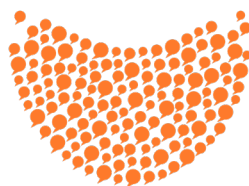


# Voices of Tasmanians

*Have your say*

Voices of  
Tasmania



2023-2024 SURVEY ANALYSIS

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## INTRODUCTION

# Who is Voices of Tasmania?

Voices of Tasmania Inc (VoT) is a grass roots movement partnering with local people to drive political change through enabling and supporting community independent democracy to thrive. VoT is an incorporated not-for-profit association with a growing membership base of individuals committed to making our democracy stronger and healthier.

We work with all Tasmanians, for Tasmanians and Tasmania. In principle we are supportive of independent political participants who genuinely engage with and respectfully represent their communities. We are not a party and we do not run candidate campaigns or fund them.

We believe that all Tasmanian voices matter; that community-focused independent politicians are best placed to represent their communities, their electorate and our state. And we believe that party politics is prone to failing fundamental democratic principles of integrity, transparency, effective representation, inclusion and fairness.



# What does Voices of Tasmania do?

We collect the perspectives of as many Tasmanians as we can. We then work to connect communities with outstanding Independent candidates. And then we campaign for Tasmanian voices to be influential in addressing the many social, economic and environmental challenges facing every day Tasmanians.

# Survey Process

The “Have Your Say” survey was made available 5th February 2023 and closed on 14th February 2024 when the Liberal minority government collapsed of its own accord. Our aim was for 5000 voices; this was truncated by calling the election 15 months early. There were 758 respondents of which 2 were from interstate and those have been excluded (despite making valid points).

The survey format was structured to mirror the usual Kitchen Table Conversation (KTC) model widely used across Australia in the Community Independents/Voices movement. Many inputs came from actual round table KTCs which concluded by completing the online statewide survey.

The survey responses were analysed through both quantitative and qualitative methods. The qualitative thematic analysis highlighted key insights and direct quotes that complement the quantitative data, which is represented through a series of charts within this report.



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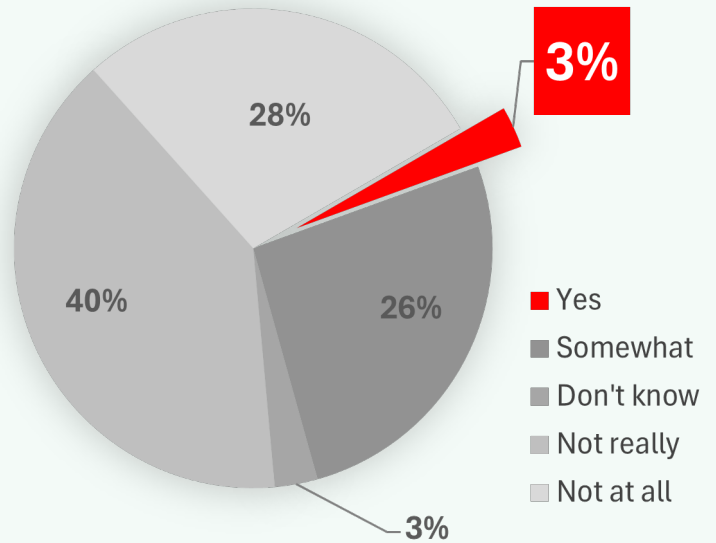
## STATE SUMMARY

**97%** of respondents do not feel well represented

**Climate, Health and Cost of Living** are the top issues across the state.

Results show the percentage of respondents who selected an issue in their top 5.

Climate	56%
Health	55%
Cost of Living	45%
Environment	44%
Housing	34%
Homelessness	34%
Education	32%
Integrity	28%
Agri/Aqua	26%
Gambling	18%



ELECTORATE	1st	2nd	3rd
BASS	Health	Cost of Living	Climate
BRADDON	Health	Climate	Cost of Living
CLARK	Climate	Environment	Health
FRANKLIN	Climate	Health	Environment
LYONS	Health	Cost of Living	Climate

## What Tasmanians are saying

Why they felt their voices weren't being heard:

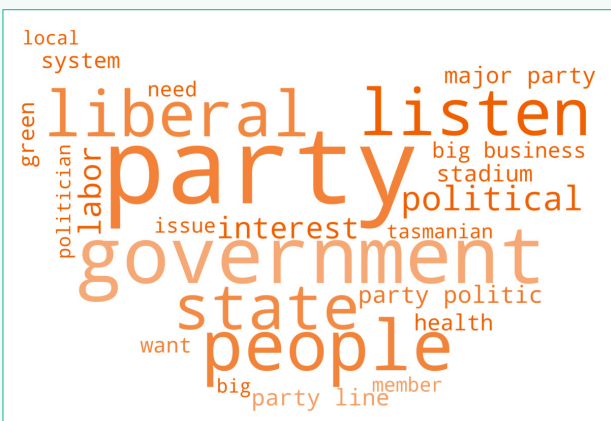
"Follows party lines and can't think for themselves." **LYONS**

"only serve their own interests." **BASS**

"We talk, they nod and fail to listen." **BRADDON**

"one person's voice means little unless you're rich. Average people have to act in aggregate." **CLARK**

"Because they don't govern by any of the values I live by, they appear unethical, conceited, self serving..." **FRANKLIN**



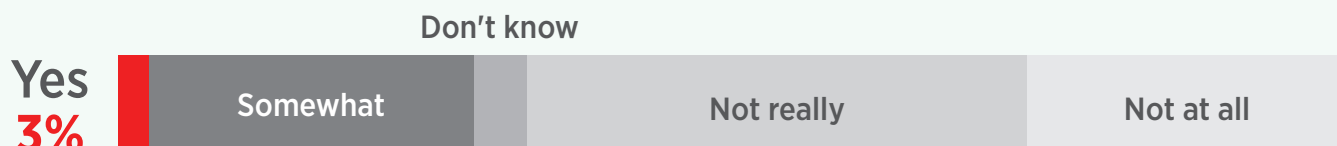
## STATE SUMMARY

### Tasmanians\* Don't Feel Their Voices Are Represented

\*% of Tasmanians relate to survey respondents [sample size 756]

A striking finding of this survey is that only 3% of survey respondents from across Tasmania feel confident their voice is represented by their state members of parliament. Just over a quarter (26%) said they feel somewhat represented.

Hence all Tasmania's prospective and elected representatives need to work much harder at community engagement to build the confidence of their representative-ness.



### Why Not? When asked to expand on why they didn't feel represented, people said:

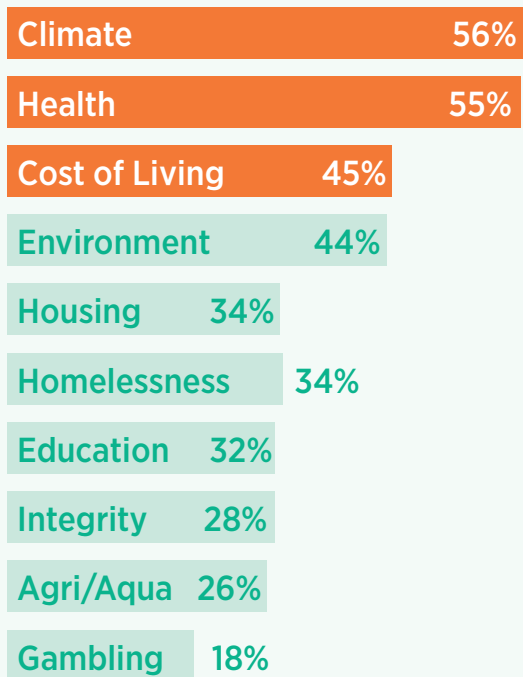
<p><b>Tasmanians across the state felt like they had no voice because they weren't being listened to (34%).</b></p>	<p>"...because many politicians are uninterested in listening to any individuals or groups that don't have a bank account big enough to "donate" to their parties." <b>BRADDON</b></p> <p>"Because the liberal party ignores what the populace wants - the football stadium is an excellent example of this." <b>CLARK</b></p> <p>"Feel[s] like issues are not reflecting what the public are wanting." <b>BRADDON</b></p>
<p><b>People had issues with party politics and candidates having to toe the party line (27%).</b></p>	<p>"They aren't interested in anything other than toeing the party line." <b>LYONS</b></p> <p>"The state liberal and labor parties do what they want regardless of popular opinion. I haven't seen any sign of them engaging with the public to find out what the public wants, or taking notice of surveys, submissions etc." <b>BASS</b></p> <p>"Once they are elected they stop listening to the people and listen to the party." <b>BRADDON</b></p> <p>"Not enough diversity of representation and too much lobbying and corruption." <b>CLARK</b></p>
<p><b>Integrity regularly showed up in responses. People were worried about corruption, big business, lobbying and donations in politics (19%).</b></p>	<p>"They represent salmon, pokies, ponies, greyhounds, font [PR] and now AFL, not the people." <b>FRANKLIN</b></p> <p>"Our politicians are almost entirely captured by corporate interests. Both major parties have shown total indifference to genuine community needs, and are legislating even more Ministerial control, and less transparency, in big infrastructure planning." <b>BRADDON</b></p> <p>"Because of their long track record of ignoring any views that aren't those of their corporate donors." <b>FRANKLIN</b></p> <p>"Both Labor and Liberal politicians are swayed by business and extractive industries. While this is the case they are not representing the people of Tasmania." <b>BASS</b></p> <p>"They are funded by the industries which are destroying the environment for mega profits." <b>CLARK</b></p>
<p><b>Individuals feel like the issues that are important to them are not being acted on (13%). There is a sense that nothing ever changes.</b></p>	<p>"I have seen no actions only talk." <b>CLARK</b></p> <p>"They are not acting with anything approaching the required urgency on climate change. They are doing nothing about the affordability of housing. They are doing nothing to improve health and access to medical care." <b>FRANKLIN</b></p>

## STATE SUMMARY

### What concerns Tasmanians the most

We gave people the opportunity to choose their Top 5 issues from a menu of 20 items based on state government departments/portfolios and their related social issues.

Results show the percentage of respondents who selected an issue in their top 5.



#### CLIMATE

Lack of serious action on climate change is on people's minds.

"The response to climate change is utterly tiny and pathetically slow, given the threat." **FRANKLIN**

#### HEALTH & MORE

People want the health system fixed urgently.

"Nothing is working properly - our health and education systems are broken, public transport has become unreliable and unpleasant." **FRANKLIN**

#### COST OF LIVING & POVERTY

Survey respondents noted the impact that increased cost of living is having on them.

"A lack of adequate governmental response to social welfare issues such as cost-of-living, poor healthcare, poor education and lack of affordable housing." **LYONS**

"Failure to improve employment opportunities- we need "better" jobs, not more jobs in hospo." **CLARK**

"Increasing cost of living." **BASS**

"Inaction on climate and biodiversity crisis (we're greenwashing, not doing anything)."

**BRADDON**

"The appalling state of our health system. Ambulance ramping, bed block, ED waiting times days long, lack of specialists, poor administration / waste by the Tas Health department. Long waits for urgent surgery." **FRANKLIN**

## STATE SUMMARY

### THE ENVIRONMENT

“Decisions about new green legacy technologies are being made by a nepotistic, self serving cronies with outdated ideas.” **FRANKLIN**

### EDUCATION

“Education is failing our children.” **LYONS**

“I think the education system needs a big boost. My children are in public schools and the resources of these schools and experiences offered compared to their cousins in public schools in Melbourne is dismal. Education is key to reducing inequality (and key to many other things).” **CLARK**

### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

“Mostly homelessness. It churns my stomach to think of people in the cold and nowhere to go.” Franklin

“The availability of Rentals as well as rental and house price[s] and how out of touch Australians are with this crisis.” **BRADDON**

### INTEGRITY

“Members tend to follow the Party line. I respect politicians like Bridget Archer who follow their conscience rather than simply curry favour.” **BASS**

“I believe big business and their corporate greed have too much influence on government decisions. ALL Political donations should be reported in ‘real time’.” **BRADDON**

“Political capture by the corporate sector (gambling, forestry, mining, fossil fuels, salmon fisheries etc).” **BRADDON**

### AGRICULTURE & AQUACULTURE

“The social dismay in regards to forestry and finfish aquaculture impacts on the environment is justified. Then there is the foreign ownership of Tasmanian resources, this should have never occurred.” Franklin

“Salmon farming in Bass Strait. It’s not ok to sell our beautiful waters to international companies.” **BRADDON**



## STATE SUMMARY

### Tasmanians want to be a part of the solution

An overwhelming impression from the responses to the survey is that Tasmanians want to be heard and included in the decision making that affects them. Voters are eager for a political system that listens and acts on their concerns, emphasising the need for integrity and transparency to combat corruption and the overreach of big business. They spoke of “sham consultation” and provided a trove of ideas and suggested solutions to the seemingly intractable issues our government has been failing to resolve for decades; including health, housing, climate change, forestry, aquaculture, gambling, integrity and so much more.

The survey was designed to be able to be completed within 5 minutes and with minimum of writing required. Respondents spent extended periods providing an enormous volume of comments, evaluation, reasons and suggestions. This gave the analysis team the strong impression of how dismayed Tasmanians are with the status quo. That status quo being an ideological logjam between the Liberals, Labor and the Greens. Perhaps only minor parties and independents can break it? Election 2024, the government that emerges from it, and subsequent elections will answer that question.

Whatever the case, the vast majority of respondents to the survey have clear ideas that they want to be heard about how this state could do so much better than we are.

These are just a handful of the responses that survey respondents provided when asked “*What could be done to deal with these issues effectively?*”

“Not focus on less important issues when there's a cost of living crisis. Curb government spending on unnecessarily things (e.g. the Hobart stadium) and leave them for when we're out of this cost of living hellscape.” **BRADDON**

“Stop all clear felling and logging of remaining areas. Tassie has enough plantation timber and these continue to provide employment. Now go one step further and value add to the raw product.” **BASS**

“There should be active support to have individuals making changes en masse that will help to counter climate change. This should involve more support for homes and rentals to go solar and for older vehicles to be replaced with clean cars.” **LYONS**

“More reliable and more frequent public transport and a rapid move to electrification of the bus network.” **FRANKLIN**

“Homelessness - portion of each new development to be reserved as affordable housing. Rental caps. Schemes where government partially owns houses (like UK model), improved renter rights (like EU), continue moves to control AirBnB.” **FRANKLIN**

“Implementing evidence-based policy to address the factors that contribute to poor housing, poor health and climate change.”

**CLARK**

“Less party politics, division and ego. More working together as diverse representatives from our society to make long-term, strategic decisions.” **BASS**

“Our politicians, Federal and State need to take a good hard look at themselves and get back to supporting their communities and electors, not blindly following party lines.” **FRANKLIN**



## STATE SUMMARY

### Values, Ethics & Transparency – Tasmanians want elected representatives to be better

Many respondents criticised the current Liberal government's performance, lack of ethics and values relating to integrity, transparency and political donations. The idea of "state capture" was mentioned several times along with criticism relating to lobbyists, corporations, the gambling industry, mining, construction and more.

Those who took our survey want representatives who genuinely listen to the issues impacting the people in their electorate. They want to see politicians connect with their communities and take community engagement seriously. They want representatives who are willing to collaborate and cooperate. And they want politicians who listen to recognised independent experts and make evidence based decisions. They expressed deep worries about the undue influence on politicians and parties by lobbyists, vested interests and donors.

Their words speak for themselves...

"Open honest government that has integrity and properly listens to the science and makes decisions free from lobbyists influences and that has compassion and a sense of social justice would go a long way to dealing with all of the issues." **FRANKLIN**

"Exposure of lobbyists and 'behind the scenes' players would help improve transparency and reduce corruption. Real time donations and an increase in staff in FOI departments would also help." **CLARK**

"First and foremost be in community and discuss each of these issues. Live your beliefs and as such inspire, empower and nurture others in communities. Listen, learn and hear what is important in community and together find solutions. Be active in community and lead by example. Be the change and be part of a living democracy." **LYONS**

"Our politicians are almost entirely captured by corporate interests. Both major parties have shown total indifference to genuine community needs, and are legislating even more Ministerial control, and less transparency, in big infrastructure planning. Working with Newscorp and FontPR, and with the carping support of Labor, they're selling off Tasmania for their own material interests - not for ours." **BRADDON**

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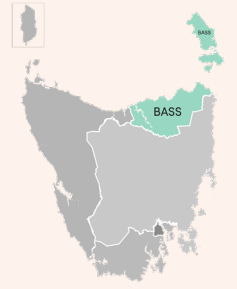
"We need more transparency and access to information."

**BASS**

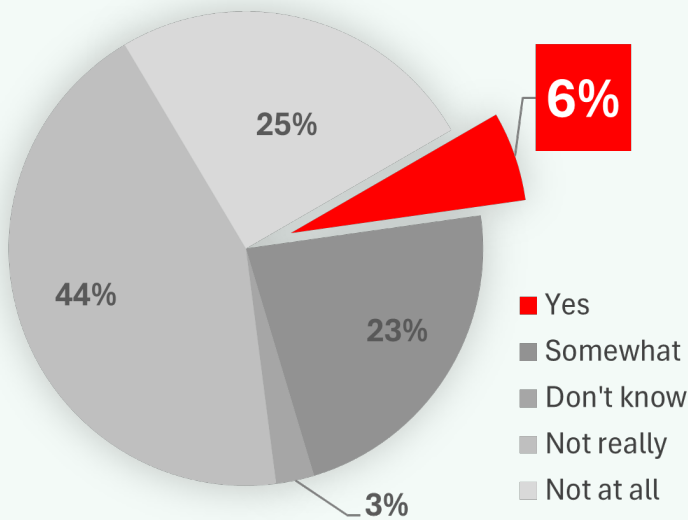
"Stop political donations and the resulting state capture and corruption."

**CLARK**

"To tackle integrity & corruption we must desist from large donations to political parties & the influence of powerful lobby groups, & ensure genuine open & transparent governance. Without this we don't have a true democracy." **LYONS**



## Do Bass voters feel represented?



## 94% of respondents do not feel well represented

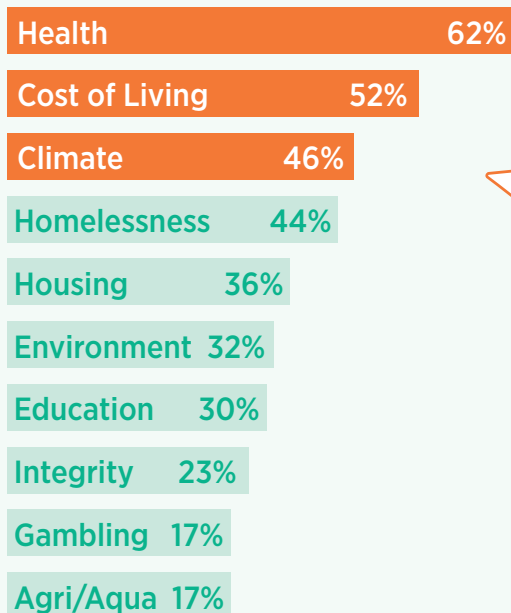
Bass respondents feel that their voices are not being adequately heard or considered by their elected officials (35%). They also feel a deep dissatisfaction with how party politics plays out (28%).

“I feel party politics prevent free speech and following the party line will keep their job”

“Politicians do not listen to the people or their fellow politicians.”

“Self interest rules. They are only interested in obtaining power, then keeping power.”

## Top issues in Bass



“Poverty, homelessness, and the rising cost of living. We need **MUCH MORE** public housing but **NOT** in ghettos.”

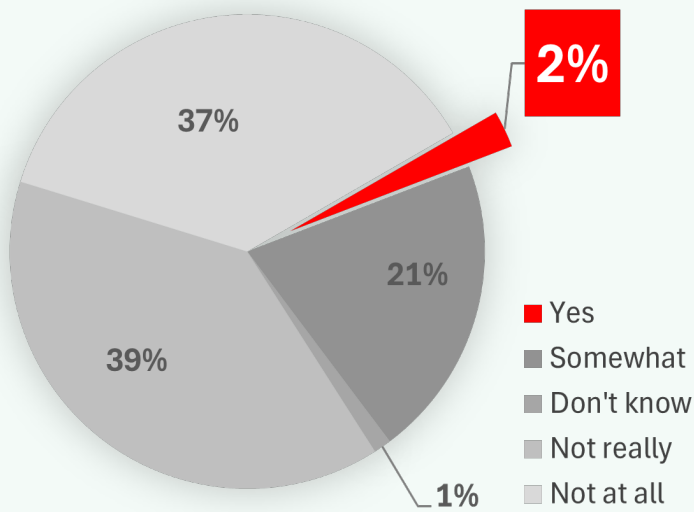
“Prompt access to hospital and doctors when needed.”

“(climate change (and seeing it as an opportunity, e.g. renewables).”

# BRADDON



## Do Braddon voters feel represented?



**98%** of respondents do not feel well represented

Braddon's residents want to be listened to (44%). They're looking for more transparency in politics; fewer external influences such as donations and vested interests (23%). They dislike politicians having to toe the party line, instead of representing their community (19%).

"It's just talk nothing really actually happens to make our end of the coast happy healthy and safe."

"It appears that State Govt as listening mainly to vested interests and is one step behind in regulating, such that vested interests are actually calling the shots"

"The political parties push their own agendas not the peoples"

## Top issues in Braddon

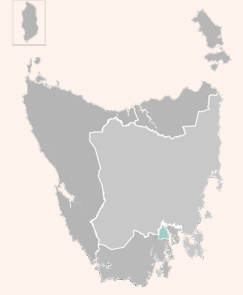
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"Rent rises and homelessness given raising interest rates and minimal rental properties available."

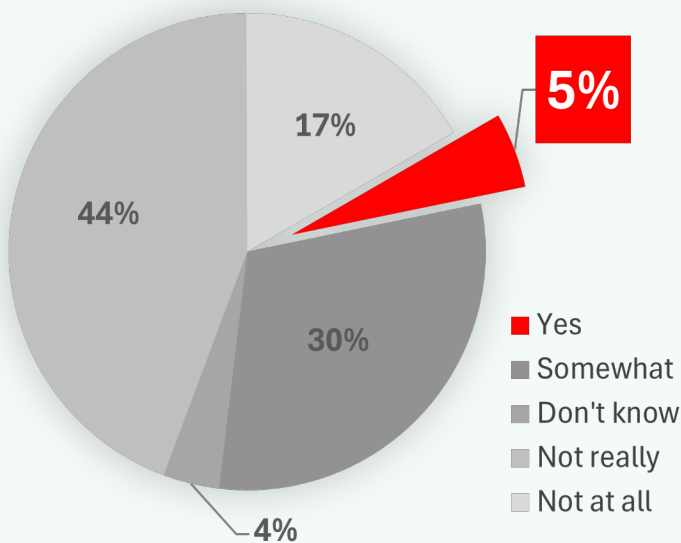
"Poor steps towards climate change reduction."

"Listen to the people! No more offshore salmon farms should be permitted."

"Lack of medical staff. Ambulance ramping is putting lives at risk, and putting massive amounts of stress on all the personal involved."



## Do Clark voters feel represented?



## Only 5 people in 100 feel represented in the electorate of Clark

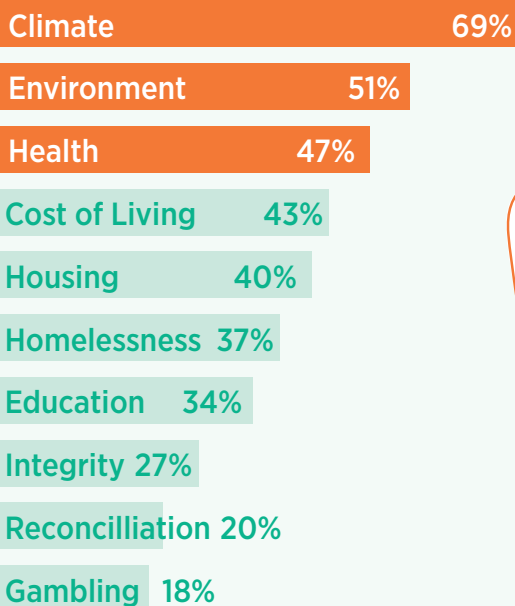
Overall Clark respondents are disillusioned with the current state of party politics and how it negatively affects their community's representation (31%). They are deeply concerned with the lack of transparency, integrity and ethics in government (29%); wanting to minimise external influences that guide the decisions that affect their lives. And they want to be heard and to have their concerns genuinely addressed by their representatives (25%).

"Party politics undermines democracy. Politicians currently represent themselves not their electorate."

"Because I think this state government is only interested in getting in bed with big corp, gambling companies and staying in power."

"They don't care about the local issues important to me, like improving active transport options. Or things that don't align with their party, like transparency and corruption reform. Getting anything to change seems too hard."

## Top issues in Clark



"Respond actively and positively to the urgency that Climate Change requires of all of us."

"Impact of old growth logging, salmon farming and tourism on natural environment."

"Health and Education being totally deprioritised in favour of things like a cable car, a stadium or the next big thing."

# FRANKLIN



## Do Franklin voters feel represented?

# ZERO.

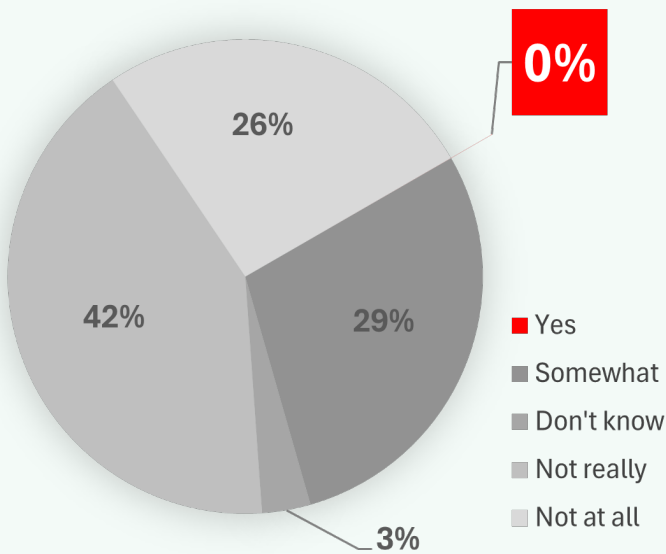
**Of 211 respondents in Franklin, not one felt their voice was well represented by their state members of parliament.**

Respondents in Franklin are disappointed with how party politics negatively impacts their representation (30%). They expressed concerns over integrity, corruption, and the undue influence of big business (26%). Leading to a sense that their key issues are being ignored and meaningful change is elusive (18%).

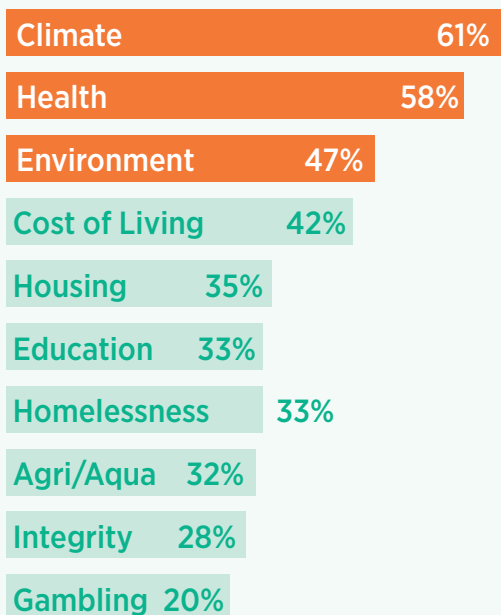
“They are so out of touch with what the person on the street wants.”

“Everything is governed by party line. The independents are the only ones who listen and act more on an Issues basis”

“State capture by vested interests seems to be at the root of so much poor policy.”



## Top issues in Franklin



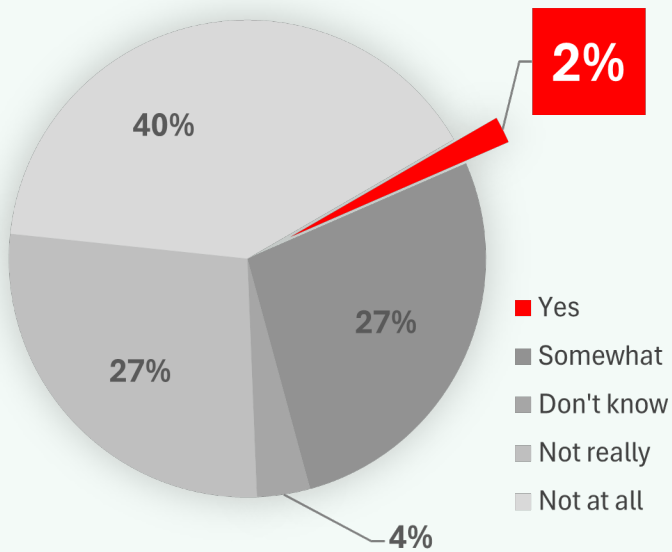
“The government needs to start taking this seriously. A real drop in emissions is needed and an end to native forest logging!”

“ongoing degradation of our natural environments and associated impacts on threatened species and biodiversity.”

“The appalling state of our health system. Ambulance ramping, bed block, ED waiting times days long, lack of specialists, poor administration.”



## Do Lyons voters feel represented?



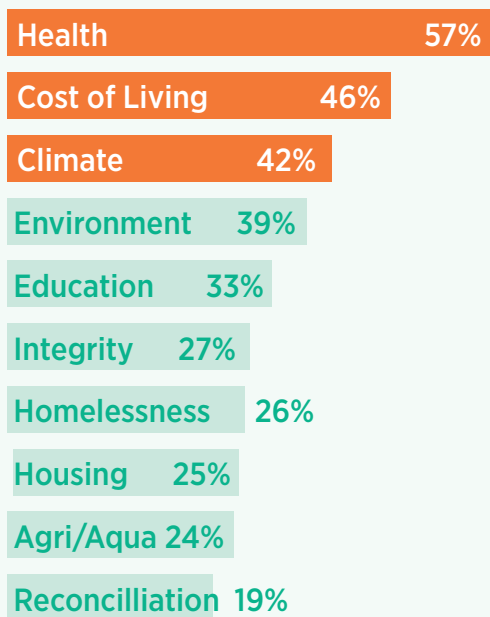
## 98% of Lyons respondents do not feel represented

The Lyons survey results reveal a significant disconnect between respondents and their representatives. Nearly half (46%) of participants express a sentiment of being unheard or experiencing a lack of active engagement from their leaders within local communities. Concerns over party politics (29%) and a perceived deficit in action on the issues that are important to them (14%) further contributed to their feelings of underrepresentation.

“They are focused primarily on the party policy and not in the best interest of the local constituents.”

“They tell us what we want to hear during campaigns, ask questions but don’t listen to the answers, provide band-aid solutions to existential problems and then are controlled by behind-the-scenes power brokers special interests and corporate bosses. We’re just voting for puppets, never for the hands that direct them.”

## Top Issues in Lyons



“There is no action plans for climate change impacts.”

“Poorer health system than when I first came to the state 25 years ago.”

“The growing disparity of wealth... The haves and the have nots.”

## CONCLUSION

### Listen

So what does all this mean? Across Tasmania people don't feel well represented at all by the political parties. There is both a sense of optimism and willingness to provide solutions, as well as a deep seated mistrust of the political gridlock caused by the politicking of the major parties.

Tasmanians want a health system that works; major improvements in transparency, integrity and ethical behaviour in government; cost of living relief, affordable housing, and an end to homelessness. Respondents are clearly concerned that climate change efforts are insufficient to date. They also want protection of their coastlines and waterways from salmon farming along with restoration of the environment as the biodiversity loss bites and extinctions become more likely.

To us at Voices of Tasmania, these results strongly indicate how much Tasmanians want to be heard and included in forming the solutions to the big problems we are facing here, The enormous quantity of solutions and ideas offered in this survey, could not be reflected here, and will be made available in total in the not too distant future.

The appears to be a real appetite for a change in the kind of politics that happens in our democracy here in Tasmania. One that is inclusive, kind, and respectful of the diversity of views across communities.

This is the essence of participatory democracy. Tasmanians want to be heard and they want better. Are our politicians listening?

*"Tasmanian politicians treat their constituents with disdain, do not address questions put to them and ignore those who seek honest communication with their government representatives. To make matters worse they have direct communication with multinational companies, accept large donations from them and then expect people to believe that they are not taking bribes or receiving kickbacks. This is the most important issue. We cannot get anywhere with all the other issues as long as there is no integrity commission, and money can determine the outcome of elections. Eg Federal Hotels and the Liberal party flooding Tasmania with advertising before an election knowing no other candidates could ever afford a similar expense. No one in a democracy should be able to buy their way into parliament. The present system is corrupt."* BRADDON

*"End logging of native forests Stop the expansion of fish farms in Tasmanian water."*

FRANKLIN

*"The dismantling of social cohesion by government and media seemingly hell bent on dividing us amongst ourselves while crises in environmental sustainability, housing, health care, aged care and education go unaddressed."* CLARK

## CONCLUSION

### What's next? How to be involved

- Share this document with friends & relatives
- Write a letter to the editor about your concerns or your wishes for a better Tasmania
- Find out which candidates support the issues you care most about
- Support your preferred candidate as a volunteer, donor or vocal supporter
- Join with others around issues of concern and instigate your own activities
- Keep the conversations going and discuss what's possible for Tasmania with friends and family
- Help organise forums in your electorate inviting all the candidates to discuss the issues raised here.
- Talk to any of the candidates about the issues raised in this document
- Keep in touch with VoT website and Facebook Page – information on community forums and local conversations will be available
- Visit other websites which promote community democracy



Find out more about Voices of Tasmania at [voicesoftasmania.org](https://voicesoftasmania.org)



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NOTE: This report has been generated from unique inputs from 756 respondents via our Opinion Stage survey platform (Bass 117, Braddon 160, Clark 157, Franklin 212, Lyons 110). Duplicate entries were excluded. Two interstate entries were excluded - apologies to those two respondents. Data analytics and matching efforts have been made to ascertain the veracity of the analysis and conclusions. All quotes provided are verbatim as entered into the survey text fields. Quotes have been selected to be representative of the issues and ideas respondents were most concerned about. Analysts: Donnacha McGrath (Lead), Michael Roberts & Marisol Miro Quesada.

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We found ourselves unable to do justice to the overwhelming number of ideas put forward by respondents as "What can be done?" So we have selected representative quotes based on the analysts' judgement. For transparency and in gratitude to all respondent voices, VoT commits to make publicly available all responses, de-identified. These will be in formatted but raw form, not analysed as herein.

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# Voices of Tasmania

## Charter

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Voices of Tasmania Inc. aims to transform Tasmanian life through participatory democracy. We are a network of politically engaged individuals guided by an ethical values framework (see our Values below). This charter informs the actions and behaviours of all supporters, volunteers, leaders and founding members.

### Our Core Purpose

Elevating quality of life for all Tasmanians through increasing participatory democracy.

### Who We Are:

We are an independent network committed to a thriving Tasmania – across communities, cities and regions. We're working to increase participation in local democratic life; valuing the voices of the people and having them independently represented in local government, state and federal parliament. We are not a lobby group or a political party. We seek to engage and educate Tasmanian voters to actively participate in democracy. We support, mentor and educate independent candidates but we do not run election campaigns.

### Our Ambitions:

To bring a non-adversarial spirit, a collaborative mind-set, mature conversations and progressive values into Tasmanian political life. We seek to inspire and support people who want a better life for all Tasmanians, including the Traditional Owners of lutruwita [Tasmania]. We aim to build integrity, honesty, and trust in the political arena, where facts and democratic norms are re-established. Our approach is grounded in respect for humanity, nature and science.

*Our target outcomes include:*

1. *Election of community-minded independent candidates at all levels of government*
2. *Communities and individuals who are engaged and well-informed, effectively influencing local, state and national decision-making*
3. *Respectful, truthful and constructive Tasmanian political discourse focused on the public good; including urgent action on climate change, housing & homelessness and gender equality*
4. *Greater social and economic equality across all regions of Tasmania*
5. *Implemented progressive initiatives and legislation that represents the diverse voices of the Tasmanian people*
6. *Inclusive government; honouring the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*
7. *Greater decentralisation of government; empowered local people effectively participating in improving the life of their region*

### Our Key Activities

Engage with Tasmanian voters and independent candidates to achieve electoral success by:

- **Community Building & Volunteers:** activate, educate and network Tasmanians to participate positively and energetically in our local democracy.
- **Candidate Development:** inspire, support and develop independent candidates, aligned with Voices of Tasmania's values and principles, giving the voting community compelling reasons to vote for them; thereby securing the right for community-minded independents to influence decision-making in our governing institutions.

*How we'll do this:*

1. **Listen** to Tasmanians through: individual conversations; survey responses; small group "Kitchen Table Conversations"; Town Hall meetings; and via Citizen's Assemblies – and publish the findings.
2. **Develop** people, ideas, communications, fundraising and education to represent community interests.
3. **Facilitate** the emergence and development of community-minded, progressive independent candidates in local, state and federal government elections to bring your voices to fruition.

### Voices of Tasmania's Core Values

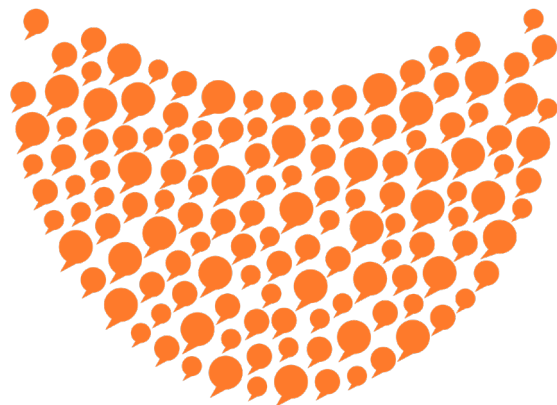
Politically, we value **Accountability, Integrity and Transparency**

Behaviourally, we value **Respect, Cooperation and Fairness**

Socially, we value **Equality, Human Rights, Mutual Prosperity and Participation**

Environmentally, we value **Biodiversity, Conservation and Regeneration**

# Voices of Tasmania



# Democracy.

*Let's do it.*

It's not rocket science; we just need politicians and public servants who are courageous enough to put the obvious issues ahead of comfort and self interest.

A VOICE FROM BRADDON