

Support for return of Biloela family to community

Q A Sri Lankan Tamil family (known as the Biloela family) are applying for asylum in Australia. The family were settled in the town of Biloela, Queensland but since 2018 have been held in offshore detention facilities, isolated from their friends and community.

To what extent would you support or oppose the federal government allowing the family to return to Biloela with permanent visas to stay there?

	Total	Gender		Age			Education		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Secondary Education	Professional Qualifications	University Education
Strongly support	32%	30%	35%	28%	31%	37%	30%	32%	35%
Somewhat support	20%	21%	20%	25%	20%	17%	20%	21%	20%
Neither support nor oppose	20%	19%	21%	26%	21%	14%	24%	18%	17%
Somewhat oppose	10%	11%	9%	7%	11%	11%	9%	10%	11%
Strongly oppose	11%	14%	9%	7%	10%	17%	11%	13%	10%
Unsure	6%	6%	7%	8%	7%	4%	6%	6%	7%
TOTAL: Support	52%	50%	55%	53%	51%	54%	50%	53%	55%
TOTAL: Oppose	21%	25%	18%	13%	21%	28%	20%	22%	21%
Base (n)	1,087	527	560	328	374	385	312	381	368



	State					Location		Employment Status		
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Capital City	Non-Capital City	In paid employment	Not in paid employment	Retired
Strongly support	32%	33%	35%	41%	22%	31%	35%	32%	30%	38%
Somewhat support	21%	19%	17%	20%	25%	21%	18%	24%	18%	12%
Neither support nor oppose	20%	21%	19%	20%	18%	20%	19%	17%	26%	15%
Somewhat oppose	10%	8%	11%	6%	13%	10%	10%	11%	6%	11%
Strongly oppose	10%	13%	12%	6%	17%	11%	12%	10%	8%	21%
Unsure	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%	12%	2%
TOTAL: Support	54%	51%	52%	61%	46%	52%	54%	56%	48%	51%
TOTAL: Oppose	20%	21%	23%	13%	30%	21%	22%	21%	14%	32%
Base (n)	347	274	220	88	107	732	355	550	270	222

	Federal Voting Intention				Household Income*			Household Composition	
	Labor	Liberal + National	Greens	TOTAL: Other	TOTAL: Lower Income	TOTAL: Mid Income	TOTAL: High Income	Dependent Children	No Dependent Children
Strongly support	44%	22%	45%	26%	32%	35%	31%	31%	33%
Somewhat support	20%	24%	12%	22%	18%	18%	26%	23%	18%
Neither support nor oppose	16%	22%	16%	16%	20%	18%	19%	24%	17%
Somewhat oppose	9%	12%	12%	9%	10%	11%	9%	9%	10%
Strongly oppose	6%	15%	7%	16%	12%	11%	11%	8%	14%
Unsure	5%	5%	8%	10%	8%	6%	5%	5%	8%
TOTAL: Support	64%	46%	57%	48%	50%	54%	57%	54%	51%
TOTAL: Oppose	15%	28%	19%	26%	22%	22%	20%	17%	24%
Base (n)	378	407	98	102	367	334	296	459	628



Appendix: Household income definitions*

TOTAL: Lower Income	Up to \$51,999 per year Total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances and other income that your household usually receives (GROSS – before tax and superannuation deductions)
TOTAL: Mid Income	\$52,000 to \$103,999 per year Total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances and other income that your household usually receives (GROSS – before tax and superannuation deductions)
TOTAL: High Income	More than \$104,000 per year Total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances and other income that your household usually receives (GROSS – before tax and superannuation deductions)

Appendix: Methodology, margin of error and professional standards

The data gathered for this report is gathered from a fortnightly online omnibus run by Essential Research with sample provided by Qualtrics from online panels.

The online omnibus is active from the Wednesday night of each week and closed on the following Sunday. The target population is all Australian residents aged 18+. Participants were invited to participate and completed the survey online without an interviewer present and incentives were offered for participation.

The response rate varies each week, but usually delivers 1000+ interviews. Quotas are applied to be representative of the target population by age, gender and location.

RIM weighting is applied to the data using information sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). The factors used in the weighting are age, gender, location and party ID.

Information for the weighting efficiency, effective sample size and margin of error for each poll (from June 2021) can be found here: <https://essentialvision.com.au/about-this-poll>

Each fortnight, the team at Essential Media Communications discusses issues that are topical and a series of questions are devised to put to the Australian public. Some questions are repeated regularly (such as political preference and leadership approval), while others are unique to each week and reflect current media and



social issues. Full text for standard voting and regular political preferences can be found in the link above. No questions were asked prior to these questions which have material influence on results.

Participants not eligible to vote in federal elections (either for age, residency or other reasons) are excluded from voting intention. Eligible participants are able to select 'Unsure' for voting intention. They were then asked a 'leaner' question which also included an 'Unsure' option. Participants answering 'Unsure' are NOT excluded from published results, or any subsequent questions. 2 party preferred (2PP) calculations use stated preference. Preference flows from previous federal and state elections are only used for participants answering 'Unsure' for stated preference.

All Essential Research staff hold Research Society membership and are bound by professional codes of behaviour. This research is compliant with the Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards.

