

*This survey comprised 492 telephone interviews with people aged 18+ living in the Federal electorates of Bass and Braddon, Tasmania.*

*Interviewing was conducted by Marketmetrics Research (a Melbourne-based independent fieldwork company) for Essential Research from Friday 28th September to Monday, 1st October. Respondents were selected randomly across the electorates and within households. The confidence interval of percentages is between 3% and 4%.*

## **Progress results**

*Based on 492 interviews – 233 in Bass and 259 in Braddon.*

1. Based on what you know or have heard, would you say you are strongly in favour of the proposed pulp mill in Tamar Valley, somewhat in favour, somewhat against, strongly against or undecided about the proposed pulp mill?

	Total	Bass	Braddon
Strongly in favour	18%	19%	17%
Somewhat in favour	20%	14%	24%
Somewhat against	12%	10%	13%
Strongly against	39%	46%	33%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	11%	12%
<b>TOTAL IN FAVOUR</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>TOTAL AGAINST</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>46%</b>

2. If the Federal Liberal Party Minister for the Environment, Malcolm Turnbull, decided to stop the Tamar Valley pulp mill how would this affect your vote in the coming Federal election – would you be more likely to vote Liberal, less likely to vote Liberal or would it make no difference?

	Total	Bass	Braddon
More likely to vote Liberal	20%	27%	14%
Less likely to vote Liberal	9%	6%	11%
Make no difference	69%	66%	72%
Don't know	2%	1%	3%

- 3a. From the following list can you tell me which three are likely to be the most important issues that will decide how you vote at the federal election this year?

- 3b. And of those three, what do you think is likely to be the single most important issue that will decide how you vote at the federal election this year?

	Q3a – 3 most important	Q3b - Most important
Political leadership	11%	6%
Healthcare	65%	33%
Education	39%	5%
The industrial relations laws	24%	9%
Interest rates	12%	3%
Logging of Tasmania's native forests	20%	2%
Climate change	19%	7%

Housing affordability	19%	4%
Security and the war on terrorism	8%	2%
The Tamar Valley Pulp Mill	43%	17%
Management of the economy	18%	7%
Australian jobs and protection of local industries	15%	4%
Don't know	*	2%

## **Voting Intentions**

### Voting Intention - Bass

	Total	2PP
Liberal	30%	39%
National Party	1%	
Labor	43%	61%
Democrat	-	
Green	18%	
Family First	1%	
Other/independent	2%	
Don't know	4%	
Refused	1%	

### Voting Intention - Braddon

	Total	2PP
Liberal	33%	39%
National Party	*	
Labor	51%	61%
Democrat	-	
Green	9%	
Family First	-	
Other/independent	1%	
Don't know	5%	
Refused	1%	