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New South Wales State Voting Intention: One Nation (30%) now ahead of ALP (25%) and L-NP Coalition (19%) on primary vote one year before New South Wales State Election

One year before a State Election, New South Wales electors are split with One Nation (30%) now ahead of the governing ALP (25%), and the official Opposition L-NP Coalition (19%). In addition, 12.5% support the Greens and a further 13.5% support other minor parties and Independents according to the special SMS Roy Morgan survey conducted from February 16-19, 2026, with a representative New South Wales-wide cross-section of 2,108 electors.

If a New South Wales State Election were held now there would likely be a hung Parliament with much uncertainty about the results in many electorates.

The second, and third, preference decisions of voters will be more important than ever in determining the result of next year's New South Wales State Election.

Large gender split on voting intentions, but little difference by age

Analysis of the voting results shows a large gender split between men and women.

Among men, primary support for One Nation is at 34% and the L-NP Coalition at 20.5% compared to the ALP at only 22.5% and the Greens on just 10%. This leads to a three-party preferred result of One Nation (38%), ALP (38%), and the L-NP Coalition well behind at only 24%.

Among men, One Nation (53.5%) are clearly preferred to the ALP (46.5%) on a two-party preferred basis, and the L-NP (51%) cf. ALP (49%) is narrowly preferred.

There is a different picture for women with primary support for the ALP (27.5%) just ahead of One Nation (26.5%), and the L-NP Coalition (17%) just ahead of the Greens (14.5%). On a three-party preferred basis the ALP (50%) is almost double One Nation (29.5%), and more than double the L-NP Coalition (20.5%).

Among women, the ALP (58.5%) are clearly preferred to One Nation (41.5%) on a two-party preferred basis, and there is an almost identical result against the Coalition: ALP (58%) cf. L-NP (42%).

Analysis by age shows primary support is consistent across all four age groups with support for One Nation between 28.5% to 32%, support for the ALP between 24% to 26%, support for the L-NP Coalition between 17% to 20%, and support for the Greens between 9.5% to 14.5%.

Three-Party Preferred result shows the ALP well ahead of One Nation and L-NP Coalition

A three-party preferred result – which incorporates the major party preferences (ALP, L-NP Coalition or One Nation) from supporters of the Greens, minor parties, and Independents, shows the ALP on 44%, well ahead of One Nation on 33.5% and the L-NP Coalition on 22.5%.

Two-Party Preferred results show ALP with leading both One Nation and the L-NP Coalition

Roy Morgan has analysed three different two-party preferred results between the ALP and One Nation, ALP and L-NP Coalition, and the L-NP Coalition and One Nation.

The ALP is narrowly preferred to the One Nation (52.5% cf. 47.5%) on a two-party preferred basis and is an even larger lead over the L-NP Coalition: (ALP 54% cf. L-NP Coalition 46%).

The closest result is between the L-NP Coalition and One Nation with the L-NP Coalition just ahead of One Nation (50.5% cf. 49.5%) on a two-party preferred basis.

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Premier Chris Minns is clearly viewed as a 'Better Premier' than Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane

Electors were asked: *"Thinking of Premier Chris Minns and Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane. In your opinion, who would make the better New South Wales Premier?"*

A clear majority of 60.5% of electors selected Premier Chris Minns as the 'Better Premier' compared to 31.5% for Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane, while 8% couldn't say or nominated someone else.

A look at the demographic results shows Premier Chris Minns leading amongst both genders, all four key age groups, in both Sydney and Country New South Wales, and amongst ALP supporters, Greens supporters, One Nation supporters, and supporters of Independent and Other Parties.

Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane is only regarded as the 'Better Premier' by L-NP Coalition supporters.

A majority of New South Wales electors approve of Premier Chris Minn's performance

Electors were asked: *"Do you APPROVE or DISAPPROVE of the way Mr. Chris Minns is handling his job as Premier of New South Wales?"*

A majority of 56% of electors approve of the way Mr. Chris Minns is handling his job as Premier of New South Wales compared to 41%, that disapprove, while 3% can't say.

The electors who approve of the job Mr. Minns is doing as Premier of New South Wales include a majority of both genders, a majority of all four key age groups, a majority of electors in both Sydney and Country New South Wales, and a large majority of ALP supporters and L-NP Coalition supporters.

In contrast, the electors who disapprove of the job Mr. Minns is doing as Premier of New South Wales include a large majority of Greens supporters, and supporters of Independents and Other Parties.

A plurality of New South Wales electors approve of Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane's performance

Electors were asked: *"Do you APPROVE or DISAPPROVE of the way Ms. Kellie Sloane is handling her job as Opposition Leader in New South Wales?"*

A narrow plurality of 46% of electors approve of the way Ms. Kellie Sloane is handling her job as Opposition Leader in New South Wales compared to 45% that disapprove, while 9% can't say.

The electors who approve of the job Ms. Sloane is doing as Opposition Leader include a plurality of both genders, people aged 35-49 and 65+, a plurality of ALP supporters, and a large majority of L-NP supporters.

In contrast, the electors who disapprove of the job Ms. Sloane is doing as Opposition Leader in New South Wales include a majority of Greens supporters, supporters of Independents and Other Parties, and a plurality of people aged 18-34 and 50-64, people in Country New South Wales, and One Nation supporters.

This special SMS Roy Morgan survey was conducted from February 16-19, 2026, with a representative New South Wales-wide cross-section of 2,108 electors.

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

About Roy Morgan

Roy Morgan is Australia's largest independent Australian research company, with offices in each state, as well as in the U.S. and U.K. A full-service research organisation, Roy Morgan has over 80 years' experience collecting objective, independent information on consumers.

Primary Voting Intention

Voting: "If a New South Wales State Election were held today - which party would receive your first preference?"

	2023 NSW Election	Feb. 16-19, 2026	Gender		Age			
			Men	Women	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
One Nation	1.8	30	34	26.5	29.5	28.5	32	30.5
ALP	37.0	25	22.5	27.5	26	25	25.5	24
L-NP	35.4	19	20.5	17	19.5	20	17	18.5
Greens	9.7	12.5	10	14.5	12	13	9.5	14.5
Other Parties	7.3	2.5	3	2	2.5	1.5	3	3
Independents	8.8	11	10	12.5	10.5	12	13	9.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

	2023 NSW Election	Feb. 16-19, 2026	City vs. Country	
			Sydney	Country NSW
	%	%	%	%
One Nation	1.8	30	25.5	38
ALP	37.0	25	26	23.5
L-NP	35.4	19	20	16.5
Greens	9.7	12.5	13.5	10.5
Other Parties	7.3	2.5	2.5	2.5
Independents	8.8	11	12.5	9
TOTAL	100	100	100	100

Three-Party Preferred

Voting – Second Preference: "Thinking about the next State election. In your electorate, which Party would you like to win the next election from either?"

	2023 NSW Election	Feb. 16-19, 2026	Gender		Age			
			Men	Women	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	53.6	44	38	50	44.5	44.5	45	42.5
One Nation	2.3*	33.5	38	29.5	33	32	35	35
L-NP	44.1	22.5	24	20.5	22.5	23.5	20	22.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

*In the 2023 New South Wales Election, One Nation contested only 17 electorates and after preference distribution had a total of 93,352 votes: Badgery's Creek (4,655 votes – finishing third of five candidates), Camden (8,039 votes – finishing third of five candidates), Campbelltown (6,292 votes – finishing third of eight candidates), Cessnock (8,348 votes in final three candidates – but finishing second of seven candidates), Cronulla (3,635 votes – finishing fourth of six candidates), Hawkesbury (6,587 votes – finishing third of eight candidates), Holsworthy (4,683 votes – finishing third of five candidates), Hornsby (5,213 votes – finishing fourth of eight candidates), Leppington (4,191 votes – finishing third of five candidates), Londonderry (4,596 votes – finishing third of five candidates), Maitland (5,198 votes – finishing third of seven candidates), Parramatta (2,613 votes – finishing fourth of five candidates), Penrith (4,719 votes – finishing third of seven candidates), Port Stephens (7,218 votes – finishing third of seven candidates), Wallsend (3,738 votes – finishing fourth of seven candidates), Wollondilly (6,298 votes – finishing fourth of six candidates), Wyong (7,329 votes – finishing third of five candidates).



	<u>2023 NSW Election</u>	<u>Feb. 16-19, 2026</u>	<u>City / Country</u>		<u>First Preference Vote</u>		
			<u>Sydney</u>	<u>Country NSW</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	53.6	44	47.5	38	94.5	77	49
One Nation	2.3*	33.5	28.5	43	1.5	7	44.5
L-NP	44.1	22.5	24	19	4	16	6.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Two-Party Preferred (ALP vs. One Nation)

Voting – Second Preference: *"Thinking about the next State election. In your electorate, which Party would you like to win the next election from either?"*

	<u>2023 NSW Election</u>	<u>Feb. 16-19, 2026</u>	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>			
			<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	n/a	52.5	46.5	58.5	53.5	53.5	52	50.5
One Nation	n/a	47.5	53.5	41.5	46.5	46.5	48	49.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

	<u>2023 NSW Election</u>	<u>Feb. 16-19, 2026</u>	<u>City / Country</u>		<u>First Preference Vote</u>			
			<u>Sydney</u>	<u>Country NSW</u>	<u>L-NP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
ALP	n/a	52.5	58	43.5	30	98.5	92	52.5
One Nation	n/a	47.5	42	56.5	70	1.5	8	47.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100



Two-Party Preferred (ALP vs. L-NP)

Voting – Second Preference: "Thinking about the next State election. In your electorate, which Party would you like to win the next election from either?"

	<u>2023 NSW Election</u>	<u>Feb. 16-19, 2026</u>	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>			
			<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	54.3	54	49	58	56	51.5	56	51.5
L-NP	45.7	46	51	42	44	48.5	44	48.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

	<u>2023 NSW Election</u>	<u>Feb. 16-19, 2026</u>	<u>City / Country</u>		<u>First Preference Vote</u>			
			<u>Sydney</u>	<u>Country NSW</u>	<u>One Nation</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ALP	54.3	54	56.5	49	14	96	82.5	88
L-NP	45.7	46	43.5	51	86	4	17.5	12
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Two-Party Preferred (L-NP vs. One Nation)

Voting – Second Preference: "Thinking about the next State election. In your electorate, which Party would you like to win the next election from either?"

	<u>2023 NSW Election</u>	<u>Feb. 16-19, 2026</u>	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>			
			<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
L-NP	n/a	50.5	49	52.5	50.5	54	48.5	49
One Nation	n/a	49.5	51	47.5	49.5	46	51.5	51
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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			<u>Sydney</u>	<u>Country NSW</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
L-NP	n/a	50.5	57	40.5	88	72.5	70.5	13
One Nation	n/a	49.5	43	59.5	12	27.5	29.5	87
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100



Better Premier (Chris Minns vs. Kellie Sloane)

Better Premier – Premier Chris Minns vs. Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane: *"Thinking of Premier Chris Minns and Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane. In your opinion, who would make the better New South Wales Premier?"*

By Gender & Age (Including Other & Can't say)

	Feb. 16-19, 2026	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Chris Minns	60.5	58.5	62.5	52.5	69	62.5	60.5
Kellie Sloane	31.5	35.5	27.5	36.5	26	30.5	30.5
Other/ Can't say	8	6	10	11	5	7	9
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

By Region & Voting Intention (Including Other & Can't say)

	Feb. 16-19, 2026	City / Country		First Preference Vote					
		Sydney	Country NSW	ALP	L-NP	One Nation	Greens	Ind.	Other Parties
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Chris Minns	60.5	61.5	59	95	32.5	48.5	59	66.5	51
Kellie Sloane	31.5	31	31.5	3.5	65	38.5	27.5	23.5	35.5
Other/ Can't say	8	7.5	9.5	1.5	2.5	13	13.5	10	13.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Job Approval – Premier Chris Minns

Premier Chris Minns – Job Approval: *"Do you APPROVE or DISAPPROVE of the way Mr. Chris Minns is handling his job as Premier of New South Wales?"*

By Gender & Age (Including Other & Can't say)

	Feb. 16-19, 2026	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	56	56	56.5	55.5	57.5	53.5	58
Disapprove	41	42	39	41.5	38.5	43.5	39.5
Can't say	3	2	4.5	3	4	3	2.5
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

By Region & Voting Intention (Including Other & Can't say)

	Feb. 16-19, 2026	City / Country		First Preference Vote					
		<u>Sydney</u>	<u>Country NSW</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>L-NP</u>	<u>One Nation</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	56	57.5	54	85.5	66.5	48.5	19	47	19
Disapprove	41	39.5	42.5	12.5	33	44	79.5	52	79
Can't say	3	3	3.5	2	0.5	7.5	1.5	1	2
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Job Approval – Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane

Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane – Job Approval: "Do you APPROVE or DISAPPROVE of the way Ms. Kellie Sloane is handling her job as Opposition Leader in New South Wales?"

By Gender & Age (Including Other & Can't say)

	Feb. 16-19, 2026	Gender		Age			
		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	46	48.5	44	44	50	43.5	47
Disapprove	45	46.5	43.5	46	43.5	48	43
Can't say	9	5	12.5	10	6.5	8.5	10
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

By Region & Voting Intention (Including Other & Can't say)

	Feb. 16-19, 2026	City / Country		First Preference Vote					
		<u>Sydney</u>	<u>Country NSW</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>L-NP</u>	<u>One Nation</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	46	47.5	44	47.5	82.5	40.5	25	29.5	26.5
Disapprove	45	44	46.5	45.5	15	46	68	58.5	62.5
Can't say	9	8.5	9.5	7	2.5	13.5	7	12	11
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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%
2,000	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0
60,000	±0.4	±0.4	±0.2	±0.2

