

The lost Liberals - why are the Liberals losing voters in Wentworth?

GetUp commissioned a Reachtel poll in Wentworth on Tuesday 2 October. This poll asked voters both how they intend to vote on 20 October, and how they voted in 2016. It was thus possible for us to identify answers specifically amongst those who voted Liberal in 2016 but are not currently planning to vote Liberal.

Comparing the 2018 Liberal vote to the higher 2016 Liberal vote, the Liberal vote has dropped in every demographic group, but particularly amongst men and amongst people aged 35-65:

Men - down 27.1%

Women - down 18.5%

18-34 - down 5%

35-50 - down 29.2%

51-65 - down 30.8%

65+ - down 17.7%

4. Which of the following issues is most important to you when deciding who to vote for?

Hospital Funding	7.4%
School Funding	5.0%
Taking action on global warming, climate change and the environment	36.6%
A fully funded and independent ABC	7.4%
Getting kids out of offshore detention on Nauru	7.9%
Sending a message that you don't support the Liberals toppling Turnbull	32.5%
The economy and jobs	0.0%
Community issues like traffic congestion and overdevelopment	3.1%

5. There are 95 children who've been detained offshore on Nauru for the last 5 years. Do you think the federal government should follow the Australian Medical Association's recommendation and bring these children to Australia for medical assessment and treatment?

Yes	87.9%
No	8.6%
Undecided	3.5%

6. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who pledges to get children out of detention on Nauru and bring them to Australia for medical assessment and treatment?

More likely	72.1%
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Less likely	10.8%
Unchanged	17.0%

7. The federal government recently cut essential services and basic income support to thousands of people seeking asylum, including single parents, families with children and older people. This has left many effectively homeless. Do you think the federal government should support people while their refugee applications are processed?

Yes	68.3%
No	17.3%
Undecided	14.4%

8. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate with a credible plan to tackle climate change?

More likely	87.4%
Less likely	3.5%
Vote unchanged	9.1%

9. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate with a plan to phase out coal power and phase in renewable power by 2030?

More likely	87.0%
Less likely	0.7%
Vote unchanged	12.3%