



Methodology Statement

Boundless Earth - Clean Energy Solutions Index 2026 - April 2026

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Item	Response
Research company	89 Degrees East
Client commissioned research	Boundless Earth
End client	Boundless Earth
Fieldwork dates	8 April 2026 - 22 April 2026
Mode of data collection	Online survey administered to a research panel (100% online).
Target population	Australian citizens aged 18+ living in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. ACT and NT were excluded.
Sample size	n=3,151
Is voting intention published?	No. Used in sub-group analysis only.

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Effective sample size after weighting applied	n=2,885 (92%)
Margin of error associated with effective sample size	Maximum margin of error of approximately +/-1.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, based on the effective sample size and a 50% population proportion.
Variables used in weighting	Age, gender and state, using Australian population benchmarks sourced from the ABS.
Weighting method used	RIM weighting to age, gender and state benchmarks.
Full question text, responses categories and randomisation	See below.
Proportion of landline/mobile completed interviews	N/A - online survey only.
Source of online sample	Commercial permission-based online research panel.
Positioning of voting intention questions in the questionnaire?	Asked in the demographic section after the substantive clean energy questions.
How were undecided voters handled?	Respondents selecting "Don't know / undecided" were retained as a separate category for subgroup reporting and were not redistributed.
2PP calculation method	N/A - two-party preferred vote was not calculated.

Full Text of Published Questions

Note: Only published questions are included below. Where a question was asked before a published question and may have materially influenced results, it is also included.

Solutions tested

The following 11 clean energy solutions were tested. The order of solutions was randomly rotated across the deep-support measures throughout the survey.

Solution	Solution
1. Installing solar panels at home	2. Installing a solar battery at home
3. Converting your home to be free from gas (e.g. using heat pumps, induction stoves etc.)	4. Buying an electric vehicle for your next vehicle (instead of a fossil fuel or hybrid vehicle)
5. Building solar farms	6. Building new transmission lines to deliver renewable energy from where it is generated to where it is used
7. Building onshore wind farms	8. Building offshore wind farms
9. Manufacturing the components of wind turbines, batteries and solar panels, transmission line cables in Australia	10. Establishing a green metal (e.g. low carbon iron, steel) industry in Australia
11. Converting factories and industries to be free from gas	

Core Index questions

Question	Full text	Response options
Q1	Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree that the below clean energy solution is good for Australia?	Strongly disagree; Somewhat disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Somewhat agree; Strongly agree
Q2	Please indicate to what extent you think that people in your local community would support or oppose the below clean energy solution.	Strongly oppose; Somewhat oppose; Neither support nor oppose; Somewhat support; Strongly support
Q3	Please indicate to what extent do you personally support or oppose the below clean energy solution.	Strongly oppose; Somewhat oppose; Neither support nor oppose; Somewhat support; Strongly support
Q4	If the below clean energy solution was discussed amongst family and friends how positively or negatively would you talk about it?	Very negatively; Somewhat negatively; Neither positively nor negatively; Somewhat positively; Very positively

Contextual questions

Question	Full text	Response options / coding
Q5A	Which of these reasons describe why you strongly/somewhat support (insert solution)?	Asked only of respondents who strongly/somewhat supported the relevant solution. Multi-response. Solution-specific response options shown in the table below. Other, please specify was included.
Q5B	Which of these reasons describe why you strongly/somewhat oppose (insert solution)?	Asked only of respondents who strongly/somewhat opposed the relevant solution. Multi-response. Solution-specific response options shown in the table below. Other, please specify was included.
Q8A	What have you heard about (insert solution)? Please select all that apply.	I haven't heard anything; I've heard neutral things about it; I've heard negative things about it; I've heard both positive and negative things about it; I've heard positive things about it.
Q8B	How would you best describe your current position on each of these options?	Rows: Solar panels; Solar batteries; Electric vehicle; Heat pump; Induction stove. Options: Never heard of it; Heard of it but not considered it; Considered it; Have it.
Q9	How important is the issue of climate change to you personally?	Not at all important; Not very important; Somewhat important; Very important; Don't know.
Q10	What percentage of Australia's total energy production do you believe currently comes from clean, renewable energy sources?	0-10%; 11-20%; 21-30%; 31-40%; 41-50%; 51-60%; 61-70%; 71-80%; 81-90%; 91-100%.
Q11	By 2030, what percentage of Australia's energy supply do you think should come from clean, renewable energy sources?	0-10%; 11-20%; 21-30%; 31-40%; 41-50%; 51-60%; 61-70%; 71-80%; 81-90%; 91-100%.

Question	Full text	Response options / coding
Q13	Overall, how strongly do you agree or disagree that Australia should move away from fossil fuels and shift to renewable energy to produce its energy?	Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree.
Q14	To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following factors influence your support for Australia moving away from fossil fuels and shifting to renewable energy?	Rows: It makes better use of Australia's natural abundant resources; It reduces reliance on fossil fuels; It helps Australia produce more of its own energy and rely less on other countries; It helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions; It is better for the environment; Creates more jobs for Australians; It helps reduce the impact of climate-related natural disasters; It creates a more reliable energy supply; It leads to more stable energy prices over time; It makes energy more affordable; Positions Australia as a world leader on climate action. Options: Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree.
Q15	Please tell us what most influences your support or opposition to Australia moving from fossil fuels to renewable energy?	Open-ended response. Responses were coded after fieldwork into non-mutually exclusive themes for reporting.

Solution-specific response options for reasons questions

Q5A and Q5B used solution-specific multi-response lists. Options are shown below.

Solution	Support options	Opposition options
Installing solar panels at home	Saves money on energy bills; Generates affordable energy; Makes the most of our natural resources; Better for the environment; Works well, a good solution; Reduces emissions / fossil fuels; Simple and convenient; Other, please specify	Upfront costs are too expensive; Concern about the disposal of panels; Ongoing costs to clean and maintain; Not interested / unsuitable for my property; Uncertain of cost savings to energy bills; Not sure who to trust / reputation of solar companies; Concern about risks; Visual appearance unappealing; Other, please specify
Installing a solar battery at home	Saves money on energy bills; Stores power for later use / self-sufficiency; Better for the environment; Makes the most of our natural resources; Prevention of blackouts; Works well, a good solution; Reduces emissions / fossil fuels; Other, please specify	Upfront costs are too expensive; Concern about the disposal of batteries; Concern about risks; Uncertain of cost savings to energy bills; Not interested / unsuitable for my property; Not sure who to trust / reputation of solar companies; Visual appearance / size to store; Other, please specify
Buying an electric vehicle for your next vehicle	Saves money on petrol / cheaper to run; Better for the environment; Reduces emissions / fossil fuels; Reduces pollution / cleaner; It's the way of the future; Works well, a good solution; Other, please specify	Limitations on the range / distance that can travel; Lack of charging stations; Battery reliability / replacement concerns; Prefer petrol car; Upfront costs are too expensive; Uncertain of cost savings; Concern about risks; Unsure of environmental benefits; Other, please specify

Solution	Support options	Opposition options
Converting your home to be free from gas	Better for the environment; Saves money on energy bills; To be more energy efficient; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel usage; Less pollution; Safer for homes to be free from gas; Other, please specify	Prefer gas appliances / cooking; Gas is efficient / need to keep gas; Worry about blackouts relying on electricity; Upfront costs are too expensive; Gas is a clean energy; Uncertain of cost savings to energy bills; Concern about risks; Other, please specify
Building new transmission lines	Energy reliability / infrastructure needs updating; Supports shift to renewable energy; Better for the environment; Saves money / more affordable power; Less pollution; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel usage; Other, please specify	Impact on farming land and farmers; Wasteful spending by the government; Too expensive / costly; Concern about the environmental impact; Visual appearance is unappealing; Concern about risks; Other, please specify
Building onshore wind farms	Good source of renewable energy; Makes the most of our natural resources; Australia has a lot of land for wind farms; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel usage; Better for the environment; Benefits the economy and jobs; Supports Australian-made and reduces reliance on imports; Saves money / affordable energy; Efficient / works well; Other, please specify	Impact on wildlife and nature; Loss of farming land / impact on land; Visually unappealing; Too expensive / costly; Components not recyclable; Noisy for the local community; Not a reliable / efficient energy source; Other, please specify

Solution	Support options	Opposition options
Building solar farms	Good source of renewable energy; Australia has a lot of land for solar farms; Makes the most of our natural resources; Better for the environment; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel usage; Saves money / affordable energy; Benefits the economy and jobs; Supports Australian-made and reduces reliance on imports; Efficient / works well; Other, please specify	Loss of farming land / impact on land; Impact on wildlife and nature; Visually unappealing; Components not recyclable; Not a reliable / efficient energy source; Prefer rooftop solar panels; Too expensive / costly; Other, please specify
Building offshore wind farms	Good source of renewable energy; Makes the most of our natural resources; Better for the environment; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel; More reliable and stronger wind speed; Protects farmland / minimises impact on farmland; Saves money / affordable energy; Supports Australian-made and reduces reliance on imports; Benefits the economy and jobs; Other, please specify	Impact on marine and wildlife; Environmental impact on oceans; Too expensive / costly; Visually unappealing; Not a reliable / efficient energy source; Components not recyclable; Other, please specify
Converting factories and industries to be free from gas	Better for the environment; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel; Less pollution; Big industries make a difference / it's their responsibility; Benefits the economy and jobs; Saves money / reduces power bills; Other, please specify	Gas is important for businesses and industry; Will drive up costs for consumers; Gas is clean / a natural resource; Too expensive / costly for businesses; Gas is a cheaper energy source; Other, please specify

Solution	Support options	Opposition options
Establishing a green metal industry in Australia	Supports Australian-made and reduces reliance on imports; Benefits the economy and jobs; A long-term solution for Australia's future; Better for the environment; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel; Lower costs / save money; Other, please specify	Will drive up costs for consumers; Too expensive / costly; Not a reliable / efficient energy source; Technology unproven; Quality concerns about low-carbon steel; Impact on jobs, the economy and industry; Pollution / environmental impact; Unsure what it entails; Other, please specify
Manufacturing renewable energy components in Australia	Support Australian-made / reduce reliance on imports; Benefits the economy and jobs; Better for the environment; Safe way to generate power; Reduces emissions / fossil fuel; Lower costs / save money; Other, please specify	Too expensive / costly; Components are not recyclable; Will drive up costs for consumers; Not economically viable for Australia to compete; Not a reliable / efficient energy source; Pollution / environmental impact of the process; Visually unappealing / noisy; Concern about risks; Unsure what it entails; Other, please specify

Demographic and subgroup questions used in reporting

Item	Question / response categories
Age	Age was collected and reported in age bands: 18-24; 25-34; 35-44; 45-54; 55-64; 65-74.
Gender	Gender was collected and reported as Man; Woman; Non-binary / I use another term / Prefer not to say.
State and location	State and location were collected or derived and reported for NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA and TAS, with metro / regional subgrouping used where relevant.
D1	If a federal election were held today, which party would receive your first preference vote? Options: Liberal Party; National Party; Australian Labor Party; The Greens; Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party; An independent or other minor party; Don't know / undecided.

Item	Question / response categories
D2	What is the highest level of education you have completed? Options: Some high school or less; Completed high school; TAFE / CERT / Diploma; University qualification.
D3	What is your current living situation? Options: I own my home (with or without a mortgage); I rent my home; Other; Don't know / prefer not to say.
D4	Please indicate how comfortably you are living off your current income? Options: Not at all comfortably; Not very comfortably; Somewhat comfortably; Very comfortably; Don't know / prefer not to say.