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## Parties locked in close contest for second week: ALP 51% cf. L-NP 49%

**For the second straight week the two major parties are locked in a tight contest with a slight edge to the ALP 51% cf. L-NP 49% on a two party preferred basis according to a face-to-face Roy Morgan Poll conducted over the weekend of April 27/28, 2019 with a representative cross-section of 826 Australian electors.**

### Primary Voting Intention

Both major parties managed to increase their primary votes this week at the expense of Pauline Hanson's One Nation but there was no change to the close overall two-party preferred result ahead of tonight's first Leaders' Debate between Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten in Perth.

The L-NP now has a primary vote of 39.5% (up 0.5%) and remains clearly ahead of the ALP on 36% (up 0.5%) while Greens support is unchanged on 9.5%. Support for One Nation is down 2% to 2.5% while support for Clive Palmer's United Australia Party is unchanged on 2%. Support for Independents/Others is up 1% to 10.5%.

### Roy Morgan Government Confidence

Roy Morgan Government Confidence has improved this week with 43% of electors saying Australia is now heading in the right direction, up 3% from a week earlier while 41.5% (up 0.5%) say Australia is heading in the wrong direction.

These results put Government Confidence marginally above the neutral level of 100 now at 101.5, up 3.5pts from a week ago.

Electors were asked: *"At the Federal election for the House of Representatives on May 18 – which party will receive your first preference?? and "Generally speaking, do you feel that things in Australia are heading in the right direction or would you say things are seriously heading in the wrong direction?"*

This Roy Morgan Poll on Federal voting intention and Roy Morgan Government Confidence was conducted via face-to-face interviewing last weekend. Roy Morgan interviewed 826 Australian electors aged 18+ on the weekends of April 27/28, 2019. 4.5% of electors can't say who they support.

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## Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2006 – 2015)

The Morgan Poll has proven to be consistently the most accurate regular poll in recent Australian Elections — including the 2013 Federal Election, 2010 Federal Election, 2007 Federal Election, 2010 Victorian State Election & 2012 Queensland State Election.

The Morgan Poll was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2013 Federal Election](#) for the two-party preferred vote (L-NP: 53.5% cf. ALP 46.5%) (sample 4,937 electors).

The Morgan Poll was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2007 Federal Election](#) for both primary vote and two-party preferred predictions (sample 2,115 electors).

The Morgan Poll accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Queensland Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 604 electors).

The Morgan Poll accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Victorian Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 956 electors). The Morgan Poll was also the most accurate on the primary vote of the major parties for the Victorian election.

**Note:** The [discussion on Possum Pollytics](#) regarding Morgan and Newspoll is well worth reading.

The following included comment says it all: “I find it interesting that for the only poll in the last five years for which there is any ‘real’ figure with which to compare, i.e. the polls immediately before the 2004 election, Morgan (45.5%) was closer to the actual Coalition Primary (46.7%) than Newspoll (45%) or Nielsen (49%), and Morgan (38.5%) was also closer to the ALP actual primary (37.6%) than Newspoll (39%), and only marginally further away than Nielsen (37%). Since we have no idea of how far away the ongoing polls are from ‘reality’ (whatever that means), surely we should just go with what we know, that in the most recent testable case, Morgan was better at forecasting the actual primary vote than Newspoll. On what possible basis should we decide that the Newspoll or Nielsen primary vote estimate is ‘better’ than Morgan’s.”

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