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Budget delivers 2.5% swing to the L-NP but ALP still lead on a two party preferred basis: ALP 52.5% cf. L-NP 47.5%

A face-to-face Roy Morgan Poll conducted over the weekend of April 6/7, 2019 with 809 Australian electors shows the ALP 52.5% (down 2.5% from before the Federal Budget) lead the L-NP 47.5% (up 2.5%) on a two-party preferred basis.

The ALP has a primary vote of 35% (down 1.5%) now just behind the L-NP on 37% (up 2.5%). Support for the Greens is up by 1% to 13.5%.

Support for the minor parties is led by One Nation on 4% (up 0.5%), ahead of Clive Palmer's United Australian Party on 1.5% (down 0.5%), Australian Conservatives on 1% (unchanged) and Katter's Australian Party 0.5% (unchanged). A further 7.5% (down 2%) support Independents and micro parties.

Right Direction down 1% as Government Confidence dips to 99.5

Following the Federal Budget Roy Morgan's Government Confidence Rating was down by 2pts to 99.5 for the weekend of April 6/7, 2019.

Now 40.5% (down 1%) of electors say 'Australia is heading in the 'right direction' and 41% (up 1%) say Australia is heading in the wrong direction' and 18.5% (unchanged) can't say.

Government Confidence for L-NP supporters was down slightly by 2pts to 124.5 with 54.5% (unchanged) of L-NP supporters saying 'Australia is heading in the right direction' compared to 30% (up 2%) that say 'Australia is heading in the wrong direction'.

Government Confidence for ALP supporters was down by 5pts to 93 with 37.5% (down 2.5%) saying 'Australia is heading in the right direction' and 44.5% (up 2.5%) that 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? 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 on the first weekend of April. Roy Morgan interviewed 829 Australian electors aged 18+ on the weekends of April 6/7, 2019. 4.5% of electors can't say who they support.

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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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