



Public Transport in Melbourne's Eastern Region - Federal Government Role in the Solution -

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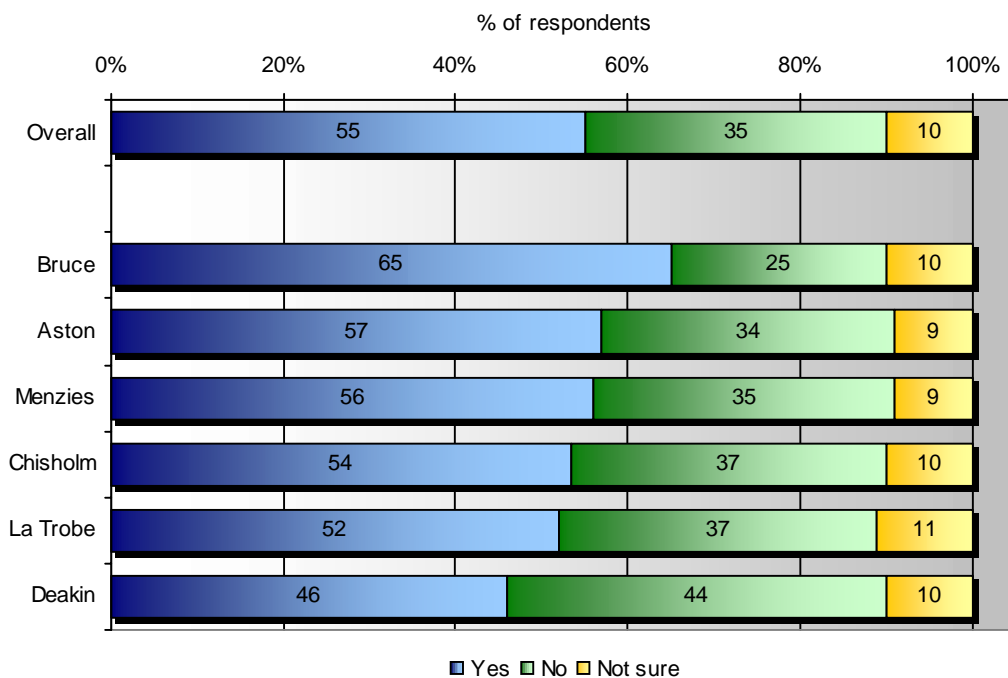
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1. Key Findings

1.1 Effect of a lack of public transport

Q4. Do you feel that the lack or poor quality of public transport infrastructure in your area affects you directly?

a. Direct Personal Affect



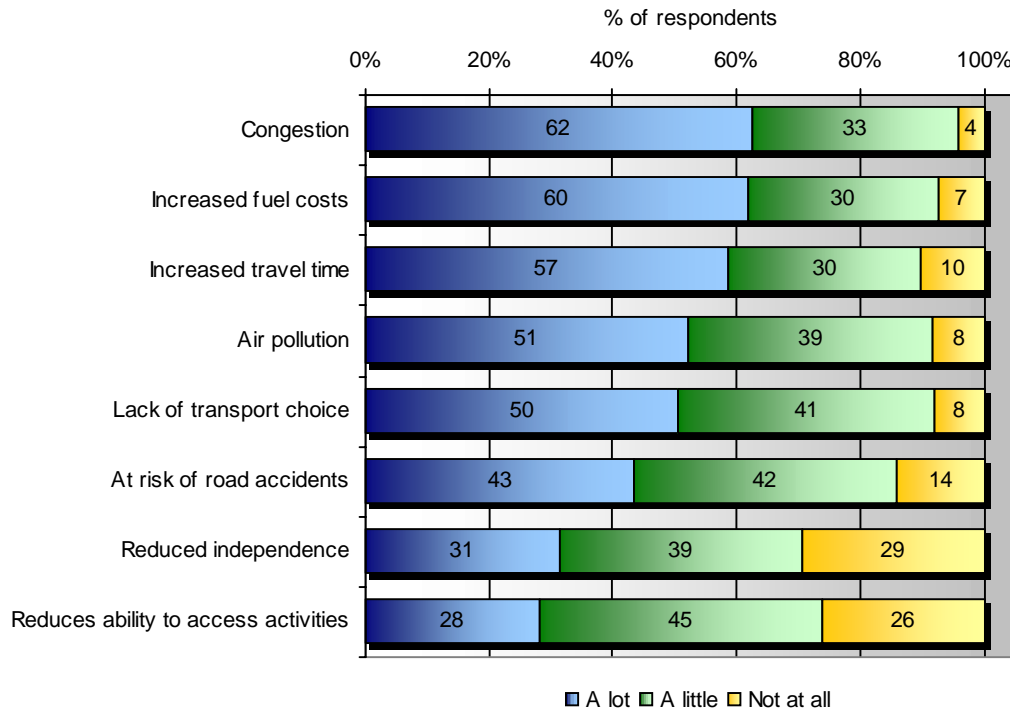
Base: Respondents who indicated they had an 'average' to 'very poor' opinion of public transport (n=617)

KEY FINDINGS:

- Respondents who indicated at question 11 that their opinion of public transport was either average or poor were asked this question.
- 56% said that the lack or poor quality of public transport had a direct affect on them.
- Respondents in Bruce (65%) were most affected while Deakin was the least affected (47%).
- Deakin was the only electorate where less than half of the respondents said they were affected.

Q5. Does the lack or poor quality of public transport services in your area affect you in any of the following ways?

b. Personal Effects of Public Transport



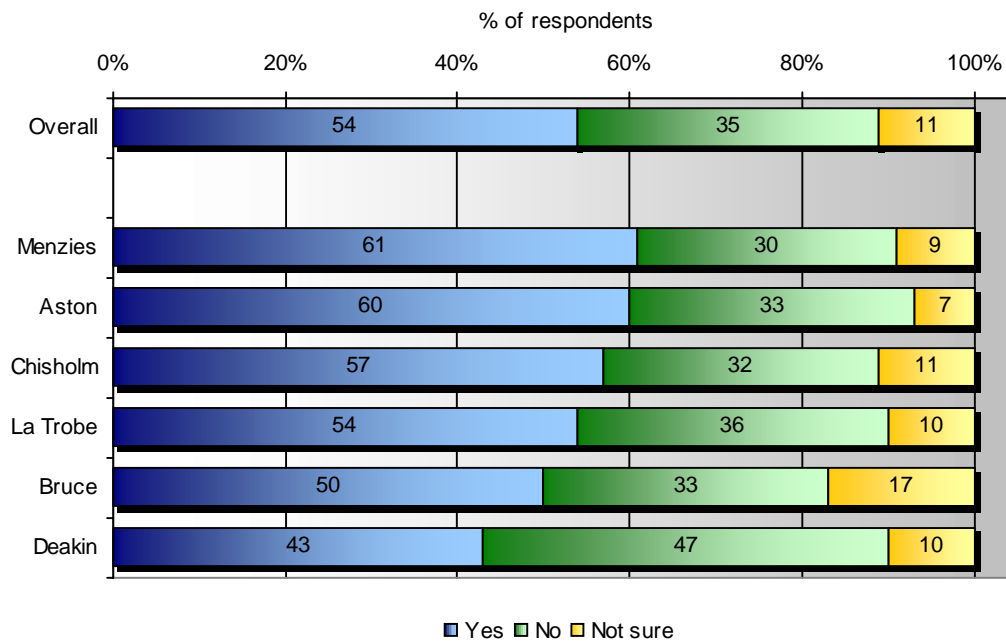
Base: Respondents who indicated that the lack or poor quality of public transport had a direct personal effect (n=345)

KEY FINDINGS:

- Congestion was the most common problem (62%) followed closely by increased fuel costs (60%) and increased travel time (57%).
- All of the possible affects of a lack or poor quality of public transport infrastructure had at least some affect on more than 70% of respondents.

Q6. Does the lack or poor quality of public transport services in your area affect your family directly or not?

c. Direct Family Affect



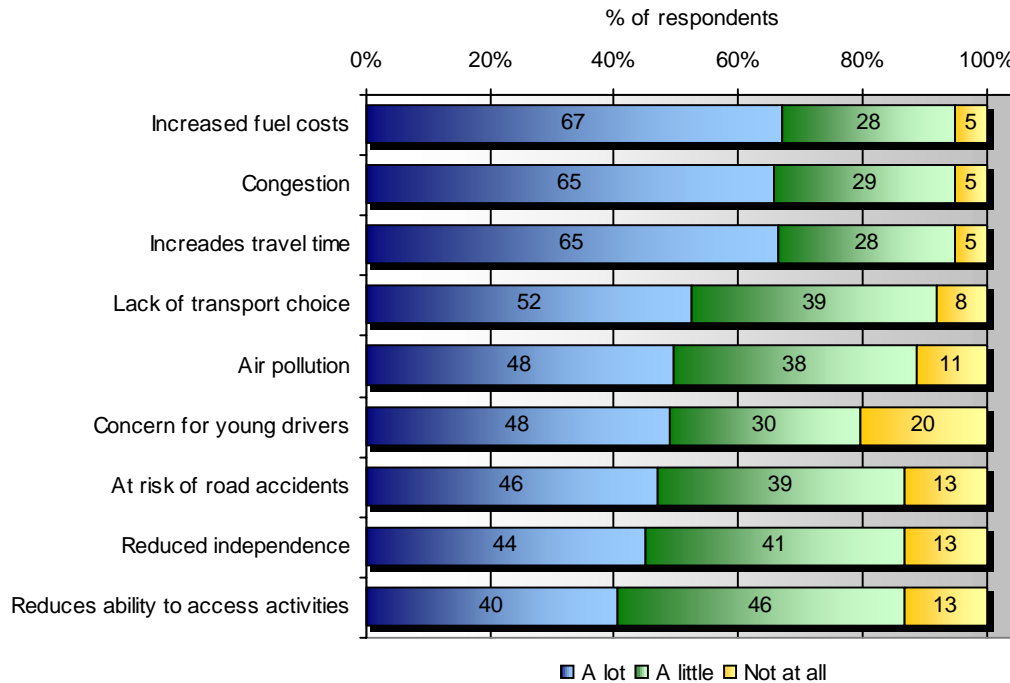
Base: Respondents who indicated they had an 'average' to 'very poor' opinion of public transport (n=617)

KEY FINDINGS:

- Respondents who indicated at question 11 that their opinion of public transport was either average or poor were asked this question.
- 54% of respondents said the lack or poor quality of public transport infrastructure had a direct affect on their family.
- Families in Menzies were most affected (61%) while those in Deakin were least affected (43%).
- Again, Deakin was the only electorate where less than 50% of respondents said their families were affected.

Q7. Does the lack or poor quality of public transport infrastructure in your area affect your family in any of the following ways?

d. Family Affects of Public Transport



Base: Respondents who indicated that the lack or poor quality of public transport had a direct effect on their family (n=335)

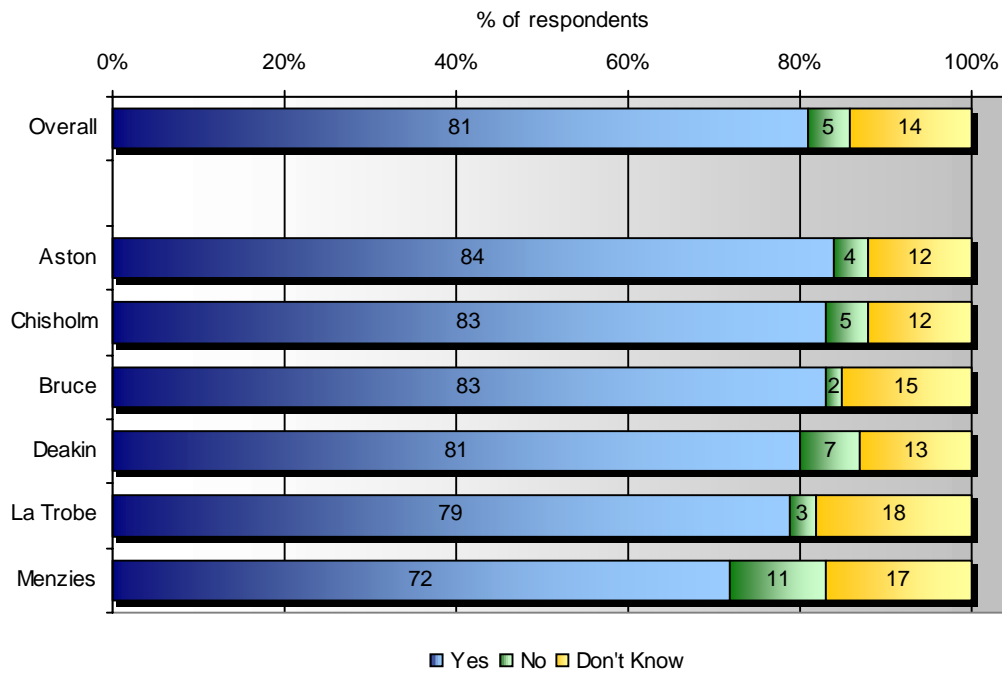
KEY FINDINGS:

- Increased fuel costs were the most often cited problem (67%), followed by congestion (65%) and increased travel time (65%).
- All of the possible affects of a lack or poor quality of public transport infrastructure on families had at least some affect on more than 75% of respondents.

1.2 Link to Climate Change

Q8. Would you like to take more steps to reduce your impact on the environment or not?

a. Reduce Impact on the Environment



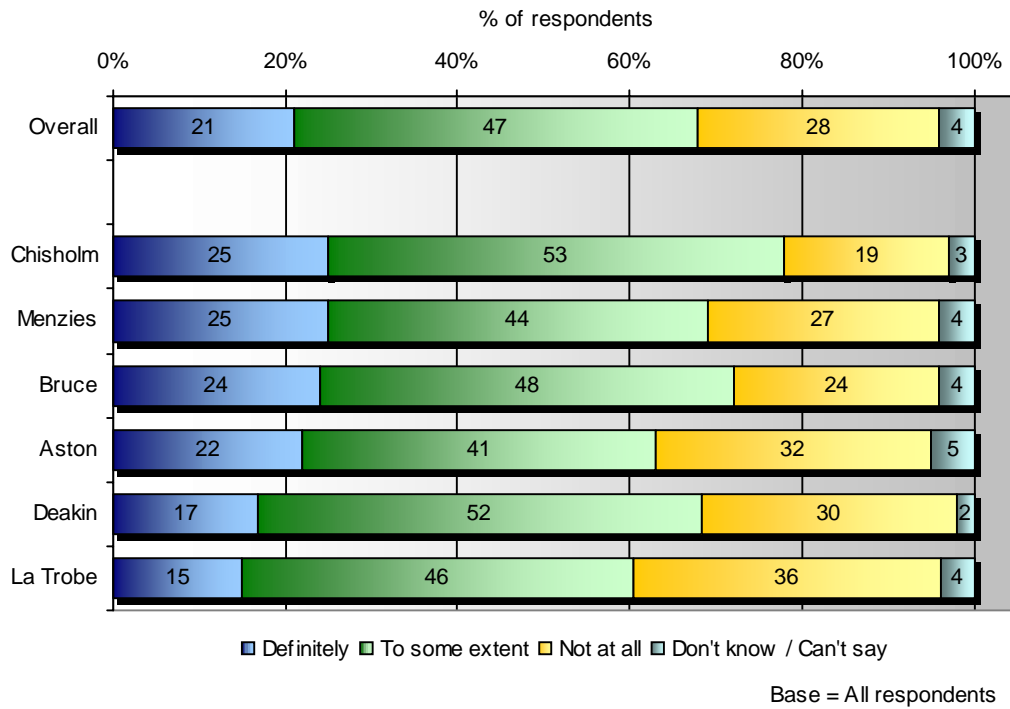
Base = All respondents

KEY FINDINGS:

- Four out of five respondents (81%) said they would like to take more steps to reduce their impact on the environment.
- Five of the six electorates reported only single-digit negative responses with Menzies the only exception with 11% of respondents saying they wouldn't like to take more steps to reduce their environmental impact.
- 83% of Labor voters said they wanted to reduce their impact on the environment while 77% of Coalition voters said the same.

Q9. Is use of public transport a practical way for you to reduce your impact on the environment at present or not?

b. Practical Way to Reduce Environmental Impact

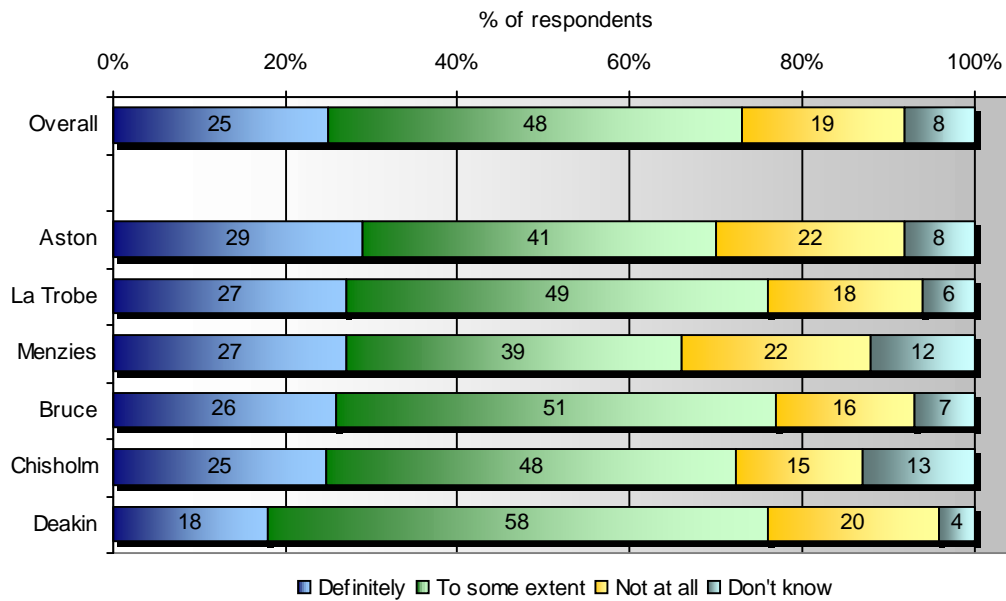


KEY FINDINGS:

- 68% of respondents said using public transport was a practical way for them to reduce their impact on the environment.
- Respondents in Chisholm (78%) were much more likely to say it was a practical for them than respondents in La Trobe (60%).
- Of those respondents who took public transport top work, 97% also said they felt it was a practical way for them to reduce their environmental impact. Only 62% of car travellers said it was practical for them.

Q10. Does the lack or poor quality of public transport infrastructure in your area have any impact on your ability to do the best you can to protect the environment?

c. Ability to Protect the Environment



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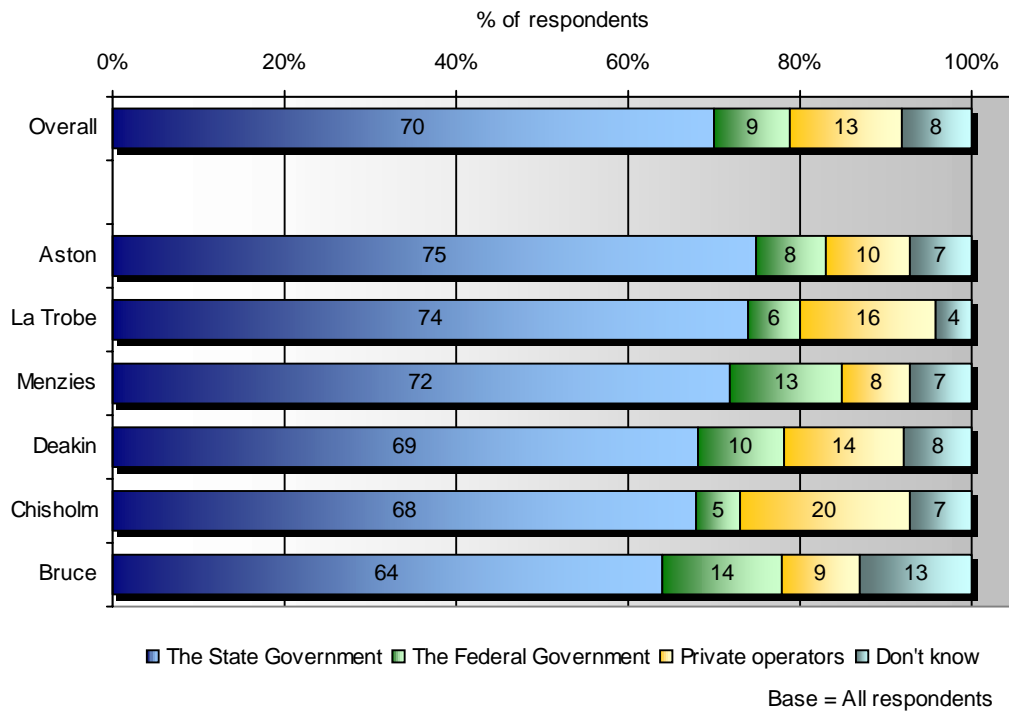
KEY FINDINGS:

- Of those respondents who indicated that their opinion of public transport was average or lower, 45% said that the lack or poor quality of public transport had an impact on their ability to protect the environment.

1.3 Responsibility

Q11. Who do you believe has primary responsibility for running public transport?

a. Responsibility for Running Public Transport

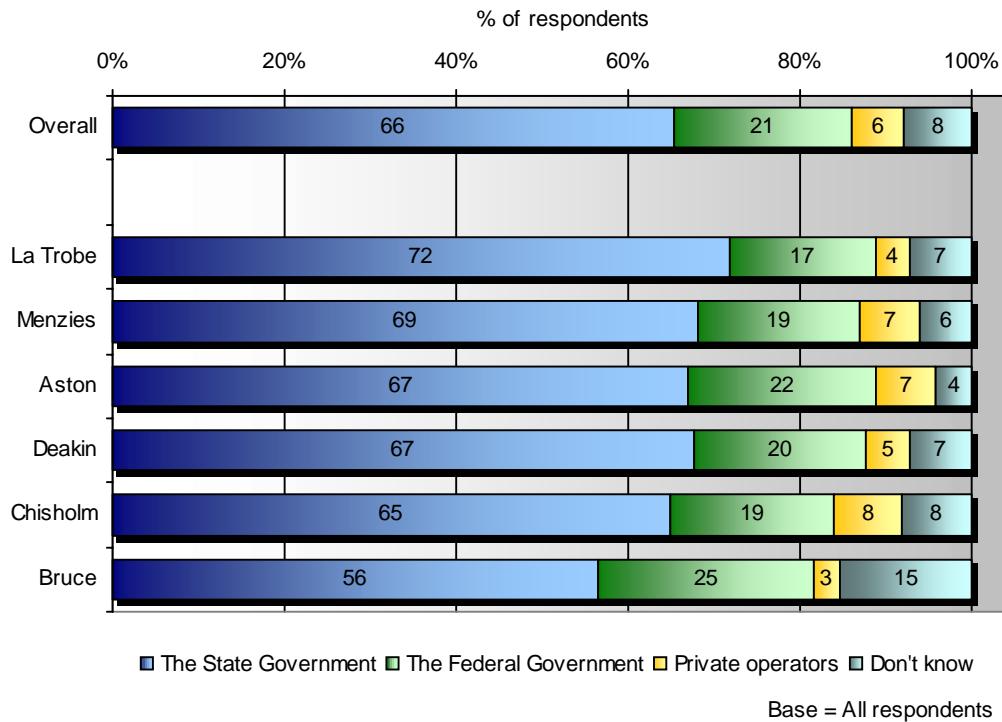


KEY FINDINGS:

- 70% of respondents thought that the State Government had primary responsibility for running public transport. 9% said the Federal Government and 8% didn't know. Only 13% chose private operators.

Q12. Who do you believe has primary responsibility for funding public transport infrastructure?

b. Responsibility for Funding Public Transport

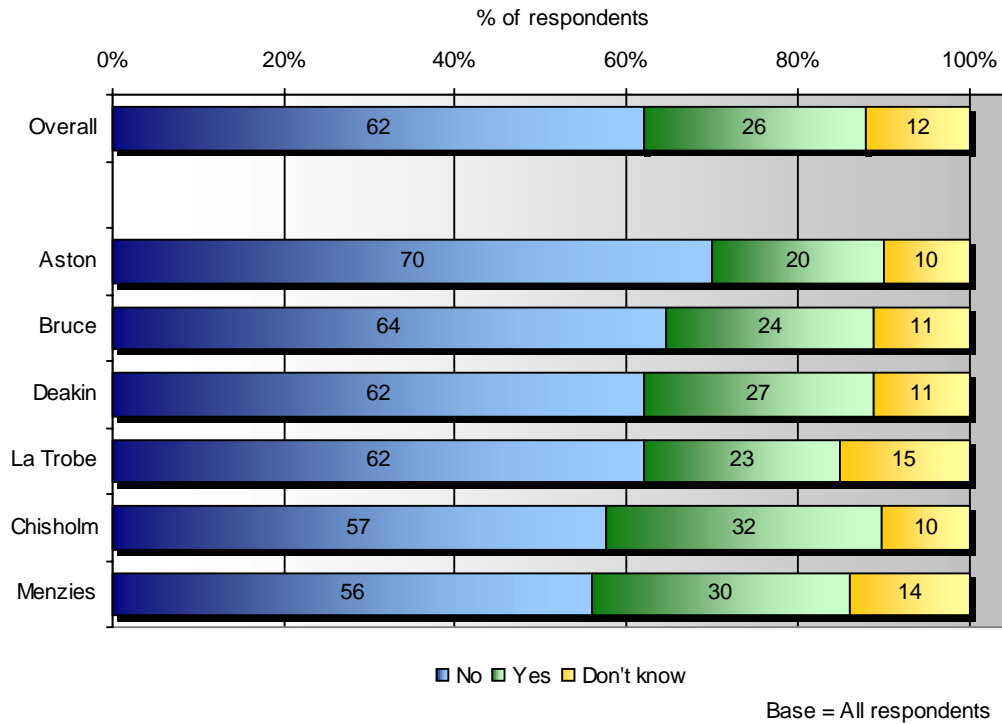


KEY FINDINGS:

- 21% of respondents thought that the Federal Government had primary responsibility for funding public transport infrastructure. 6% said private operators and 8% didn't know. 66% chose answered the State Government.
- Labor voters (28%) were more likely to believe the State Government was responsible for funding than Coalition voters (11%).

Q13. The Federal Government directly provides millions of dollars in funding for some major roads in cities, but does not contribute any such funds for suburban public transport infrastructure. Is this acceptable to you or not?

c. Federal Funding of Roads



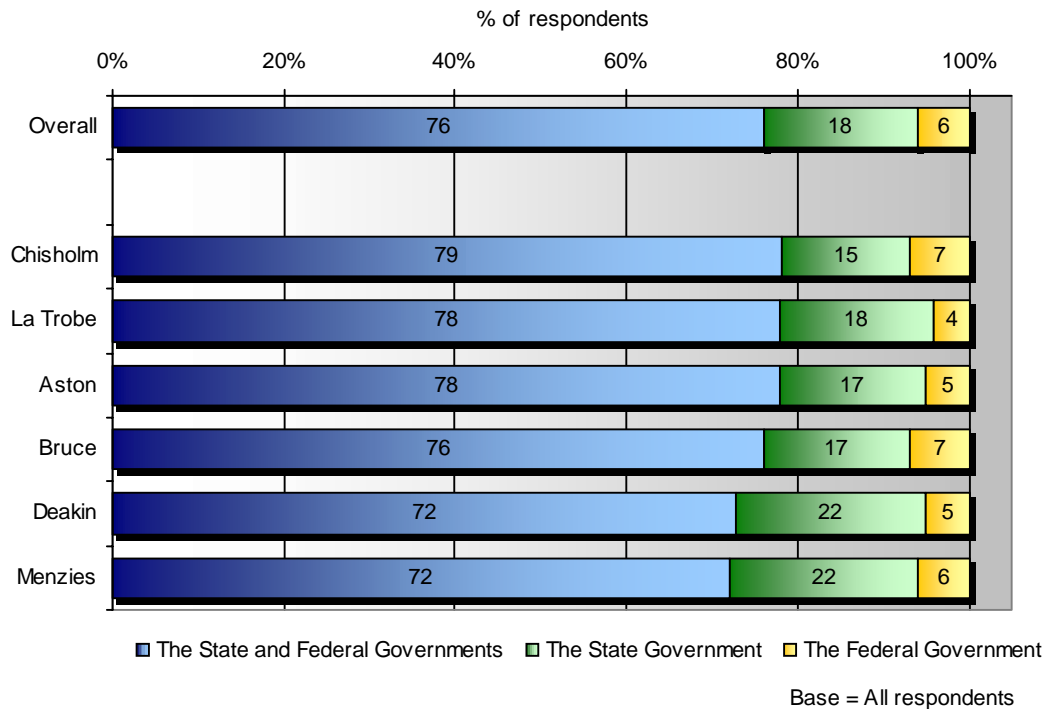
KEY FINDINGS:

- 62% of respondents said it was not acceptable that the Federal Government provided funding for major roads but not for public transport infrastructure.
- 70% of Aston respondents said the situation was unacceptable.
- Labor voters (72%) were much more likely to find the situation unacceptable than Coalition voters (49%).

1.4 Funding Solutions

Q14. How do you feel about the following proposed funding solutions for public transport infrastructure in outer Melbourne?

a. Funding Solutions

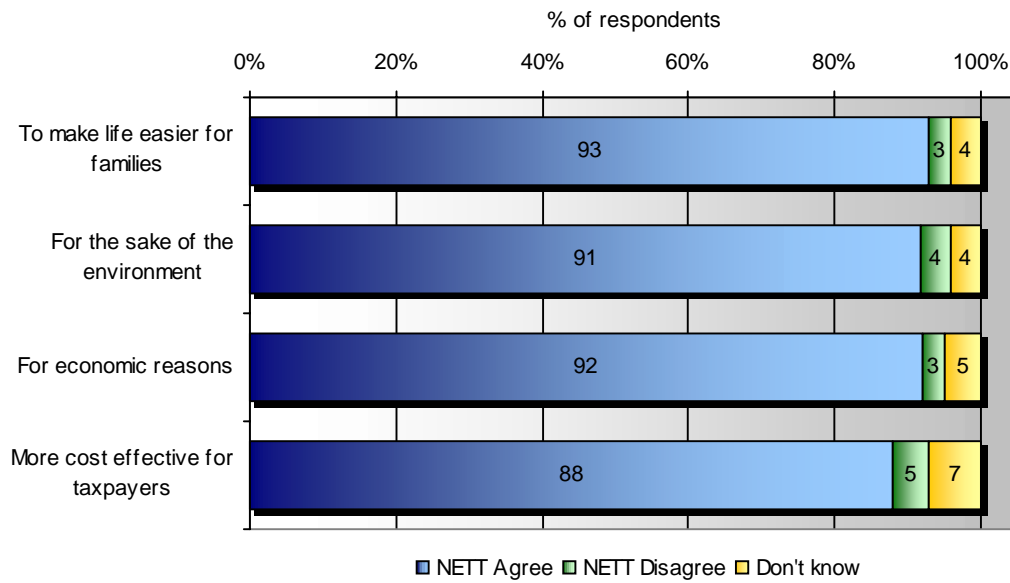


KEY FINDINGS:

- More than three quarters of respondents (76%) believed the State and Federal Governments should share the cost for all necessary public transport infrastructure.
- Labor voters (84%) were more likely to think the State and Federal Governments should share costs than Coalition voters.

Q15. Do you believe governments should adequately fund the cost of public transport infrastructure...?

b. Reasons to Fund Public Transport Infrastructure



Base = All respondents

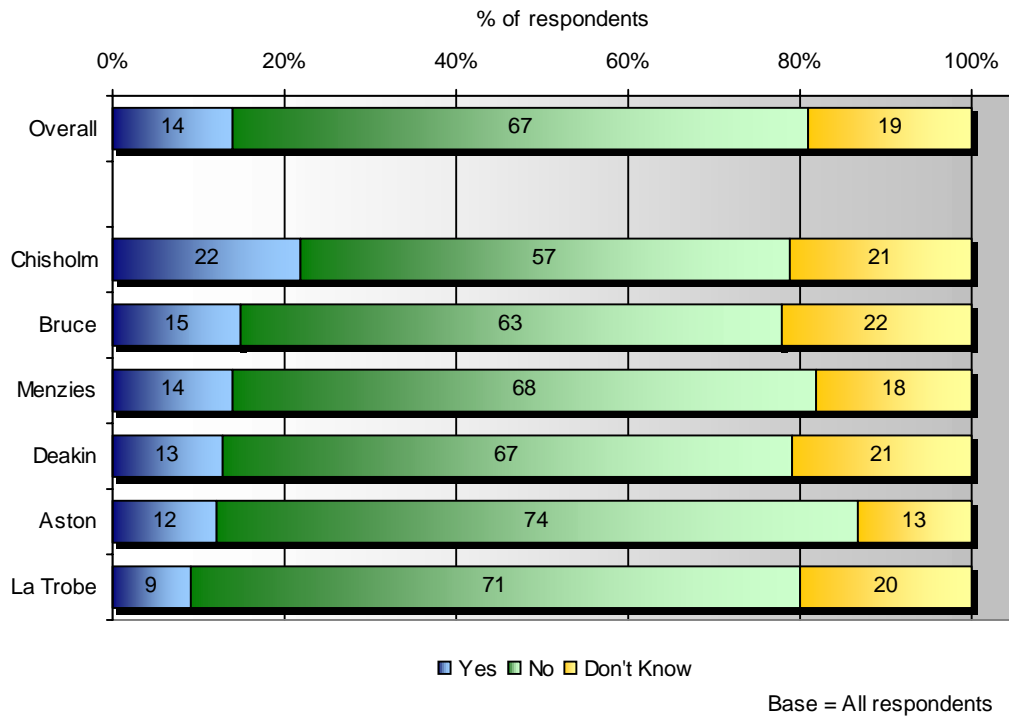
KEY FINDINGS:

- More than nine out of ten respondents said they thought governments should adequately fund public transport for the sake of the environment (91%), for economic reasons (92%) and to make life easier for families (93%). 88% believed they should do it because it would be more cost effective for taxpayers.

1.5 Expectations of public transport provision

Q16. Do you believe governments are giving sufficient priority to provision of good public transport infrastructure in your local area or not?

a. Sufficient Priority

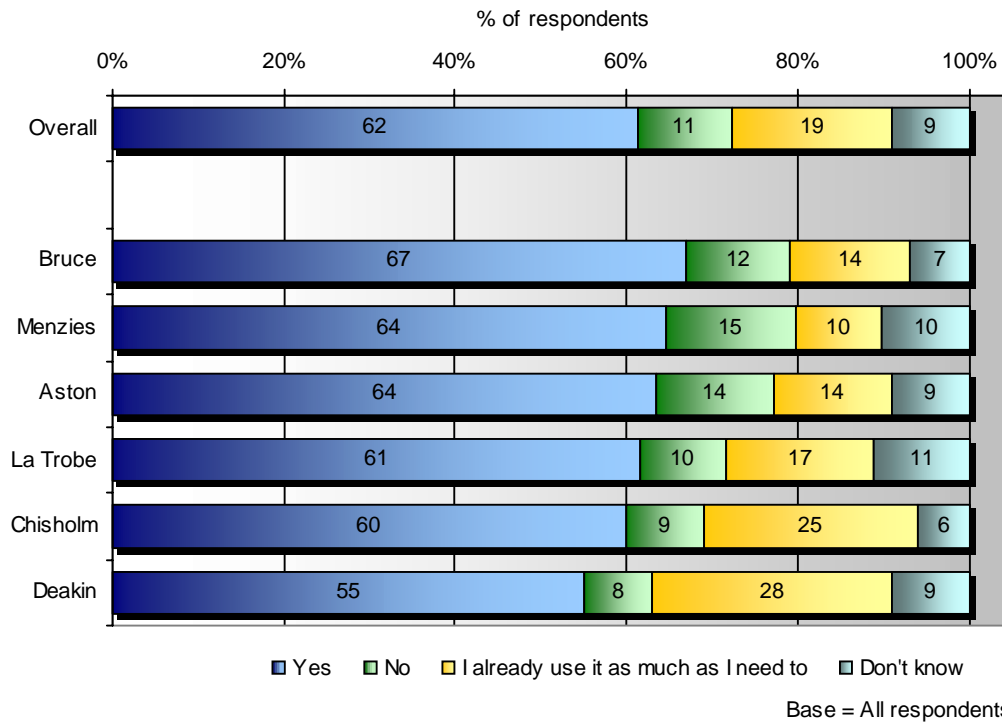


KEY FINDINGS:

- Two thirds of respondents (67%) surveyed said that governments were not giving sufficient priority to provision of good public transport infrastructure in their local area.
- Respondents in Aston (74%) and La Trobe (71%) were most inclined to feel this way with Chisholm (57%), the only electorate with significant access to all three primary forms of public transport, the least likely.

Q17. If the quality and reliability of public transport close to your home was improved through new infrastructure, would you consider using it more often or not?

b. Quality and Reliability

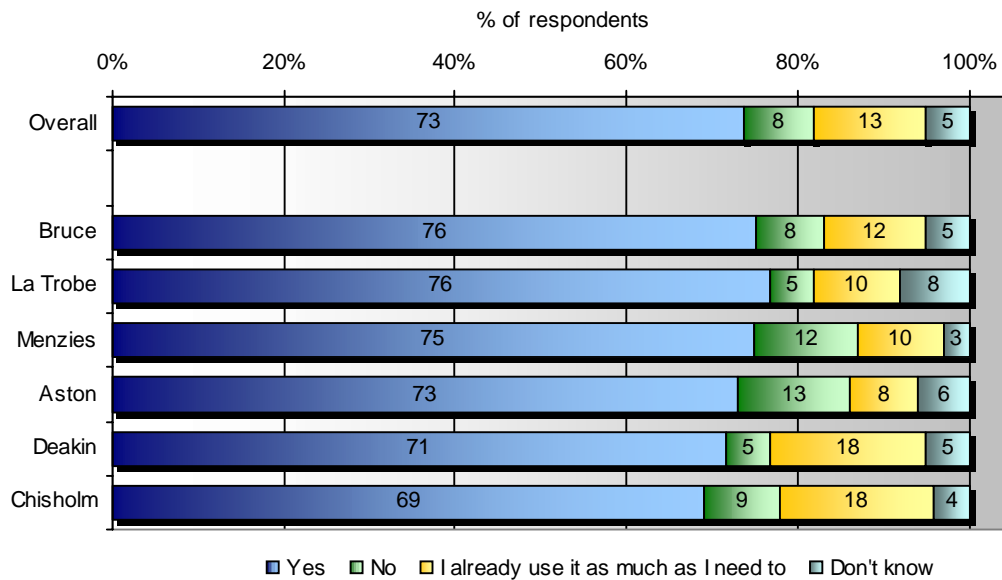


KEY FINDINGS:

- 62% of respondents indicated that they would consider using public transport more often if the quality and reliability of public transport infrastructure was improved.
- 69% of respondents aged 18-29 said they would consider using it more often under those circumstances.
- Less than 20% of respondents said they already used public transport as much as they needed to, indicating that there is significant potential for increased usage.
- 61% of respondents who travel to work by car indicated that they would be willing to consider public transport and 67% of those who take public transport to work said they would also consider using it more often.

Q18. If it was much quicker for you to get to work or other activities on public transport would you consider using public transport at least some of the time or not?

c. Quicker Journey



Base = All respondents

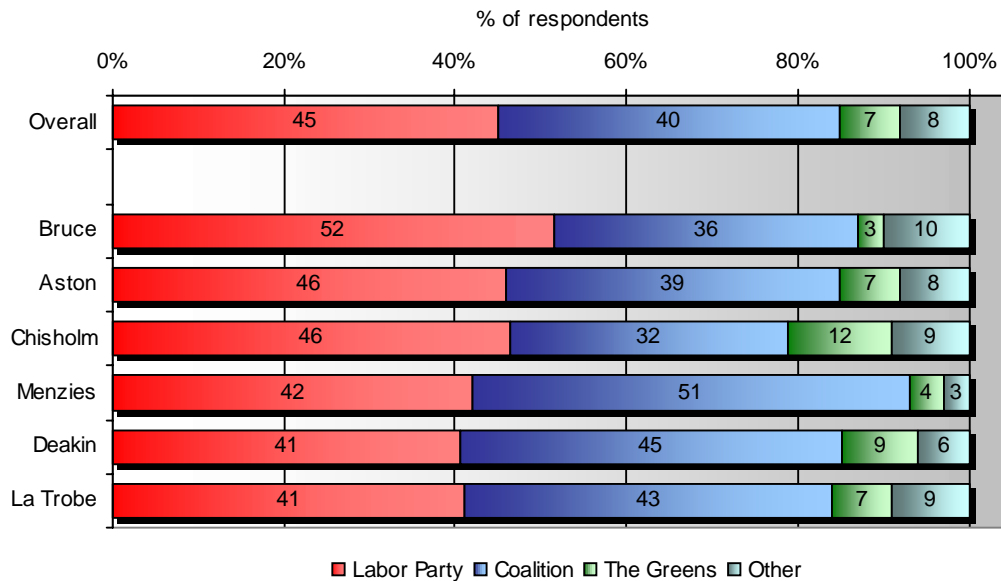
KEY FINDINGS:

- 73% of respondents said they would consider increasing their use of public transport if it was much quicker for them to get to work and other activities.
- 78% of respondents aged 18-29 said they would consider it compared with 70% of those aged 50 or older.
- 76% of respondents who travel to work by car indicated that they would be willing to consider public transport and if the journey was much quicker.

1.6 Voting Intentions

Q19. If a Federal election for the House of Representatives were held today, which party would receive your first preference vote?

a. Primary Vote

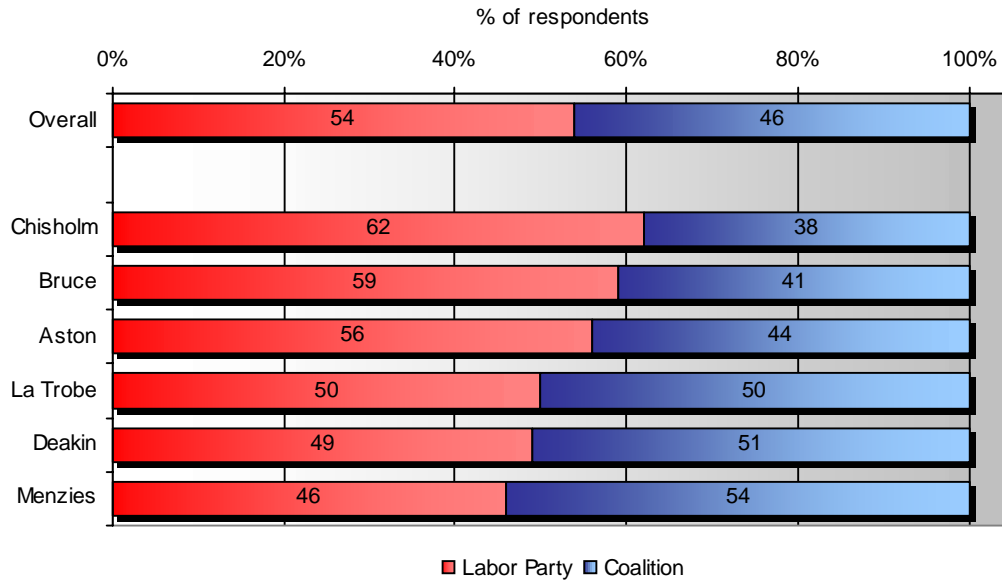


Base = Respondents who selected a party (n=892)

NOTE: These figures exclude respondents who said they didn't know who would receive their first preference vote.

Q20. At a Federal election you are required to vote for all candidates in your electorate in order of preference. Will you give a higher preference to the Labor Party candidate or the Liberal/National Party candidate?

b. Two Party Preferred



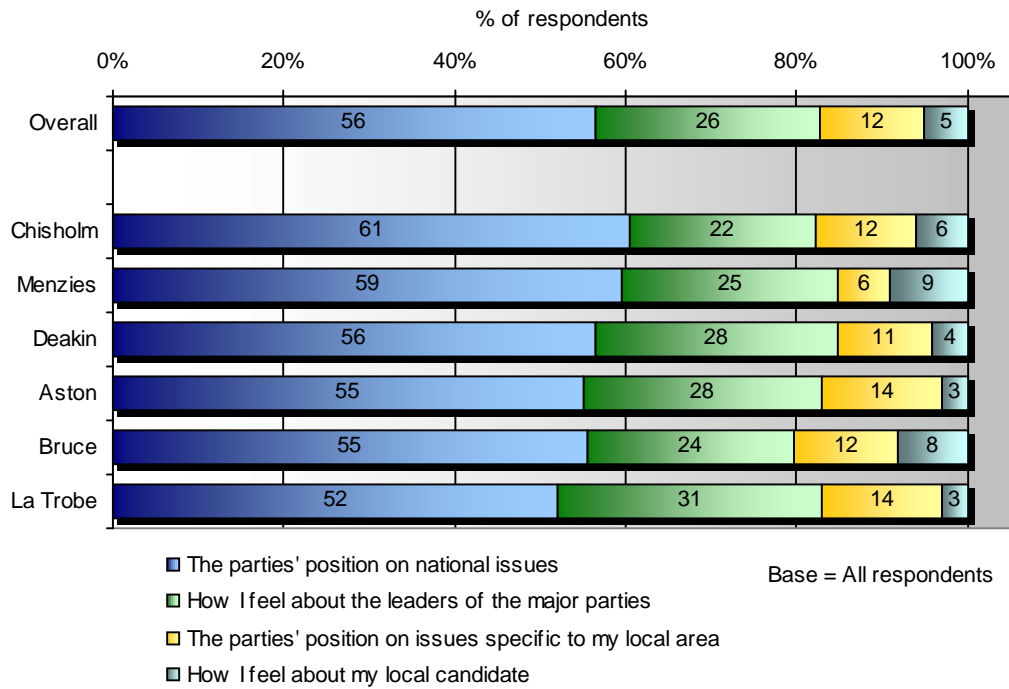
Base = Respondents who selected a party (n=855)

NOTE: These figures exclude respondents who said they didn't know who would receive their first two party preferred vote.

1.7 Importance of transport as an election issue

Q21. When thinking about how you will vote at the next Federal election, which will be the most important to you?

a. Voting Influence

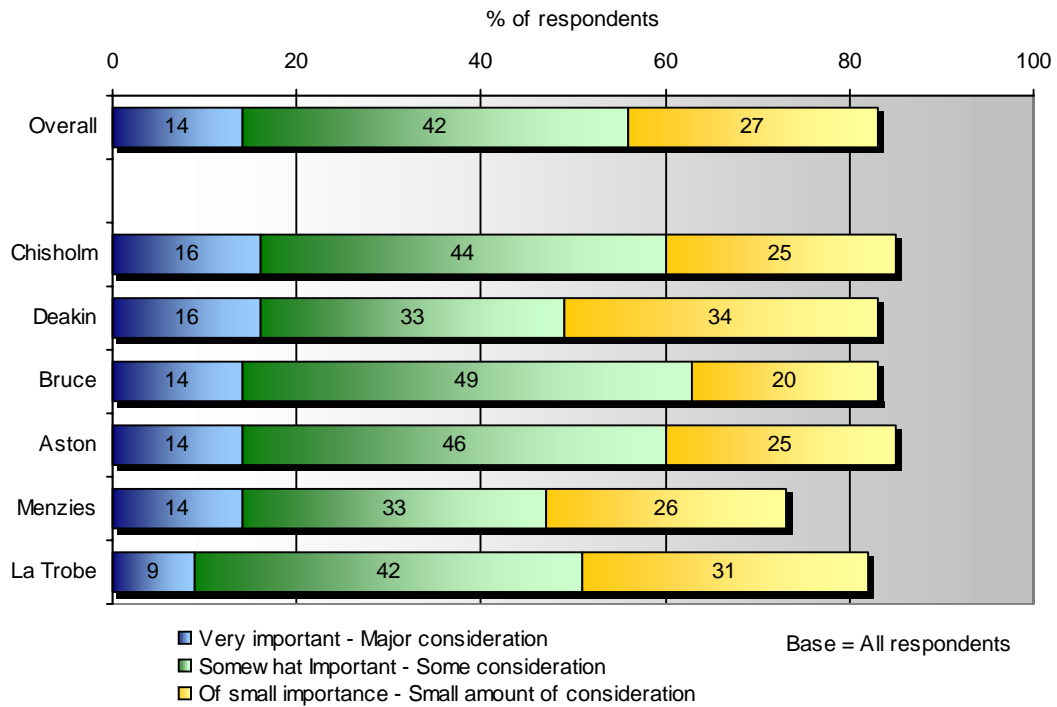


KEY FINDINGS:

- Unsurprisingly the majority of respondents in every electorate said that the parties' position on national issues would be the most important factor in deciding their vote, followed by how they felt about the leaders of the major parties.

Q22. How important will the issue of public transport infrastructure be in deciding how you will vote?

b. Public Transport as an Election Issue



KEY FINDINGS:

- More than four out of five respondents (83%) said that the issue of public transport infrastructure would be of importance when deciding who they would vote for in the next Federal election.
- Almost 90% of Labor voters and 80% of Coalition voters said they would consider public transport infrastructure when deciding on their vote.
- 90% of respondents aged 18-29 said they would consider the issue.