

RAA Member Panel

Federal Election 2016

RAA actively advocates on behalf of its more than 660,000 members in the best interest of members' mobility issues. Prior to the Federal Election on 2 July 2016 we wanted to know what matters most to RAA members before they cast their vote.

The majority (90%) of RAA's Member Panel respondents have a preferred political party they plan to allocate their first preference vote to in their local electorate, leaving just one in ten undecided.

The Member Panel survey, sent on 31 May 2016, asked a series of questions to see if respondents could recognise their local sitting MP. Of those surveyed, 80 per cent were able to identify their local sitting Federal MP's photo, and 90 per cent were able to pick out their local Federal MP by name.

South Australia is in a unique situation this Federal Election, with a number of major transport infrastructure projects already announced or currently in the planning stage, including the Northern Connector and a continuous north-south corridor along South Road with the Torrens to Torrens and Darlington projects.

When asked to rate infrastructure projects that are the responsibility of the Federal Government or under consideration by Infrastructure Australia, more than half of our metropolitan members (56%) nominated South Road as the most important from RAA's priority list, followed by expanding the tram network into the suburbs (14%) and electrification of the Gawler rail line (11%).

Regional members listed upgrading Highway One between Port Augusta and Port Wakefield (31%) and finishing South Road (31%) as their two main priorities, with 18 per cent wanting to see the Sturt Highway upgraded.

When asked if Members had an alternate infrastructure project priority, there was a mix of projects that fall under both State and Federal responsibility. The top 10 included:

Project	Responsibility
Increase road maintenance/upgrades	Both
Improve attractiveness/efficiency of public transport	State
Upgrade Oaklands Rail Crossing	State
Expand passenger rail network	State
Upgrade Dukes Highway	Federal
Upgrade Victor Harbor Road	State
Improve metro freight routes	Federal
Complete upgrading South Road	Federal
Improved Bicycle Infrastructure	State
Metro Rail Electrification	State

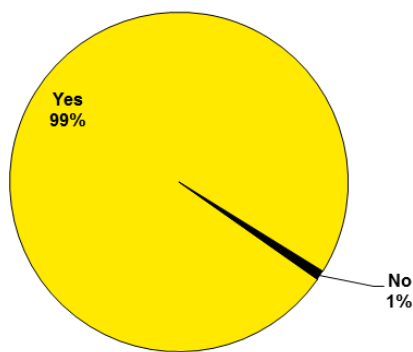
We also asked the Member Panel what issues would be a priority for them this election. The traditional priorities of health, local jobs, entitlements and education rated higher than road infrastructure. Science and innovation rated on par with road infrastructure investment, while Member Panel respondents believed roads were a higher priority than funding national security and defence, funding immigration and border control, and funding climate change, the environment and water.

Fuel excise is revenue collected by the Federal government at a current rate of nearly 40c per litre. Currently 47 per cent of net fuel excise tax forecast to be collected from South Australian motorists over the next four years will be reinvested into transport infrastructure. Nearly three in four Member Panel respondents believe this investment should be greater.

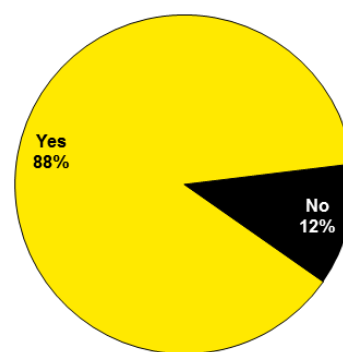
Most (81%) respondents do not trust major political party pledges to fund road projects, and about 15 per cent of members would change their vote if their preferred candidate reallocated funding away from a road-related project they supported.

Appendix: Key Results

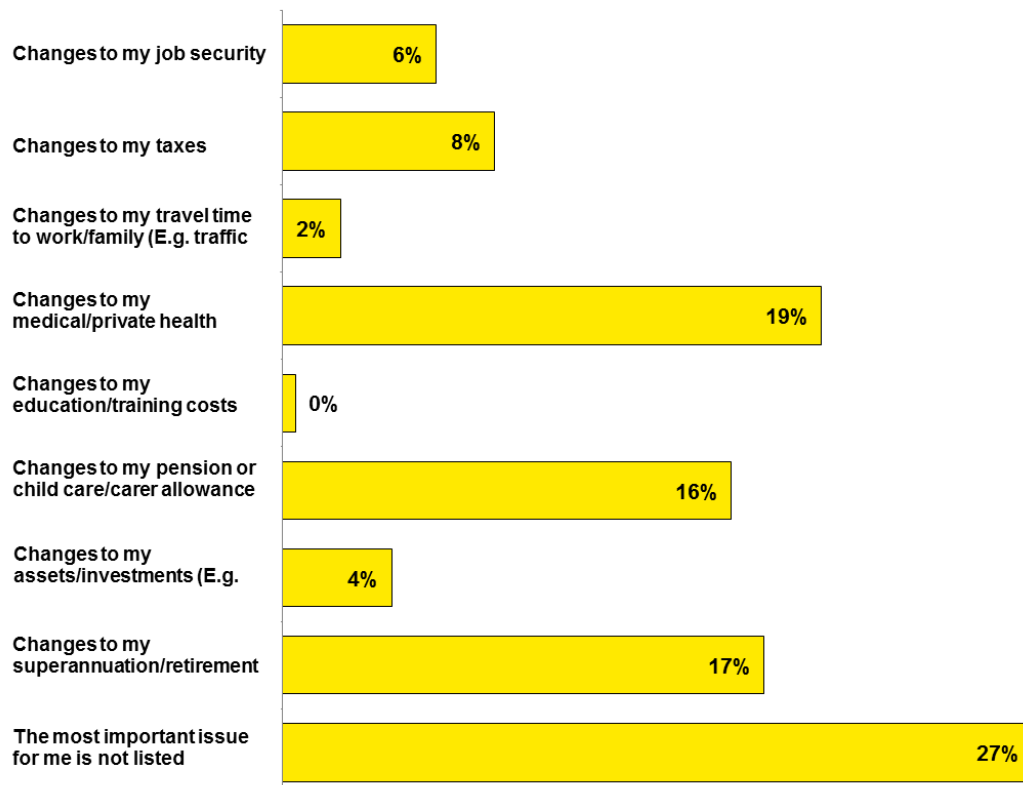
Are you registered to vote in the upcoming Federal Election?



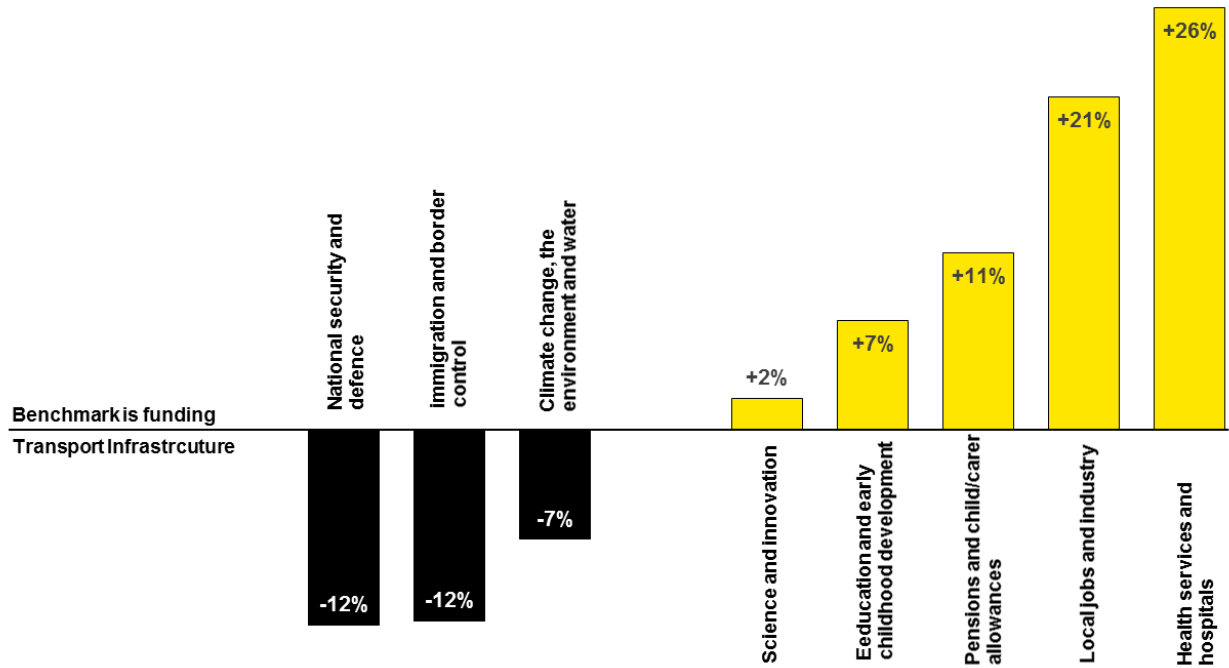
Did member select their correct electorate?



From the list below, please select the most important issue for you when deciding who to vote in the upcoming Federal Election:

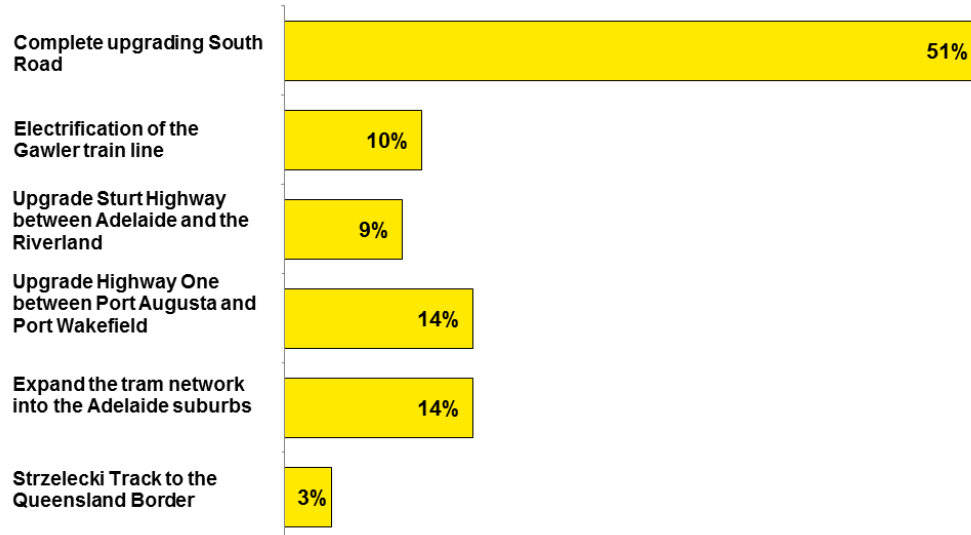


The margin of importance for voters this election when comparing funding transport infrastructure and a specific national issue:



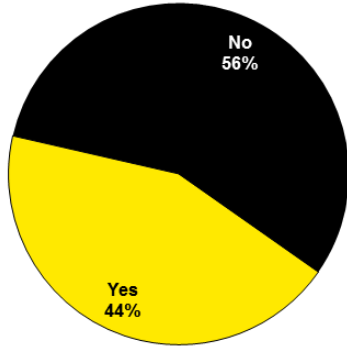
Transport Infrastructure Priorities

The transport projects below are the responsibility of the Federal Government or are being considered by Infrastructure Australia for Federal funding. Of the projects below, what do you believe is the most important transport project in South Australia?

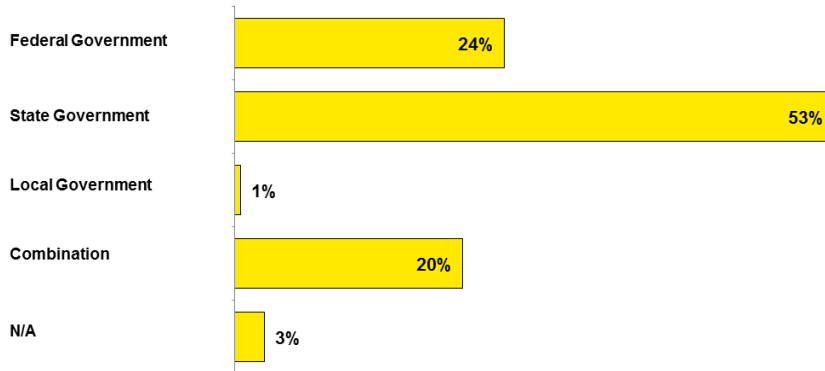


Member Identified Priorities

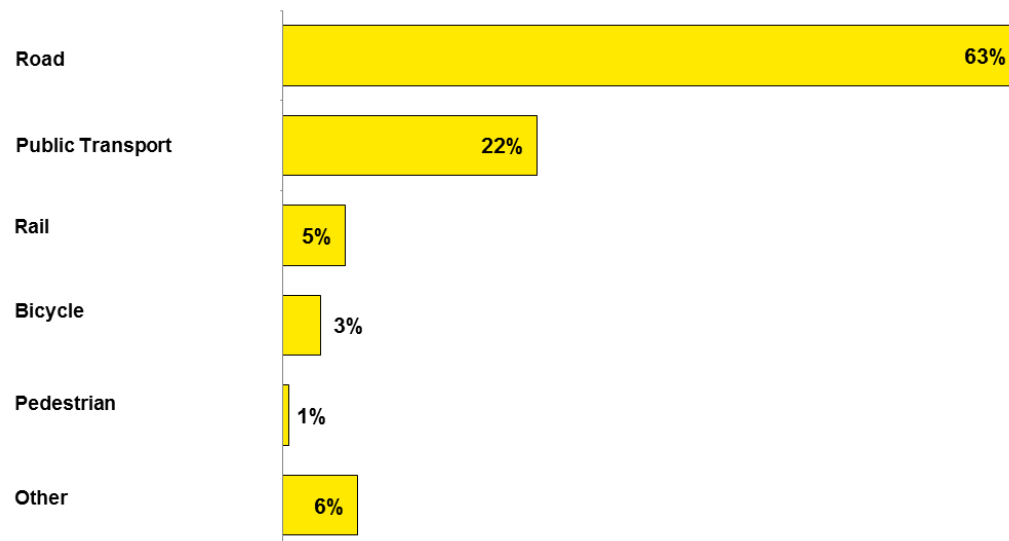
Do you believe this list of projects is missing a more important transport project for South Australia?



Jurisdiction of project's nominated by member panelists to receive Federal Government funding:



Category of project's nominated by member panelists to receive Federal Government funding:



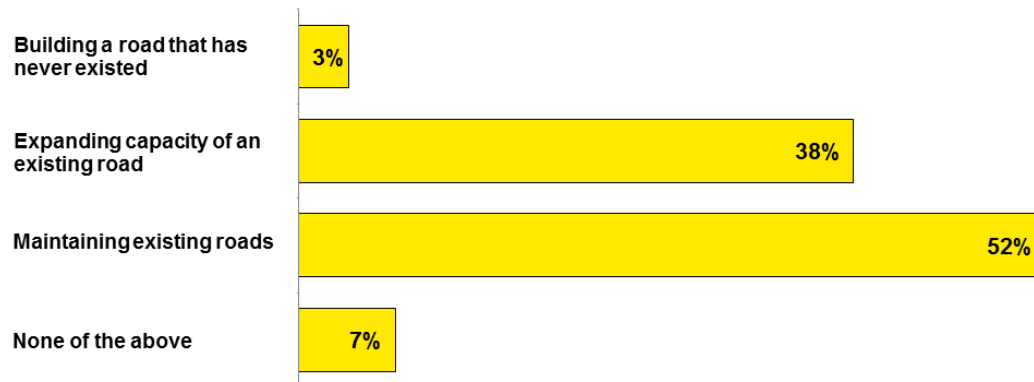
Category of member panellists suggested as transport infrastructure priorities to receive Federal Government funding:

Project	No.
Increase road maintenance/upgrades	24
Improve attractiveness/efficiency of Public Transport	15
Upgrade Oaklands Rail Crossing	10
Expand passenger rail network	9
Upgrade Dukes Highway	9
Upgrade Victor Harbor Road	9
Improve metro freight routes	8
Complete upgrading South Road*	6
Improved Bicycle Infrastructure	6
Metro Rail Electrification	6
Upgrade Inner Ring Route	5
Upgrade Main North Road	5
Improvements to reduce congestion	4
Relocate Interstate Freight Route	4
Upgrade section of Highway One between Port Augusta and Port Wakefield*	4
Upgrade Yorke Peninsula Roads	4
Expansion of tram network into the Adelaide suburbs*	3
Introduce suburban motorways	3
Upgrade Riddoch Highway	3
Electrification of Gawler Rail Line*	2
Extend coverage of Public Transport	2
High Speed Passenger Rail intrastate/interstate	2
Improve interstate passenger rail	2
Improve signal/traffic light coordination	2
O'Bahn Extension Project	2
Reduce/remove bus lanes	2
Upgrade Copper Coast Highway	2
Upgrade rail freight network	2
Upgrade section of Stuart Highway	2
Upgrade South Eastern Freeway	2
Upgrade Victor Harbour Road	2
Affordable travel to Kangaroo Island	1
Better metropolitan car parking	1
Extend Northern Expressway	1
Free Public Transport	1
Increase driver training	1
Increase vehicle occupancy rates	1
More overseas flights	1
Underground central train station	1
Upgrade Coorong Road	1
Upgrade Kangaroo Island roads	1
Upgrade Lincoln Highway	1
Upgrade Main North Road (Mid North)	1
Upgrade National highway network	1
Upgrade Thiele Highway	1
Other	7
N/A	8
Total	190

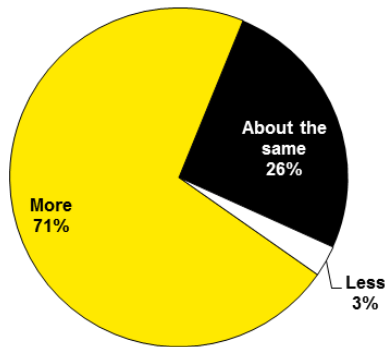
* Projects are already on RAA's transport infrastructure priority list.

Funding and Allocation

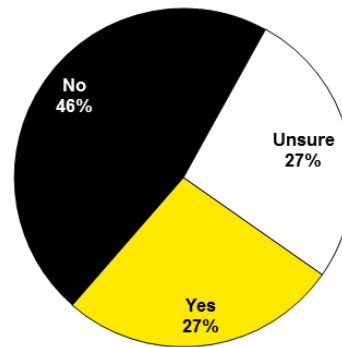
Where would you most prefer road funding monies be allocated?



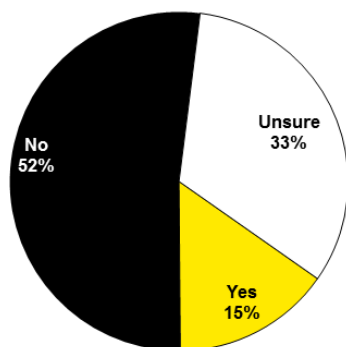
47% of the net fuel excise tax collections from South Australian motorists are to be reinvested into transport infrastructure. Do you believe the Federal Government should reinvest more or less?



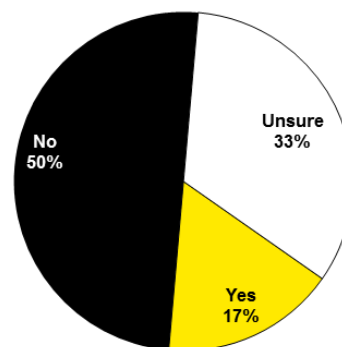
Would you change your vote if your preferred candidate announced they would reallocate funding away from a brand new road that you wanted built?



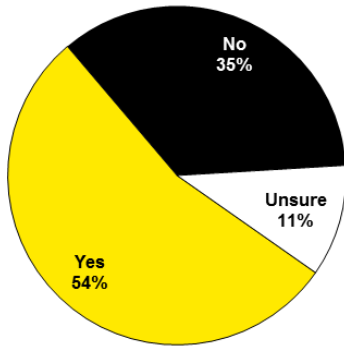
Would you change your vote if your preferred candidate announced they would reallocate funding away from a road upgrade you support?



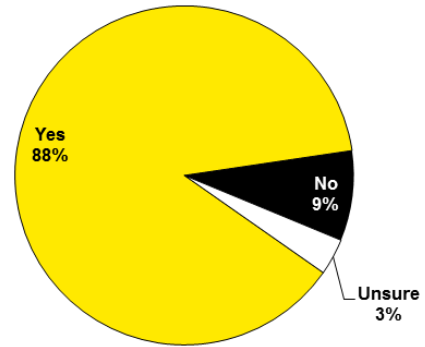
Would you change your vote if your preferred candidate announced they would reallocate funding away from maintaining a road you wanted fixed?



Do you believe the State Government should be expected to provide money to a road project that is on the Federal Government's road network?

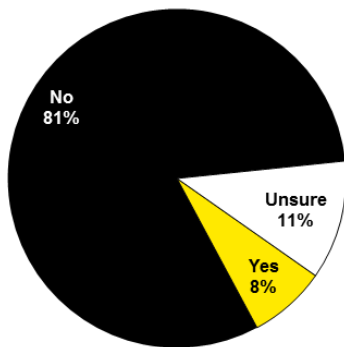


Do you expect Local Governments to use all monies intended for roads on maintaining roads?



Trust

Do you trust the promises made by the major political parties when they pledge to funding a road project?



How strongly do you agree or disagree that media outlets are impartial and unbiased in their coverage of elections?

