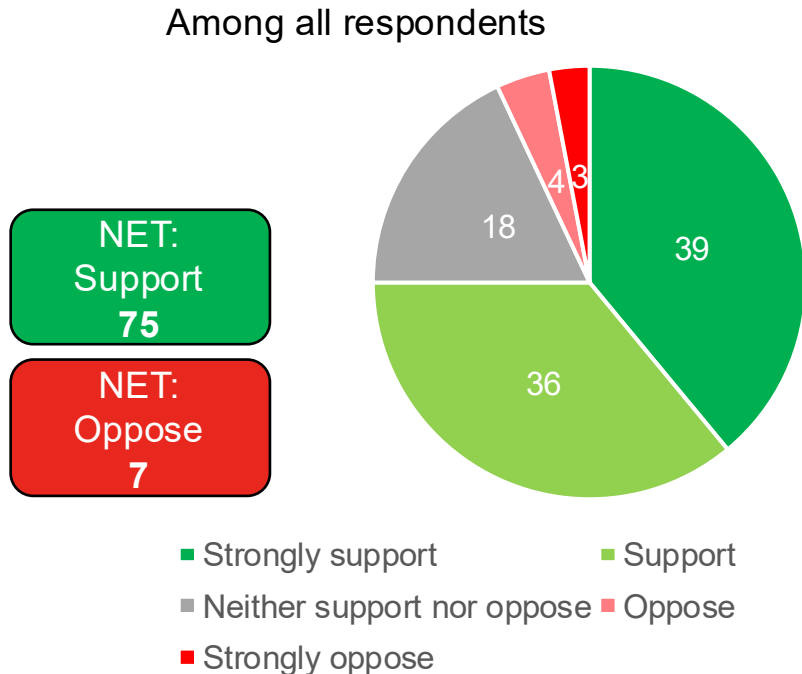
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# 75% support funding making home batteries more affordable in the budget.

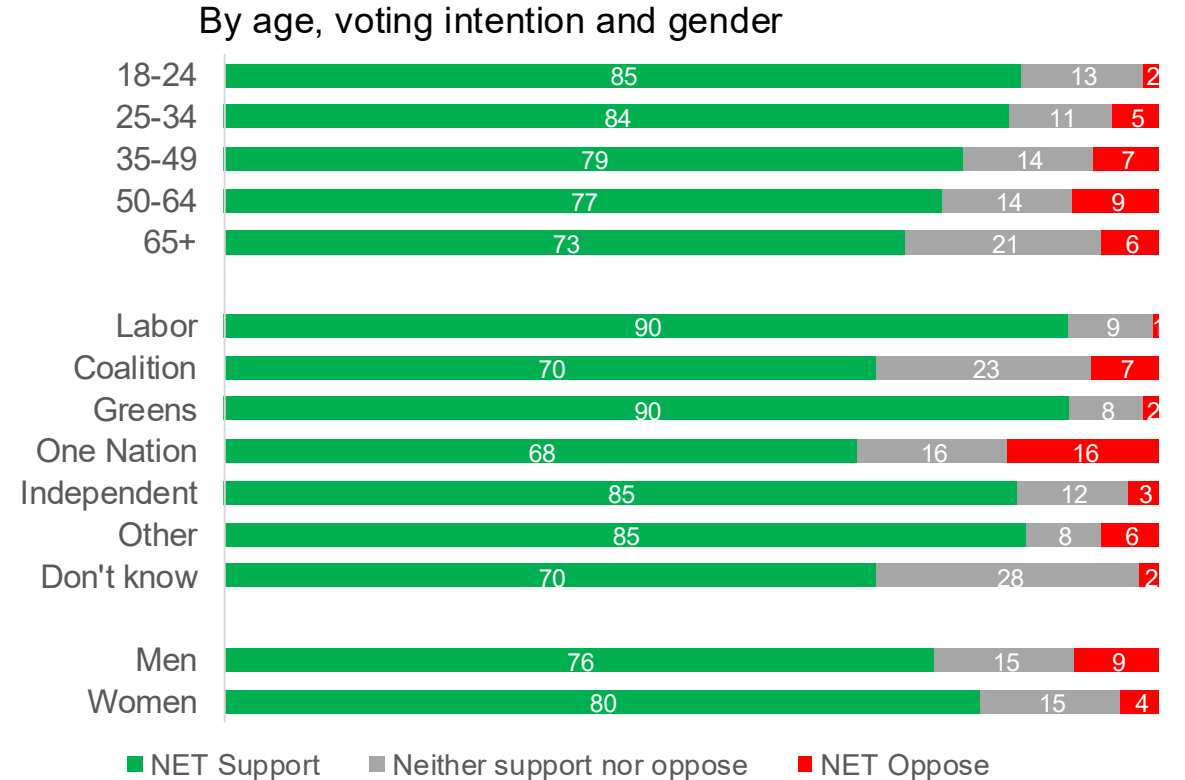
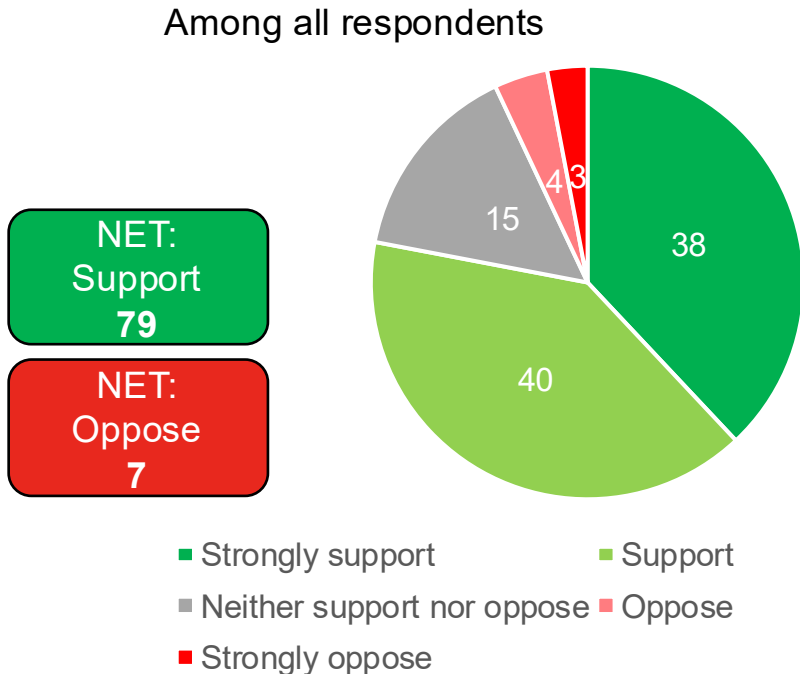
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# 79% support funding household energy-efficient appliances and insulation in the budget.

Q To what extent do you support both? Help households access energy-efficient upgrades like insulation and efficient appliances



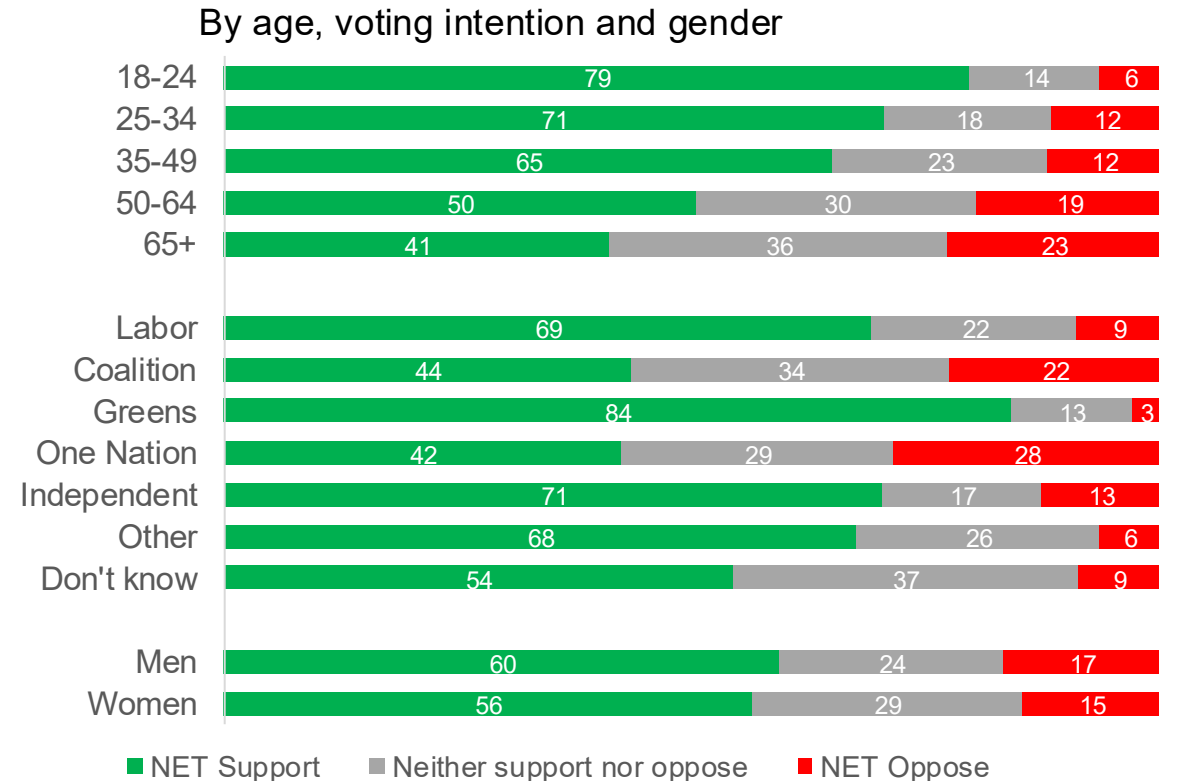
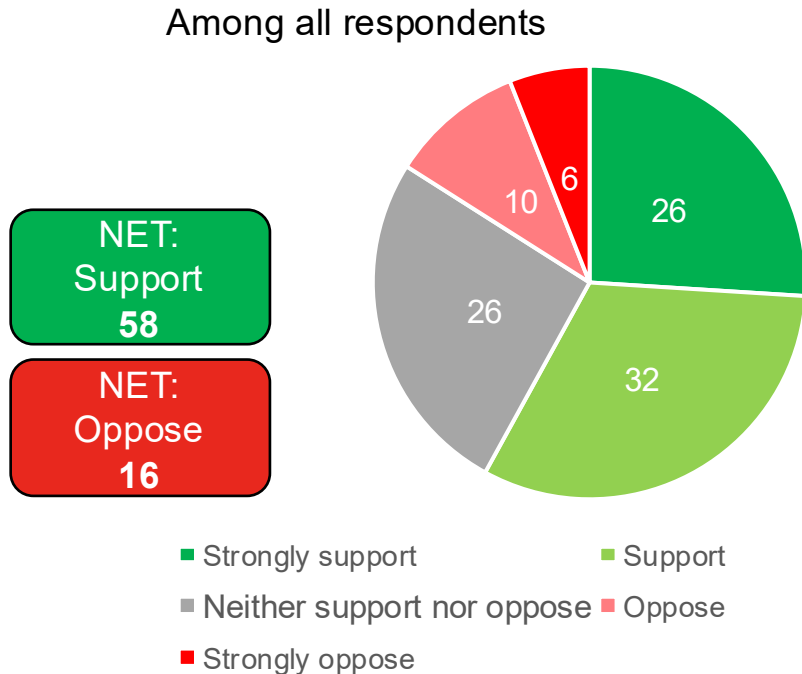
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# 58% support funding helping Australians access public and active transport in the budget.

Q To what extent do you support each of the following? Help more Australians access public and active transport, like e-bikes

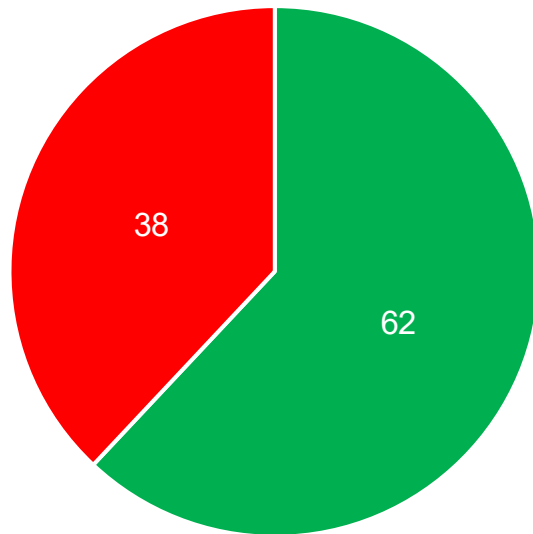


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# 62% of Australian voters think the Federal Government should prioritise investment in renewable sources of energy in its future energy plan

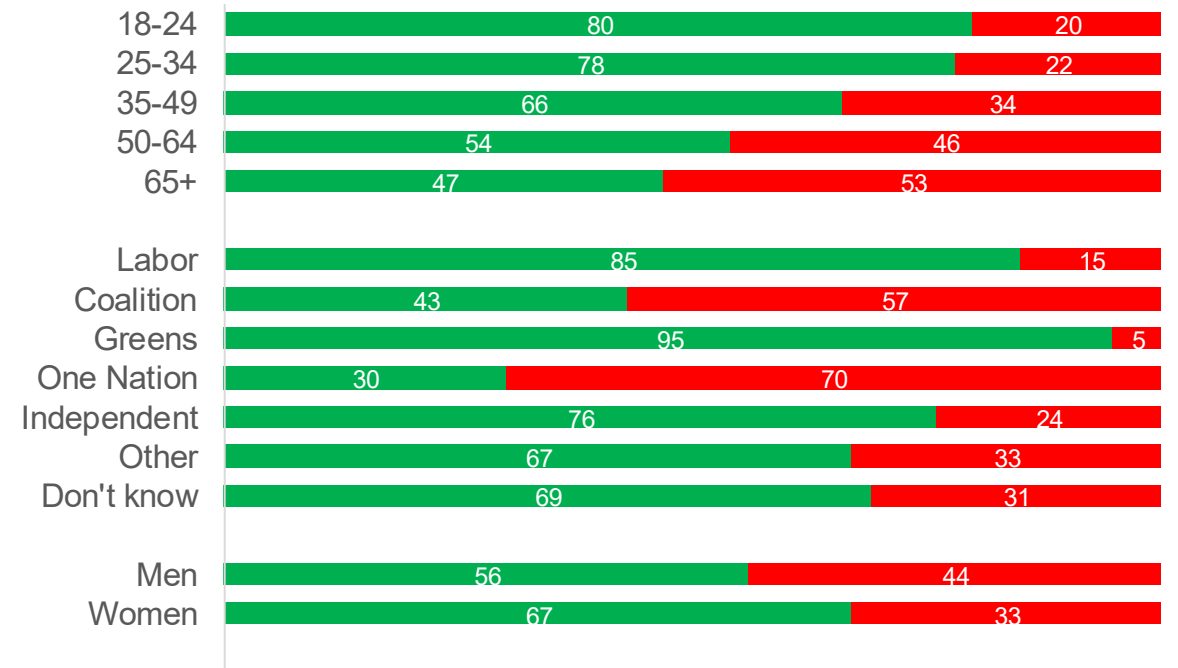
Q In creating a plan for Australia's future energy supply, which do you think the Federal Government should prioritise investment in?

Among all respondents



- Renewable sources of energy like solar and battery storage
- Non-renewable sources of energy like coal and gas

By age, voting intention and gender

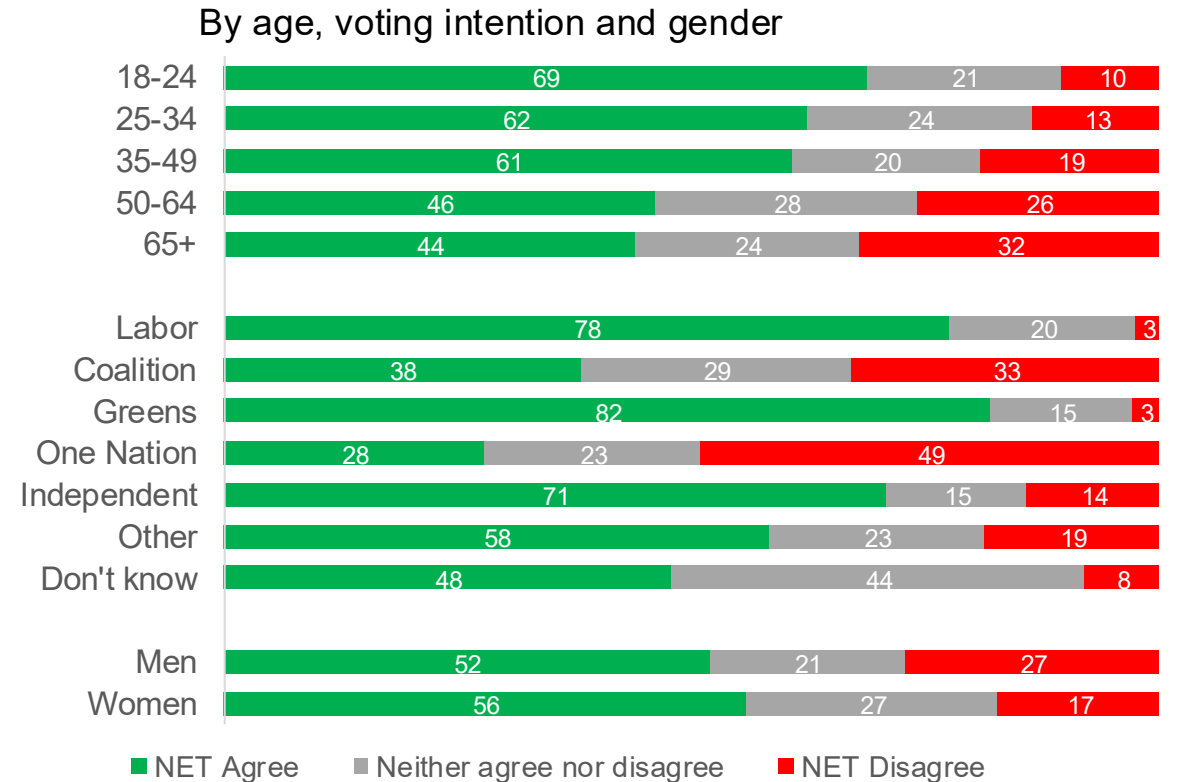
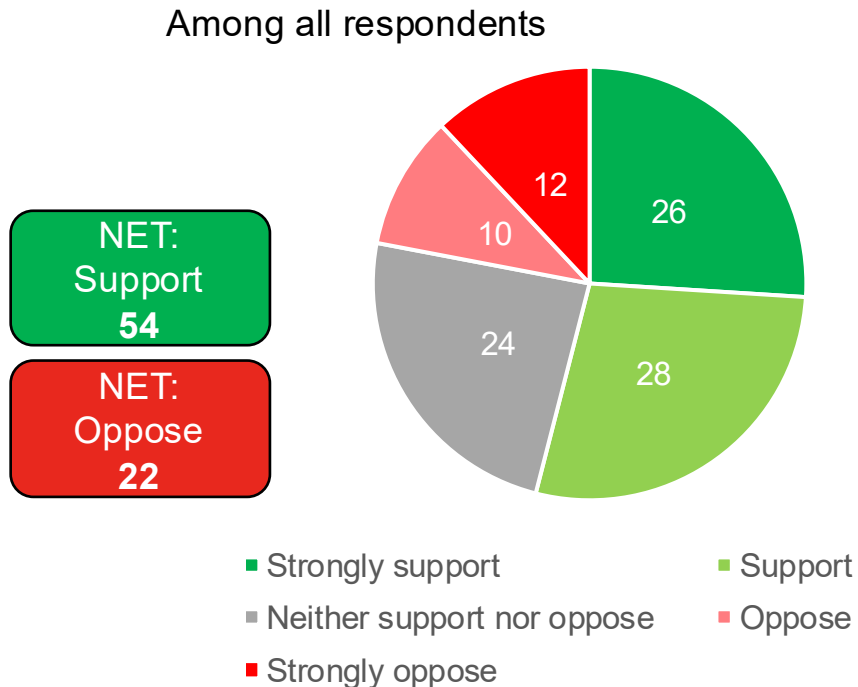


Q3. The current fuel crisis has shown that Australia needs to have an energy plan to be independent of other countries. In ceating a plan for Australia's future energy supply, which do you think the Federal Government should prioritise investment in? Please select the option that best applies

Base: All respondents n=1501

# 54% of Australian voters agree that Australia should accelerate the shift to clean energy

Q. Australia should accelerate the shift to clean energy, including electrifying homes and transport, to strengthen energy security and protect households and businesses from future fuel price shocks

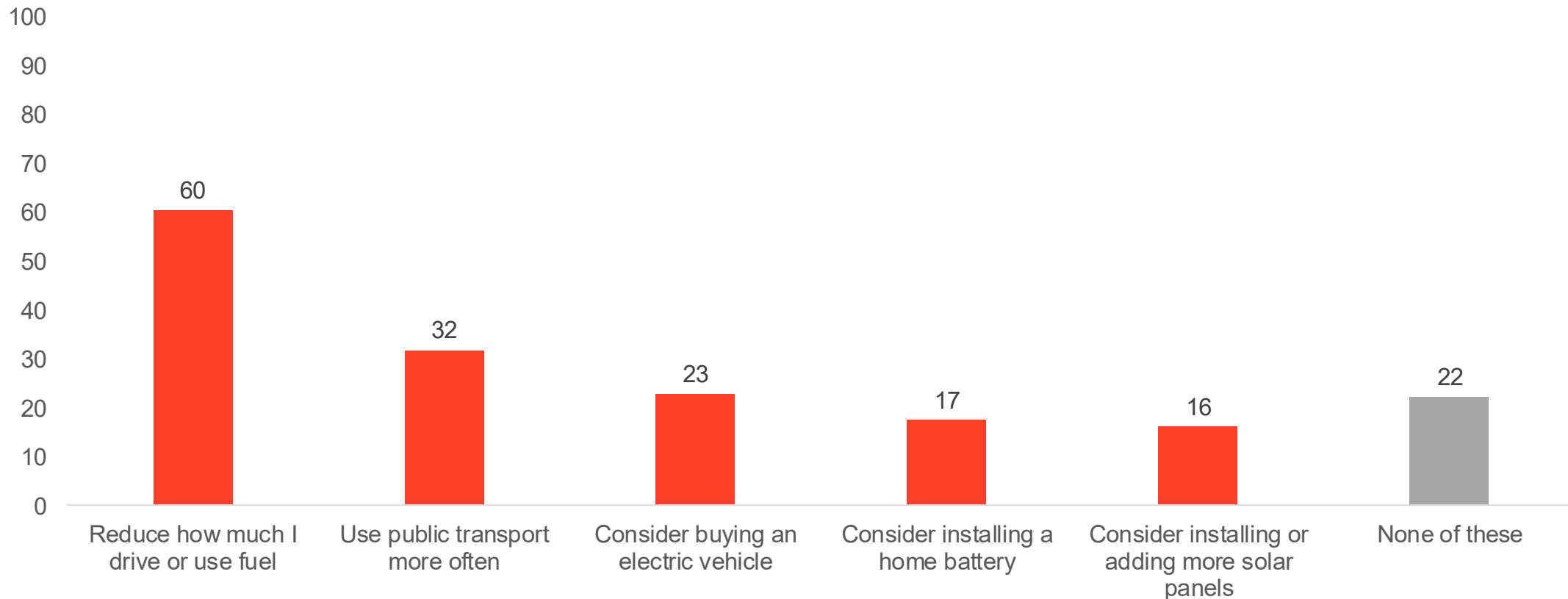


To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Australia should accelerate the shift to clean energy, including electrifying homes and transport, to strengthen energy security and protect households and businesses from future fuel price shocks  
 Base: All respondents – n=1501  
 NET Agree (Strongly agree + Agree); NET Disagree (Strongly disagree + Disagree)

# 60% of Australians say they have reduced how much they drive because of the recent rise in fuel prices

Q. Has the recent rise in fuel prices made you more likely to do any of the following? Please select all that apply

Among all respondents



Has the recent rise in fuel prices made you more likely to do any of the following? Please select all that apply

Base: All respondents n=1501

# Thank you!

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