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L-NP support slumps following resignation of Bronwyn Bishop as Roy Morgan Government Confidence plunges to record low

In early August L-NP support has slumped 43% (down 3%) cf. ALP 57% (up 3%) after controversial Speaker Bronwyn Bishop resigned following a series of extravagant travel expense claims. Liberal backbencher Tony Smith (Victoria) has today been elected as the new Speaker to replace Bishop. If a Federal Election were held now the ALP would win easily.

Primary support for the ALP has increased to 37% (up 1.5%) while L-NP support is down 2.5% to 36.5%. Support for the Greens continues to rise – now at 15.5% (up 0.5%) – **the highest Greens vote for five years since August 2010**, Palmer United Party 1% (unchanged), Katter's Australian Party 1.5% (unchanged), while Independents/ Others were 8.5% (up 0.5%).

This week's Morgan Poll on Federal voting intention was conducted over the last two weekends, August 1/2 & 8/9, 2015, with an Australia-wide cross-section of 2,930 Australian electors.

Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating

The Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating has dropped 5pts to a **record low** of 86pts this week with 48.5% (up 2%) of Australians saying Australia is 'heading in the wrong direction' and 34.5% (down 3%) saying Australia is 'heading in the right direction'.

Analysis by Gender

Analysis by Gender shows a majority of both genders now supporting the ALP. Women: ALP 60.5% (up 4%) cf. L-NP 39.5% (down 4%); Men: ALP 53.5% (up 2%) cf. L-NP 46.5% (down 2%).

Analysis by Age group

Analysis by Age group shows the ALP still with its strongest advantage among younger Australians. 18-24yr olds heavily favour the ALP 67% cf. L-NP 33%; 25-34yr olds also heavily favour the ALP 63.5% cf. L-NP 36.5%; 35-49yr olds favour the ALP 59.5% cf. L-NP 40.5% while 50-64yr olds now favour the ALP 53.5% cf. L-NP 46.5% and those aged 65+ narrowly favour the L-NP 51% cf. ALP 49%.

Analysis by States

The ALP now has a two-party preferred lead in all 6 Australian States. Victoria: ALP 60.5% cf. L-NP 39.5%, South Australia: ALP 59% cf. L-NP 41%, Western Australia: ALP 57.5% cf. L-NP 42.5%, Tasmania: ALP 57% cf. L-NP 43%, Queensland: ALP 54.5% cf. LNP 45.5% and New South Wales: ALP 54.5% cf. L-NP 45.5%.

The Morgan Poll surveys a larger sample (including people who only use a mobile phone) than any other public opinion poll. **The Morgan Poll asks Minor Party supporters which way they will vote their preferences. *News Corp's poll does not measure or reference the PUP vote!**

The Morgan Poll allocated preferences based on how people say they will vote – allocating preferences by how electors voted at the last Federal Election, as used by News Corp's poll* shows the ALP (54.5%) cf. L-NP (45.5%) – for trends see the [Morgan Poll historic data table](#).

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Gary Morgan says:

“In early August L-NP support has plunged 3% to 43% cf. ALP 57% (up 3%) on a two-party preferred basis following the resignation of Speaker Bronwyn Bishop. This is the Abbott Government’s worst two-party preferred result since Tony Abbott survived an ‘almost challenge’ in early February as Parliament resumed sitting for the year. At that time the [Morgan Poll](#) showed the ALP 57.5% cf. L-NP 42.5%.

“The travel expenses scandal surrounding several Federal MPs was not the only worry for the Abbott Government last week. A widely publicised ABS unemployment release last week showed Australian [ABS unemployment rising 0.2% to 6.3%](#) (closer to the [Roy Morgan real unemployment rate of 8.7% for July](#)) and substantial falls on the Australian All Ordinaries Index last week wiped billions of dollars off the markets – and in particular Australia’s ‘Big Four’ Banks. The Australian All Ordinaries Index closed at 5,681.90pts on Tuesday and fell by more than 200pts (-3.7%) to close last week at 5,472.30. There has since been a slight recovery in markets today.

*“The worrying trends of rising unemployment and falling share-markets have clearly impacted strongly on Australian electors with the **Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating plunging to a record low of 86 (down 5pts)** in the past fortnight as an increasing number of Australians, 48.5% (up 2%) say Australia is ‘heading in the wrong direction’.”*

Electors were asked: *“If an election for the House of Representatives were held today – which party will receive your first preference?”*

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Finding No. 6387 – This multi-mode Morgan Poll on Federal voting intention was conducted via face-to-face and SMS interviewing over the last two weekends August 1/2 & 8/9, 2015 with an Australia-wide cross-section of 2,930 Australian electors aged 18+, of all electors surveyed 3% (unchanged) did not name a party.

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Federal Voting Intention Summary – House of Reps (%)

	L-NP	ALP	The Greens	Palmer United	Katter	Ind./ Others
RECENT FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS	%	%	%	%	%	%
Election March 2, 1996	47.3 (8.6)	38.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	12.2
Election October 3 [^] , 1998	39.5 (5.3)	40.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	18.3
Election November 10, 2001	43 (5.6)	37.8	4.4	0.0	0.3	13.5
Election October 9, 2004	46.4 (5.9)	37.6	7.2	0.0	0.3	8.5
Election November 24, 2007	42.1 (5.9)	43.4	7.8	0.0	0.3	6.4
Election, August 21, 2010	43.6 (3.7)	38.0	11.8	0.0	0.3	6.3
Election, September 7, 2013	45.5 (4.3)	33.4	8.7	5.5	1.0	5.9
MORGAN POLL						
May 17/18, 2014	35 (2)	38.5	12	6.5	1.5	6.5
May 24/25 & May 31/ June 1, 2014	35 (2)	38	11	7.5	1	7.5
June 7/8, 2014	33 (1.5)	42	12	4.5	1	7.5
June 14/15, 2014	36.5 (2)	38	12	5.5	1	7
June 21/22 & 28/29, 2014	35 (2.5)	36.5	12	7	1.5	8
July 5/6 & 12/13, 2014	34 (2)	38.5	11.5	7.5	1	7.5
July 19/20 & 26/27, 2014	38 (2)	39	10.5	5	0.5	7
August 2/3 & 9/10, 2014	37.5 (2.5)	38	11	5.5	1	7
August 16/17 & 23/24, 2014	37.5 (2.5)	38.5	10.5	4.5	1.5	7.5
August 30/31 & September 6/7, 2014	38 (2.5)	37	10.5	4.5	1	9
September 13/14 & 20/21, 2014	38.5 (2)	37.5	12	4	1	7
September 27/28 & October 4/5, 2014	40 (2)	35	12	3.5	1.5	8
October 11/12 & 18/19, 2014	39.5 (2.5)	35.5	12	3.5	1	8.5
October 25/26 & November 1/2, 2014	38.5 (2)	37.5	12.5	3	1.5	7
November 8/9 & 15/16, 2014	38 (2)	38.5	12	2.5	2	7
November 22/23 & 29/30, 2014	39 (2.5)	37.5	12	2	1	8.5
December 6/7 & 13/14, 2014	35 (3)	41	11.5	2	1.5	9
January 3/4 & 10/11, 2015	38.5 (2.5)	38.5	9.5	2	2	9.5
January 23-27, 2015	37.5 (2.5)	39.5	12	3	1	7
January 31/ February 1 & 7/8, 2015	35.5 (2)	41.5	12	2	1	8
February 14/15 & 21/22, 2015	37.5 (2.5)	40.5	10	2	1.5	8.5
February 28/ March 1 & 7/8, 2015	39 (2.5)	38	11.5	2	1.5	8
March 14/15 & 21/22, 2015	38 (3)	40	11	1.5	1.5	8
March 28/29 & April 3-6, 2015	40.5 (3)	36	12.5	1.5	1.5	8
April 11/12 & 18/19, 2015	38.5 (2.5)	38	12	1	1.5	9
April 25/26 & May 2/3, 2015	40 (2.5)	37.5	11.5	1.5	1	8.5
May 16/17, 2015	41.5 (3)	35.5	12.5	1.5	1.5	7.5
May 23/24 & 30/31, 2015	41 (3)	37	13	1	1.5	6.5
June 6/7 & 13/14, 2015	37.5 (2.5)	37.5	13.5	1.5	1	9
June 20/21 & 27/28, 2015	39 (2)	36	14	1.5	1	8.5
July 4/5 & 11/12, 2015	41.5 (2.5)	34.5	13.5	1	1.5	8
July 18/19 & 25/26, 2015	39 (2.5)	35.5	15	1	1.5	8
August 1/2 & 8/9, 2015	36.5 (3)	37	15.5	1	1.5	8.5

Note: [^] 1998 Federal election results have been updated to include results from the electorate of Newcastle supplementary election. The L-NP did not have a candidate contesting the electorate of Newcastle.

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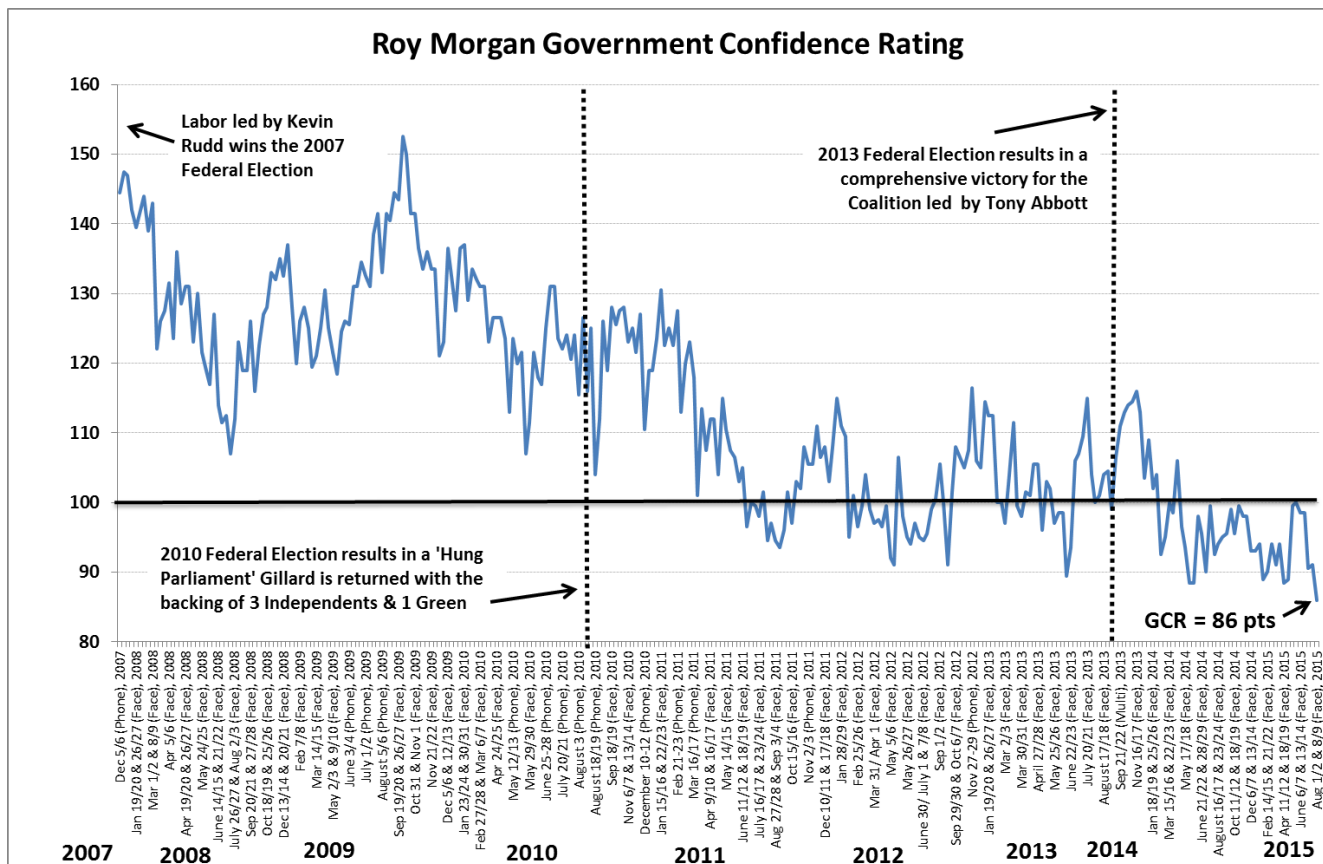
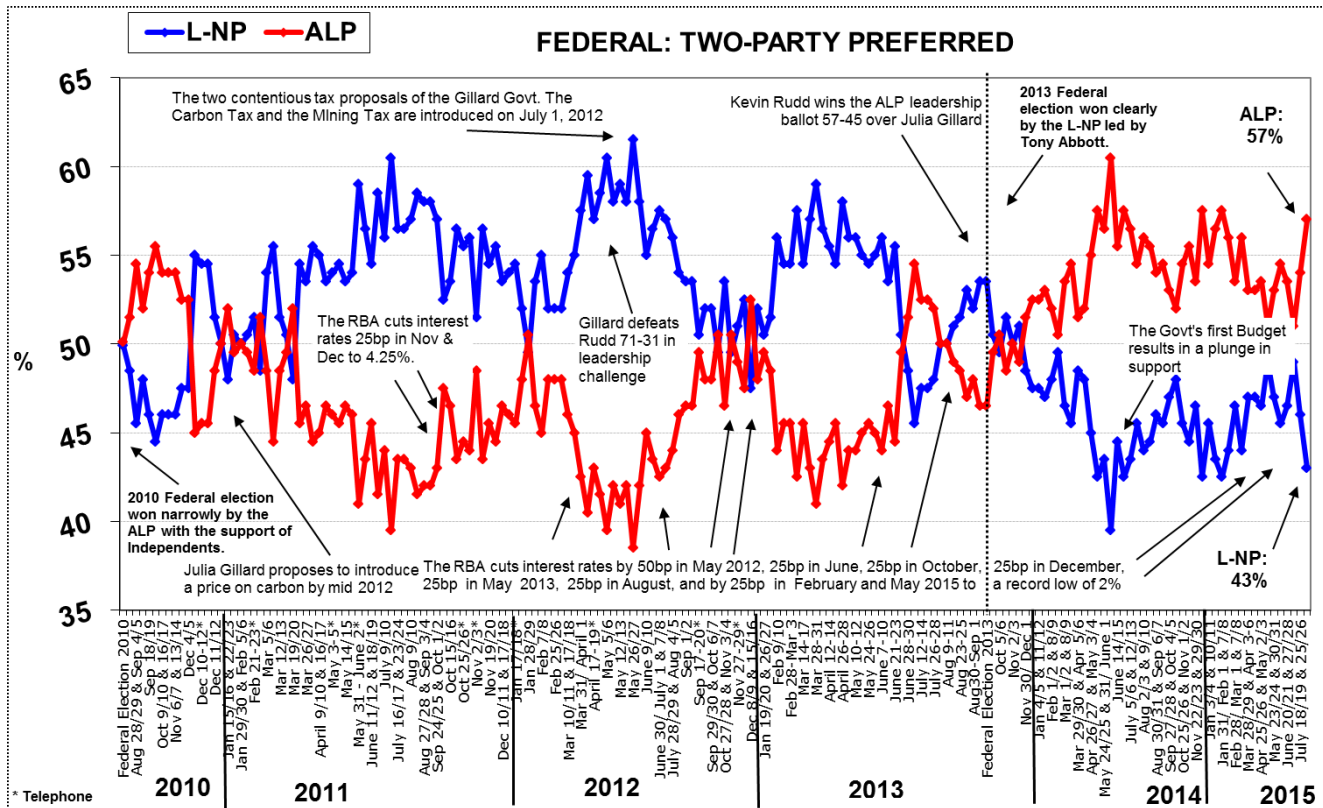
Two-Party Preferred Vote (%)

RECENT FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS	L-NP	ALP
	%	%
Election, March 2, 1996	53.6	46.4
Election, October 3 [^] , 1998	49	51
Election, November 10, 2001	51	49
Election, October 9, 2004	52.7	47.3
Election, November 24, 2007	47.3	52.7
Election, August 21, 2010	49.9	50.1
Election, September 7, 2013	53.5	46.5
Final Pre-Election Morgan Poll – September 4-6, 2013	53.5	46.5

	Preferences distributed by how electors say they will vote		Preferences distributed by how electors voted at the 2013 election	
	%	%	%	%
MORGAN POLL	L-NP	ALP	L-NP	ALP
May 17/18, 2014	42.5	57.5	43.5	56.5
May 24/25 & May 31/ June 1, 2014	43.5	56.5	45	55
June 7/8, 2014	39.5	60.5	41	59
June 14/15, 2014	44.5	55.5	45.5	54.5
June 21/22 & 28/29, 2014	42.5	57.5	45.5	54.5
July 5/6 & 12/13, 2014	43.5	56.5	44	56
July 19/20 & 26/27, 2014	45.5	54.5	46	54
August 2/3 & 9/10, 2014	44	56	46	54
August 16/17 & 23/24, 2014	44.5	55.5	46	54
August 30/31 & September 6/7, 2014	46	54	47	53
September 13/14 & 20/21, 2014	45.5	54.5	46.5	53.5
September 27/28 & October 4/5, 2014	47	53	48.5	51.5
October 11/12 & 18/19, 2014	48	52	48	52
October 25/26 & November 1/2, 2014	45.5	54.5	46.5	53.5
November 8/9 & 15/16, 2014	44.5	55.5	46	54
November 22/23 & 29/30, 2014	46.5	53.5	47	53
December 6/7 & 13/14, 2014	42.5	57.5	43.5	56.5
January 3/4 & 10/11, 2014	45.5	54.5	47	53
January 23-27, 2015	43.5	56.5	44.5	55.5
January 31/ February 1 & 7/8, 2015	42.5	57.5	43	57
February 14/15 & 21/22, 2015	44	56	45	55
February 28/ March 1 & 7/8, 2015	46.5	53.5	46.5	53.5
March 14/15 & 21/22, 2015	44	56	46	54
March 28/29 & April 3-6, 2015	47	53	47	53
April 11/12 & 18/19, 2015	47	53	46	54
April 25/26 & May 2/3, 2015	46.5	53.5	47	53
May 16/17, 2015	49	51	48.5	51.5
May 23/24 & 30/31, 2015	47	53	48	52
June 6/7 & 13/14, 2015	45.5	54.5	45.5	54.5
June 20/21 & 27/28, 2015	46.5	53.5	47	53
July 4/5 & 11/12, 2015	49	51	49	51
July 18/19 & 25/26, 2015	46	54	46.5	53.5
August 1/2 & 8/9, 2015	43	57	45.5	54.5

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Australia Heading In “Right” Or “Wrong” Direction

Electors were asked: “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?”

	Interviewing Dates — L-NP Government (Tony Abbott v Bill Shorten)						
	Sep 20/27 & Oct 4/5	Oct 11/12 & 18/19	Oct 25/26 & Nov 1/2	Nov 8/9 & 15/16	Nov 22/23 & 29/30	Dec 6/7 & 13/14	Jan 3/4 & 10/11
	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	40	39	39.5	40.5	40.5	38	37
Wrong direction	41	43.5	40	42.5	42.5	45	44
Roy Morgan GCR*	99	95.5	99.5	98	98	93	93
Can't say	19	17.5	20.5	17	17	17	19
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

	Interviewing Dates — L-NP Government (Tony Abbott v Bill Shorten)							
	Jan 24/25	Jan 31/ Feb 1 & 7/8	Feb 14/15 & 21/22	Feb 28/ Mar 1 & 7/8	Mar 14/15 & 21/22	Mar 28/29 & April 3-6	April 11/12 & 18/19	April 25/26 & May 2/3
	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	37.5	34.5	34.5	37.5	37	38.5	34	34
Wrong direction	43.5	45.5	44.5	43.5	46	44.5	45.5	45
Roy Morgan GCR*	94	89	90	94	91	94	88.5	89
Can't say	19	20	21	19	17	17	20.5	21
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

	Interviewing Dates — L-NP Government (Tony Abbott v Bill Shorten)						
	May 16/17	May 23/24 & 30/31	June 6/7 & 13/14	June 20/21 & 27/28	July 4/5 & 11/12	July 18/19 & 25/26	Aug 1/2 & 8/9
	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face	Face
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	41.5	41.5	40	40	36	37.5	34.5
Wrong direction	42	41.5	41.5	41.5	45.5	46.5	48.5
Roy Morgan GCR*	99.5	100	98.5	98.5	90.5	91	86
Can't say	16.5	17	18.5	18.5	18.5	16	17
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Phone: Telephone survey method; Face: Face-to-face survey method. *Roy Morgan GCR = Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating (100 plus the difference between the percentage of people who say the country is “going in the right direction” and the percentage who say the country is “going in seriously the wrong direction”).

Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. The following table gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. The figures are approximate and for general guidance only, and assume a simple random sample. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4
1,500	±2.6	±2.2	±1.5	±1.1
2,000	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0

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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