

Survey questions

Poll 3: Australian politics and child health: what the public thinks

As we approach the next federal election, political leaders are talking about many issues. The health and wellbeing of children and teenagers is important. We are interested in knowing which issues you think Australia's political leaders should be addressing **with regard to the health and wellbeing of children and teenagers**.

To what extent **do you agree** with the following statements:

Question 1

Australian children and teenagers today will grow up to have a **better life** than me.

Strongly disagree, Disagree, I don't think it will be any different, Agree, Strongly agree

Question 2

Today's children and teenagers will grow up to have a **better life** than me in terms of: [insert each of below items in carousel, random order of presentation]

Strongly disagree, Disagree, I don't think it will be any different, Agree, Strongly agree

- Affordable housing
- Childcare
- Dental care
- Employment
- Environment and climate
- Freedom from family violence
- Friendships, relationships and social networks
- Further education (ie university, TAFE)
- Healthy diet
- Mental health care
- Physical health care
- Play and recreation

- Safe neighbourhoods and communities
- Safe schools, free from bullying
- School education

Question 3

Today's political leaders have a **good understanding about what is important** for Australian children and teenagers

Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree

Question 4

I am confident that today's political leaders **represent the interests** of Australian children and teenagers

Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree

Question 5

Thinking about the wellbeing of Australian children and teenagers, which political party leader **best represents your perspective?**

[present list of all below with radiobutton on each to enable selection of ONE option]

Barnaby Joyce

Bill Shorten

Malcolm Turnbull

Richard Di Natale

None

Other

Question 6

In general, the politicians in federal parliament today should take more action on issues relating to the wellbeing of Australian children and teenagers

Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree

Question 7

Thinking about the health and wellbeing of children and teenagers, **the way I vote will be affected by** how much each political party talks about [insert each of below items in carousel, random order of presentation]

Strongly disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly agree

- Caring for the environment
- Creating environments for play and recreation
- Creating jobs
- Making schools free from bullying
- Improving access to childcare
- Improving access to dental care
- Improving access to mental health care
- Improving access to physical health care
- Improving school education
- Improving the safety of neighbourhoods and communities
- Making further education (e.g. TAFE, university) more affordable
- Making housing more affordable
- Reducing the rate of family violence
- Supporting people to eat healthy food

Thinking about the wellbeing of Australian children and teenagers, are there any other issues that would **influence how you vote?**

<Open field>

Question 8

Would you support the introduction of a tax on sugary drinks?

Yes, No

Question 9

Would you support a **gradual ban on the advertising of junk food aimed at children and teenagers**, similar to the ban on tobacco products advertising introduced in Australia from 1976?

Yes, No

Question 10

Would you support the use of government funds to make **fulltime childcare/kindergarten available to all Australian children aged 4-years and over**, in the same way that primary and secondary school education is freely available?

Yes, No

Question 11

Would you support **compulsory daily physical activity in schools** for all primary school aged children?

Yes, No

Question 12

Would you support a change to the existing national school chaplaincy program to **include funding for non-religious welfare workers** in schools (eg. psychologists, counsellors)?

Yes, No

Participants were also asked demographic questions on gender, country of birth, languages spoken at home, annual household income, education and health care card status.

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