

Polling - Native forest logging

September 2021

Key results

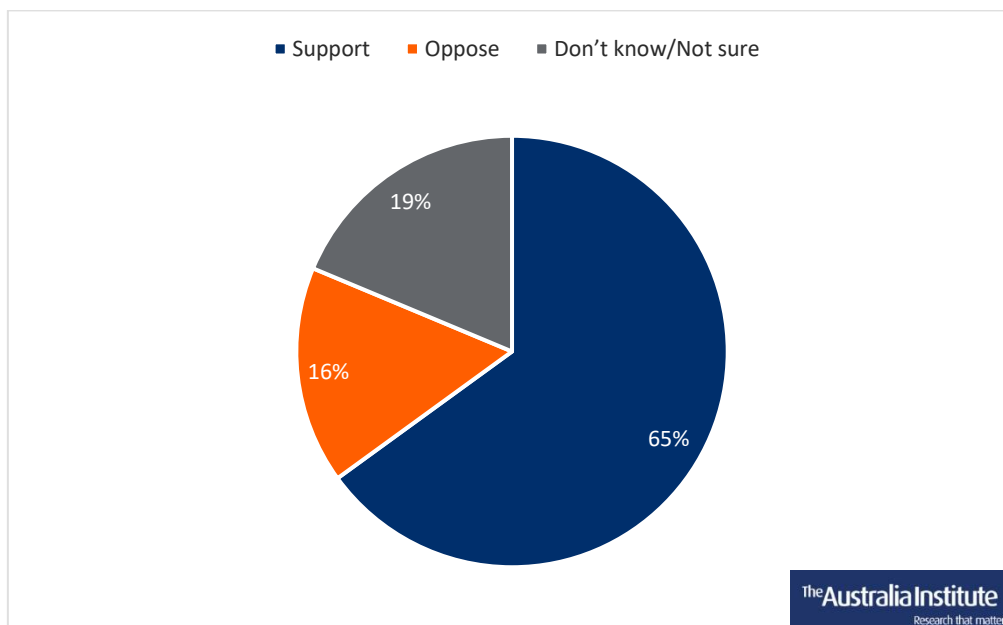
The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,000 Australians about whether they support or oppose an end to native forest logging on public land in Australia.

Recently sixty-one environmental groups called for an end to native forest logging on public land in Australia and subsequently Premier Mark McGowan announced a ban on logging in WA native forests.

Results show that

- Two in three (65%) Australians support an end to native forest logging on public land in Australia, with 16% that oppose ending native forest logging.
 - More Australians responded Don't know/Not sure than oppose ending native forest logging, 19% compared to 16% respectively.

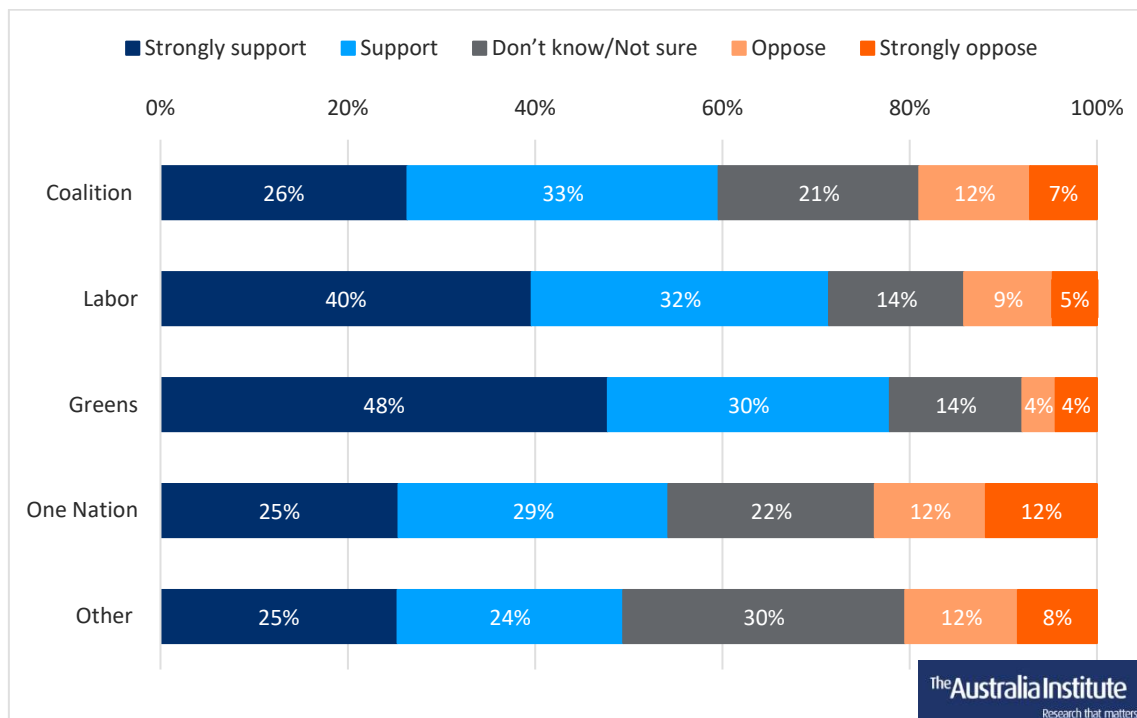
Figure 1: Attitudes towards ending native forest logging on public land



More than half of voters across all voting intentions support an end to native forest logging, except for Independent/Other voters (49%).

- Greens voters (78%) are most likely to support an end to native forest logging on public land, followed by Labor voters (71%).
 - Greens voters (8%) and Labor voters (14%) are also least likely to oppose an end to native forest logging.
- Three in five (60%) Coalition voters support an end to native forest logging in Australia and 19% oppose.
- More than double the amount of One Nation and Independent/Other voters support compared to oppose an end to native forest logging in Australia.

Figure 2: Attitudes towards ending native forest logging on public land



- Western Australians (59%) are the least likely to support an end to native forest logging, compared to Australians living in NSW (67%), VIC (64%) and QLD (66%).
- Australians aged 18-29 (75%) are most likely to support an end to native forest logging, followed by Australians aged 30-39 (67%).
 - Australians aged 50-59 are least likely to support (56%) and most likely to oppose (22%) ending native forest logging on public land in Australia.

Method

The Australia Institute surveyed 1,000 people on 8th – 10th of September 2021, online through Dynata’s Rapid Results polling, with nationally representative samples by gender, age and region.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 3%.

Results are shown only for larger states.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” refers to Independent/Other.

Detailed results

Last week sixty-one environmental groups called for an end to native forest logging on public land in Australia and this week Premier Mark McGowan announced a ban on logging in WA native forests.

Do you support or oppose an end to native forest logging on public land in Australia?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
Strongly support	34%	36%	32%	35%	33%	34%	37%
Support	31%	31%	32%	32%	31%	32%	23%
Oppose	10%	11%	9%	9%	11%	9%	12%
Strongly oppose	6%	8%	5%	7%	5%	7%	7%
Don't know/Not sure	19%	15%	22%	17%	20%	18%	22%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
Strongly support	34%	39%	30%	38%	31%	32%
Support	31%	36%	37%	27%	25%	32%
Oppose	10%	8%	9%	10%	13%	10%
Strongly oppose	6%	3%	5%	4%	9%	10%
Don't know/Not sure	19%	15%	19%	21%	22%	15%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>PHON</i>	<i>Other</i>
Strongly support	34%	26%	40%	48%	25%	25%
Support	31%	33%	32%	30%	29%	24%
Oppose	10%	12%	9%	4%	12%	12%
Strongly oppose	6%	7%	5%	4%	12%	8%
Don't know/Not sure	19%	21%	14%	14%	22%	30%