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Coalition back in front of One Nation following change of Liberal Leader and men swing heavily to the L-NP

New Coalition Leader Angus Taylor has led the Liberal-National Coalition back in front of One Nation on his first weekend as Liberal Leader with the Roy Morgan Poll showing primary support for the L-NP Coalition up 3.5% to 23.5%, and One Nation down 3.5% to 21.5%. Support for the ALP was up 1.5% to 32%, the Greens were down 0.5% to 12.5%, and support for Independents/Other Parties was down 1% to 10.5% according to the latest Roy Morgan survey conducted from February 13-16, 2026, with a representative Australia-wide cross-section of 526 electors.

On a two-party preferred basis, the ALP on 55% (down 3.5% from February 9-13, 2026 – the days before the leadership change) is ahead of the Coalition on 45% (up 3.5%). If a Federal Election were held now the ALP would be returned to Government with a similar majority.

Men swung heavily to the Coalition after Angus Taylor replaced Sussan Ley as Liberal Leader

Analysis by gender shows men swung heavily to the Coalition on a two-party preferred basis on the weekend with the L-NP on 52.5% (up 8.5%) compared to the ALP on 47.5% (down 8.5%). In contrast, for women, there was a slight improvement for the ALP on 62% (up 1%) compared to the L-NP on 38% (down 1%).

Roy Morgan Interviewing in January and February 2026: Primary Vote & Two-Party Preferred

<u>Primary Vote</u>	<u>Ending Feb. 1, 2026*</u>	<u>Feb. 2-8, 2026</u>	<u>Feb. 9-13, 2026</u>	<u>Feb. 13-16, 2026</u>	<u>Change</u>
	1 Week*	1 Week*	5 Days*	4 Days*	
	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	30.5	28.5	30.5	32	+1.5
L-NP	20.5	22.5	20	23.5	+3.5
One Nation	25	24.5	25	21.5	-3.5
Greens	12.5	13.5	13	12.5	-0.5
Independents/Others	11.5	11	11.5	10.5	-1
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	
<u>Two-Party Preferred</u>	<u>Ending Feb. 1, 2026*</u>	<u>Feb. 2-8, 2026</u>	<u>Feb. 9-13, 2026</u>	<u>Feb. 13-16, 2026</u>	<u>Change</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	56	53.5	58.5	55	-3.5
L-NP	44	46.5	41.5	45	+3.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	

*Interviewing dates of Australian electors aged 18+: **Ending February 1, 2026:** January 26 – February 1, 2026 (n=5,111); **February 2-8, 2026:** (n=1,584); **February 9-13, 2026:** (n=1,216); **February 13-16, 2026:** (n=526).

Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating up 6.5pts to 78 – over 20pts below the neutral level of 100 – only 33% of electors say the country is ‘going in the right direction’

The Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating increased 6.5 points to 78. A majority of 55% (down 2%) of Australians say the country is ‘going in the wrong direction’ compared to only 33% (up 4.5%) that say the country is ‘going in the right direction’.

The latest Roy Morgan survey is based on interviewing a representative cross-section of 526 Australian electors over the last few days of February 13-16, 2026. Of all electors surveyed last week, 7% (unchanged) can’t say who they would vote for. When comparing different polls, it is always important to make sure to take note of the dates when the polls are conducted to undertake a proper comparison between two polls.

Further details will be released in [Roy Morgan’s weekly video update](#) presented by Roy Morgan Chief Executive Officer Michele Levine.

For detailed analysis such as by States, capital cities/country areas, age, gender, occupation, and education contact Julian McCrann on (03) 9224 5365 or email julian.mccrann@roymorgan.com.

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. Margin of error gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.0	±2.7	±1.9	±1.3
2,000	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0
60,000	±0.4	±0.4	±0.2	±0.2



