

RESEARCH SUMMARY

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KEY FINDINGS
TABULAR SUMMARY

Tax Cuts Versus Health and Education Spending

Would you prefer the Federal Government to (a) Offer you an income tax cut OR (b) Spend the money on improving services like schools and Hospitals?

IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT FOR MORE
INVESTMENT IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION

	(a) Offer you an income tax cut %	(b) Spend money on improving services %	Neither %	Both %	Unsure %
All Respondents	18	76	1	3	2
Coalition	24	69	1	3	3
Labor	11	84	0	3	2
Greens	12	87	0	1	0
Others	15	82	0	3	0
NSW	17	78	1	3	1
Vic	19	77	0	2	2
Qld	21	72	1	2	4
WA/SA/TAS/NT/ACT	16	78	1	3	2
Inner Metropolitan	21	73	1	3	2
Outer Metropolitan	20	75	0	3	2
Provincial	17	76	2	1	4
Rural	14	82	0	2	2

Tax Cuts Versus Health and Education Spending: Demographics

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	(a) Offer you an income tax cut %	(b) Spend money on improving services %	Neither %	Both %	Unsure %
Male	20	74	1	3	2
Female	16	79	0	3	2
Under 30	27	71	0	1	1
30-39	20	77	0	2	1
40-49	15	76	1	5	3
50-64	18	75	1	3	3
65 & Over	6	86	2	2	4
<u>Household Income Before Tax</u>					
Under \$30,000	10	82	2	1	5
\$30,001 - \$50,000	18	75	1	5	1
\$50,001 - \$80,000	23	73	0	2	2
Over \$80,000	22	75	0	2	1

Other key findings

Medicare

- 71% agree with the statement – ‘we will be better off if the Government preserved Medicare including access to bulk billing’
- A clear majority of Coalition voters support the statement
- Very strong amongst working families

Higher Education

- There are very high levels of dissatisfaction with the Government’s handling of the issue - 65% dissatisfied, 20% satisfied
- Stronger amongst uni educated and families with children in, or heading for, uni (75% + opposition)