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WOULD YOU SAY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IS VERY IMPORTANT, FAIRLY IMPORTANT OR NOT IMPORTANT ON HOW YOU PERSONALLY WOULD VOTE IN A FEDERAL ELECTION?

<u>OCTOBER 2008 - Summary</u>	<u>FEB 2007</u>	<u>JUN 2007</u>	<u>OCT 2007</u>	<u>FEB 2008</u>	<u>JULY 2008</u>	<u>OCT 2008</u>
<u>Issues Rated Very Important</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%
HEALTH & MEDICARE	79	77	81	82	79	82
THE ECONOMY	66	64	67	72	72	82
EDUCATION	78	75	80	81	78	80
WATER PLANNING*	82	75	80	73	74	73
WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES	62	63	62	62	61	62
THE ENVIRONMENT	70	66	69	68	63	61
LEADERSHIP	56	58	59	58	57	60
NATIONAL SECURITY	60	58	55	57	49	54
CLIMATE CHANGE**	NA	NA	NA	NA	55	51
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	48	47	49	43	38	40

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES?

<u>OCTOBER 2008 - Summary</u>	<u>LIBERAL/ NATIONALS COALITION</u>	<u>LABOR PARTY</u>	<u>SOMEONE ELSE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>UNCOMMITTED</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
HEALTH & MEDICARE	30	48	4	3	15
THE ECONOMY	43	39	2	2	14
EDUCATION	29	51	2	3	15
WATER PLANNING*	27	37	15	4	17
WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES	24	55	5	2	14
THE ENVIRONMENT	21	36	24	3	16
NATIONAL SECURITY	41	36	3	2	18
CLIMATE CHANGE**	22	37	20	5	16
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	30	51	2	2	15

* 'Water Planning' included for the first time in February 2007.

** 'Climate Change' included for the first time in July 2008.

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WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **HEALTH & MEDICARE?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	33	33	33	24	28	30
LABOR PARTY	45	45	47	52	48	48
SOMEONE ELSE	3	4	3	3	6	4
NONE	4	2	3	2	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	15	16	14	19	15	15

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **THE ECONOMY?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	51	51	53	44	44	43
LABOR PARTY	29	30	29	37	34	39
SOMEONE ELSE	3	2	2	2	4	2
NONE	3	3	3	2	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	14	14	13	15	15	14

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **EDUCATION?**

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	27	28	30	22	26	29
LABOR PARTY	49	50	50	57	51	51
SOMEONE ELSE	3	4	3	2	5	2
NONE	3	3	2	2	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	18	15	15	17	15	15

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WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **WATER PLANNING**?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	33	29	31	24	24	27
LABOR PARTY	34	36	35	39	42	37
SOMEONE ELSE	9	10	10	12	12	15
NONE	4	6	5	5	4	4
UNCOMMITTED	20	19	19	20	18	17

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES**?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	28	28	28	21	24	24
LABOR PARTY	51	49	51	56	52	55
SOMEONE ELSE	4	5	5	4	6	5
NONE	3	3	2	3	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	14	15	14	16	15	14

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE)
DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **THE ENVIRONMENT**?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	24	25	25	15	19	21
LABOR PARTY	41	39	39	45	40	36
SOMEONE ELSE	15	17	19	22	22	24
NONE	4	3	2	3	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	16	16	15	15	16	16

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WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **NATIONAL SECURITY**?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	44	47	49	38	40	41
LABOR PARTY	31	28	26	36	34	36
SOMEONE ELSE	4	3	4	3	4	3
NONE	3	4	3	3	4	2
UNCOMMITTED	18	18	18	20	18	18

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **CLIMATE CHANGE**?

	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	18	22
LABOR PARTY	45	37
SOMEONE ELSE	17	20
NONE	4	5
UNCOMMITTED	16	16

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2007</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>JULY</u> <u>2008</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2008</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	27	31	34	27	26	30
LABOR PARTY	51	47	47	52	52	51
SOMEONE ELSE	4	4	3	2	5	2
NONE	3	3	2	2	2	2
UNCOMMITTED	15	15	14	17	15	15

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. The latest survey was conducted on 24-26 October 2008 and is based on 1,144 interviews among voters. The maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL. More poll information is available at www.newspoll.com.au