

# Polling - Casual workers and the wage subsidy

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## Key results

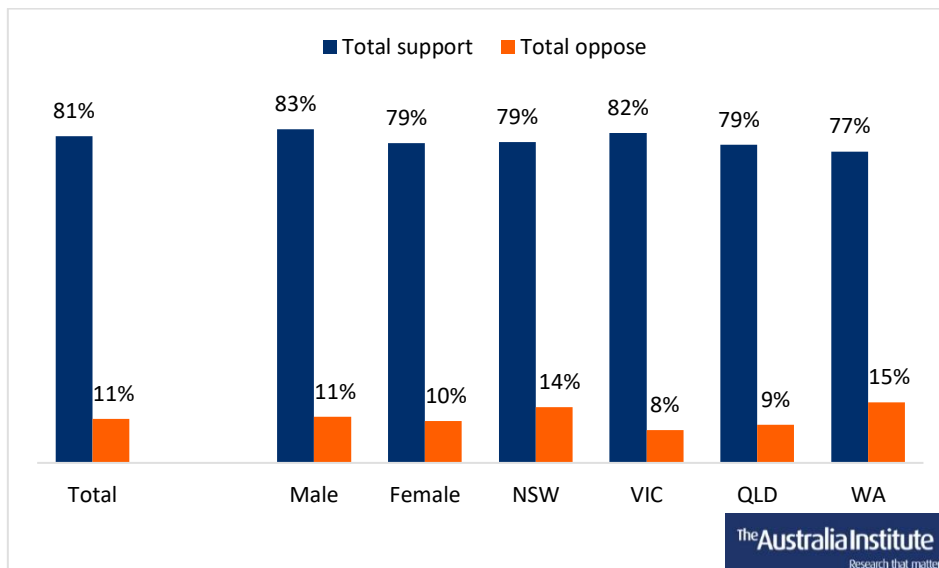
The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,008 Australians about the federal government’s JobKeeper wage subsidy.

Respondents were told that JobKeeper only covers casual workers if they have been in their job more than 12 months, and then asked whether they support or oppose extending the wage subsidy to casual workers that face losing their jobs regardless of how long they have been in the job.

Australians overwhelmingly support extending the wage subsidy to all casual workers that face losing their jobs.

- Four in five Australians (81%) support extending the wage subsidy to casual workers regardless of how long they have worked.
  - 39% strongly support extending the wage subsidy.
  - Only 11% are opposed to extending the wage subsidy, including 4% who are strongly opposed.

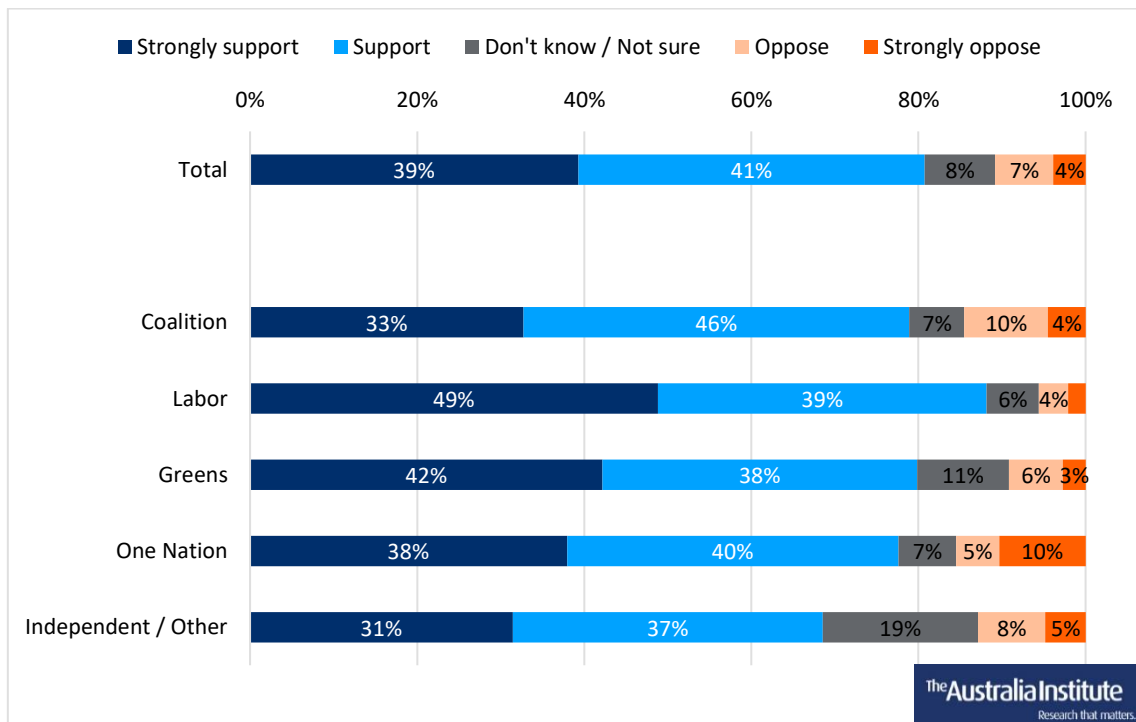
**Figure 1: Support for wage subsidy extension, by gender and state**



Support for extending the wage subsidy to casual workers regardless of how long they have been in the job is high among all voting intentions.

- Four in five (79%) Coalition voters support extending the wage subsidy, including 33% who strongly support extending it.
  - Only 15% of Coalition voters oppose extending the subsidy.
- Nine in 10 (88%) Labor voters support extending the wage subsidy, including almost half (49%) in strong support.
- Four in five Greens voters (80%) and One Nation voters (78%) support extending the wage subsidy, as do 69% of Independent/Other voters.

**Figure 2: Support for wage subsidy extension, by voting intention**



## Method

The Australia Institute surveyed 1,008 people between 3 and 6 April 2020, online through Dynata’s weekly “OmniPulse”, with nationally representative samples by gender, age and region.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the national results is 3.1%.

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” includes Centre Alliance, Jacqui Lambie Network and Independent/Other.

## Detailed results

In March, the Australian Government announced a wage subsidy for Australians who face losing their jobs. The subsidy includes casual workers only if they have been in their job for over 12 months.

Do you support or oppose extending the wage subsidy to casual workers who face losing their jobs, regardless of how long they have been in their job?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<b>Strongly support</b>	39%	40%	39%	40%	38%	35%	39%
<b>Support</b>	41%	43%	40%	40%	44%	44%	38%
<b>Oppose</b>	7%	7%	7%	9%	5%	7%	9%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	2%	6%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	8%	6%	11%	7%	10%	12%	8%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>One Nation</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Strongly support</b>	39%	33%	49%	42%	38%	31%
<b>Support</b>	41%	46%	39%	38%	40%	37%
<b>Oppose</b>	7%	10%	4%	6%	5%	8%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	4%	4%	2%	3%	10%	5%
<b>Don't know / Not sure</b>	8%	7%	6%	11%	7%	19%