

Western Australia Galaxy poll, conducted 27-8 August 2008

In the state election to be held on Saturday 6 September, which one of the following are you most likely to vote for?

	Election Feb <u>2005</u> %	27-28 Aug <u>2008</u> %
ALP	41.9	39
The Liberal Party.....	35.6	41
The Nationals.....	<u>3.7</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Coalition	<u>39.3</u>	<u>46</u>
The Greens	7.6	9
Another party or an independent candidate.....	11.2	6
9% uncommitted or refused excluded		

Two party preferred.

	Election Feb <u>2005</u> %	27-28 Aug <u>2008</u> %
ALP	52.3	49
Coalition	47.7	51

Thinking now about the leaders of the two major parties. Which **one** of the leaders, Alan Carpenter or Colin Barnett, would you prefer as Premier?

	<u>Total</u> %	<u>Supporters</u>	
		<u>ALP</u> %	<u>Coalition</u> %
Alan Carpenter ...	46	88	13
Colin Barnett.....	37	4	71
Uncommitted	17	8	16

Now just thinking about the election campaign. In your opinion, which **one** of the leaders, Alan Carpenter or Colin Barnett, has performed the best in the campaign?

	<u>Total</u> %	<u>Supporters</u>	
		<u>ALP</u> %	<u>Coalition</u> %
Alan Carpenter ...	41	71	18
Colin Barnett.....	24	5	42
Uncommitted	35	24	40

Thinking about some areas of government. For each of these areas please say whether, in your opinion, it has improved, stayed the same, or got worse under the current Carpenter Labor Government.

	<u>Health & Hospitals</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Law & Order</u>	<u>Sharing benefits of WA boom</u>	<u>Water resources and environment</u>	<u>Providing open & accountable government</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Much improved	2	0	1	2	4	2
Improved.....	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>15</u>
Total Improved	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>
Stayed the same...	33	37	39	29	39	40
Worse	32	25	27	32	19	23
Much worse	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>
Total Worse	<u>48</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>37</u>
Uncommitted.....	3	9	4	7	5	6

Would you expect any improvement in each of these areas under a re-elected Labor Government?
 Would you expect any improvement in each of these areas under a newly elected Liberal Government?

Total expect improvement

	<u>Under Labor</u>	<u>Under Liberal</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Water resources and environment	53	51
Health & Hospitals	50	59
Education	49	60
Law & Order.....	46	60
Sharing benefits of WA boom.....	41	48
Providing open and accountable government...	38	48

Do you believe the ALP **deserves** to win the next state election based on its recent performance?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Supporters</u>	
	<u>%</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>Coalition</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Yes	35	72	10
No.....	59	23	88
Uncommitted	6	5	2

Do you believe the Coalition **deserves** to win the next state election based on its recent performance?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Supporters</u>	
		<u>ALP</u>	<u>Coalition</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Yes	23	5	45
No.....	69	90	49
Uncommitted	8	5	6

Do you regard Alan Carpenter as arrogant and out of touch with voters?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Supporters</u>	
		<u>ALP</u>	<u>Coalition</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Yes	45	22	64
No.....	49	76	31
Uncommitted	6	2	5

Has Alan Carpenter's decision to call an early election made you **more** likely to vote for the Labor Party, **less** likely or will it make no difference to the way you will vote?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Supporters</u>	
		<u>ALP</u>	<u>Coalition</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
More likely vote Labor....	4	6	2
Less likely vote Labor	27	6	44
No difference.....	68	85	54
Uncommitted.....	1	3	0

This survey was conducted by Galaxy Research on the evenings of 27-28 August 2008. The results are based on the opinions of 800 voters. The data has been weighted and projected to reflect the population of Western Australia.