

**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2014 5:45 AM  
**To:** Gerard Reilly  
**Cc:** Andrew Berkman; Media Unit; Stephanie Shield  
**Subject:** Re: TPs for Galaxy poll and change to media alert

**Categories:** TALKING POINTS

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- Laws are supported by both sides of politics.

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**From:** Mitch Grayson  
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Mate, here's the full table. However only some of these are running.

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Hi Paul,

Here is the release based on the state poll.

I will call you soon to discuss.

Best regards,

David



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## CAMPBELL NEWMAN AND LNP ON THE SLIDE

Campbell Newman's decision to take on the motorcycle gangs is proving costly with support for the LNP and his own satisfaction dropping since late last year. Opinion is now divided on whether the laws were needed in the first place and the majority of Queenslanders are of the opinion that Campbell Newman has done a poor job introducing the new laws.

These are the main findings of the latest Galaxy Poll conducted exclusively for The Courier Mail on the evenings of 5-6 February. The poll is based on a large sample of 800 voters distributed throughout the state.

Primary support for the LNP has slumped to 41%, down 4 percentage points since the last Galaxy Poll conducted in November 2013 and almost 9 percentage points below the vote achieved at the last state election. In contrast, support for the Labor Party is on the rise and now stands at 36%.

Support for the minor parties is little changed since the last Galaxy Poll, with the Greens on 8%, Bob Katter's Australian Party on 6% and minor parties and independents on 9% support.

Following the allocation of preferences this results in a two party preferred figure of 53% for the LNP and 47% for Labor. This shows a swing to Labor of 4 percentage points since the last Galaxy Poll in November.

The majority of Queensland voters are now dissatisfied with the performance of Campbell Newman as Premier. Overall, 53% are dissatisfied with his performance and only 40% satisfied. This is his worst satisfaction rating since becoming Premier in March 2012.

Opinion continues to be divided on the performance of Annastacia Palaszczuk as Opposition Leader, with 35% of voters satisfied, 35% dissatisfied and 30% uncommitted.

Annastacia Palaszczuk continues to trail Campbell Newman on the better Premier question, 47% to 36%, with 17% uncommitted.

The new laws targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs are hurting the state government. Opinion is now divided with 48% of voters in favour of the new laws and 45% opposed. In November, the majority of Queenslanders (56%) were in favour.

While the majority of LNP supporters (72%) remain in favour of the new laws, Labor supporters are more likely to be opposed (63%).

There is a growing sense that the new laws are too tough. Overall, 50% of voters think the new laws are too tough, up from 41% late last year.

In contrast, 41% believe the new laws are about right, down from 44%, and only 4% consider them not tough enough, down from 8%.

Labor supporters (65%) are more likely to take the view that the new laws are too tough, while the majority of LNP supporters consider them about right (58%).

Opinion is divided on the concern expressed by the judiciary in regard to the new legislation. While 50% take the view that this concern shows that judges and lawyers have a better understanding than politicians, 43% interpret the concerns as confirmation that judges and lawyers are out of touch and too soft on criminals.

While Labor supporters are more likely to side with judges and lawyers over LNP politicians, the majority of LNP supporters put the criticism down to the judiciary being too soft on criminals.

The majority of voters (56%) believe Campbell Newman and the state government have done a poor job introducing the new laws and explaining why they are needed. This has increased from 46% in November.

Confidence in the state has fallen since late last year. In the latest poll only 50% of voters believe the state is heading in the right direction, down from 56% in November. In contrast, 44% are of the opinion that the state is heading in the wrong direction.

This is the most pessimistic assessment of the state's performance since February 2012.

The majority of LNP supporters (82%) remain convinced that the state is heading in the right direction, but the majority of Labor supporters (69%) do not.

The consequence of this bleak outlook is that most Queenslanders will be focussing on saving (41%) or paying down debt (33%) in 2014.

The overwhelming majority of those aged 18-24 years are looking to save while most 35-49 year olds will be focussing on paying down debt.

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If a state election for Queensland was held today, which one of the following would you vote for?

	Election Mar <u>2012</u> %	7/8 Aug <u>2013</u> %	13/14 Nov <u>2013</u> %	5/6 Feb <u>2014</u> %
LNP .....	49.7	47	45	41
Labor .....	26.7	34	33	36
The Greens .....	7.5	7	8	8
Katter Australian Party.....	11.5	6	5	6
Another party or candidate ...	4.6	6	9	9

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Labor .....	37.2	43	43	47

\* Malcolm Mackerras estimate

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	7/8 Aug <u>2013</u> %	13/14 Nov <u>2013</u> %	Total %	5/6 Feb 2014 Supporters	
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Satisfied .....	44	43	40	14	79
Dissatisfied.....	49	49	53	80	14
Uncommitted .....	7	8	7	6	7

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Dissatisfied.....	36	30	35	22	48
Uncommitted .....	30	33	30	29	25

Who do you think would make the better Premier?

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Campbell Newman .....	54	46	47	18	86
Anastacia Palaszczuk.....	31	33	36	65	5
Uncommitted .....	15	21	17	17	9

Thinking now about Queensland generally. Overall, do you think that Queensland is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	7/8	13/14	5/6 Feb 2014		
	Aug	Nov	Supporters		
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Right direction .....	55	56	50	26	82
Wrong direction.....	40	37	44	69	12
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**From:** Andrew Berkman  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 April 2014 3:12 PM  
**To:** Media Unit  
**Cc:** Stephanie Shield; Sarah Henderson  
**Subject:** Gold Coast Bulletin - light rail

Hi all, one for Gold Coast Bulletin this afternoon.

Let me know if there's any issues.

Cheers  
Andrew

**Question from Kathleen Skene (Gold Coast Bulletin)**

As discussed, I would like a response from the minister on the questions below. We commissioned a ReachTel poll of 1217 Gold Coast residents on Sunday - this was the question and result:

- About how often will you use the Gold Coast light rail?
- Daily 2.7%
- Weekly 5.7%
- Monthly 10.8%
- Less than monthly 37.3%
- Never 43.5%

In July last year the minister told a budget estimates committee the number of projected trips per day had been significantly reduced from initial projections made under the previous government.

1. In the reachtel poll, a strong majority of locals said they would either never use the light rail or would use it less than monthly. What would that sort of ratio in the wider community mean for fare revenue of the light rail system?
2. What is the latest trips/day projection for the gc light rail?
3. Is the government satisfied with the progress of the light rail project?
4. Will there be space for paid advertising on and/or inside gc trams, and/or at light rail stops?

I require a response by 5pm Friday.

**Response from a spokesperson for the Minister for Transport and Main Roads**

I would encourage everyone to get out of their cars and use public transport whether it is a train, ferry, bus or tram.

Due to Labor's bungling, patronage figures for the Gold Coast light rail had been revised down to between 17,000 to 20,000 trips a day. This remains the current projection.

This is another example of financial mismanagement by the previous Labor government as they used three year-old data for its business case.

Under LNP management, the light rail project is on track to start services mid-year with the majority of track laid and footpath works nearing completion.

We are in the process of reviewing tender submissions for the management of advertising on the Gold Coast light rail system, including on the tram fleet.

An announcement on the successful agencies will be made once the process is completed.

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## Mitch Grayson

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**From:** Campbell Newman  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 February 2014 5:25 PM  
**To:** Mitch Grayson  
**Subject:** Re: Redcliffe Poll

Trying to call you

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Telstra NextG network.

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**From:** Mitch Grayson  
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*I will continue work to make Queensland the safest place to raise a family.*

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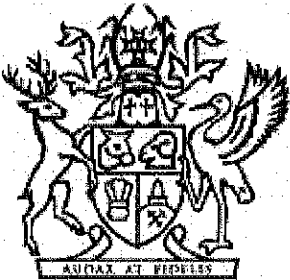
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**Sent:** Thursday, 19 June 2014 2:37 PM  
**To:** Media Unit  
**Subject:** Various - reachtel poll on AG

Hi team. Reaction to a Reachtel poll attached.

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## Media Enquiry Response

Date: 190614

Response from: Ash

Main Issue: Reachtel poll

Media Organisation: Various

Journalist: Various

### Enquiry

Wants reaction to Together reachtel poll asking if people think "*The Attorney-General is doing an excellent job making sure we have the best and fairest justice system in the country. And the safest place to raise a family.*"

### Response

*I will continue work to make Queensland the safest place to raise a family and not be distracted by union commissioned polls.*

*We promised Queenslanders that we would rebalance the scales of justice and we now have the strongest laws in the country targeting sex offenders, murderers, drug traffickers and criminal gangs.*

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2014 5:45 AM  
**To:** Gerard Reilly  
**Cc:** Andrew Berkman; Media Unit; Stephanie Shield  
**Subject:** Re: TPs for Galaxy poll and change to media alert

The laws and firm, the laws are fair, the laws are working.

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Feb 2014, at 5:27 am, "Gerard Reilly" <[Gerard.Reilly@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Gerard.Reilly@ministerial.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Hi Andrew,

I would reinforce that the laws are actually working, were developed in consultation with the CMC and the QPS and that Labor voted for the laws in Parliament.

My updated TP's would be:

- There is only one poll that counts, until then it's important that we continue to deliver the people of Queensland.
- As a government it's important that we give our crime fighting authorities the tools to counter the criminal elements of motorcycle gangs.
- Ask the police, these laws are helping them crack organised crime gangs in Queensland
- The laws were developed in consultation with the Solicitor General, the CMC and the police.
- Laws will be reviewed but they are in place until our police and authorities have tackled the problem.
- Labor voted for these laws in Parliament

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**From:** Andrew Berkman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2014 5:05 AM  
**To:** Media Unit  
**Cc:** Stephanie Shield  
**Subject:** TPs for Galaxy poll and change to media alert

Gerard,

Can you change the 11.30 media alert for Minister and Lord Mayor to "Level 5, Parliament Annex".

Also some talking points below for the Minister regarding the Galaxy poll. Can you let me know if there's any issues with these.

Cheers  
Andrew

### TPs – Galaxy poll

- There is only one poll that counts, until then it's important that we continue to deliver the people of Queensland.



- As a government it's important that we give our crime fighting authorities the tools to counter the criminal elements of motorcycle gangs.
- We've asked police and other authorities to tackle a growing problem and backed them with these laws.
- Laws will be reviewed but they are in place until our police and authorities have tackled the problem.
- Laws are supported by both sides of politics.

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## Scott Whitby

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**From:** Mitch Grayson  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 February 2014 4:18 PM  
**To:** Lee Anderson; Scott Whitby; Campbell Newman; Ben Myers; Kate Davies; Kate Winter; Michael Prain; Kylie Lindsay  
**Subject:** FW: Redcliffe Poll  
**Attachments:** 140213 Redcliffe Tables.pdf

Courier Mail has this poll for tomorrow.



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**From:** Wardill, Steven [<mailto:steven.wardill@news.com.au>]  
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As discussed...

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On 22nd February there will be a state by-election in your seat of Redcliffe. If you had to make a decision today on who you would vote for, who would you choose?

	Election	
	Mar 2012	Feb 2014
	%	%
LNP.....	49.2	35
Labor.....	30.8	48
The Greens.....	6.7	6
Family First.....	4.5	1
Len Thomas.....	-	8
Other candidates.....	8.8	2

6% uncommitted or refused excluded

Two party preferred.

	Election	
	Mar 2012	Feb 2014
	%	%
LNP.....	60.1	43
Labor.....	39.9	57

Will the performance of former MP for Redcliffe, Scott Driscoll, make you more likely to vote for the LNP, less likely to vote LNP or will his performance not influence the way that you vote?

	Total	Supporters	
		Labor	LNP
	%	%	%
More likely to vote for the LNP.....	11	15	13
Less likely to vote for the LNP.....	42	56	10
Not influence vote.....	45	27	76
Uncommitted.....	2	2	1

Do you think health services in Redcliffe have improved, stayed the same or deteriorated in the past 2 years?

	Total	Supporters	
		Labor	LNP
	%	%	%
Improved.....	22	13	37
Stayed the same.....	37	31	42
Deteriorated.....	31	49	7
Uncommitted.....	10	7	14

This survey was conducted by Galaxy Research on the evening of 13 February 2014. The results are based on the opinions of 520 voters. The data has been weighted and projected to reflect the population of the Redcliffe electorate.

**Scott Whitby**

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**From:** Mitch Grayson  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 February 2014 3:13 PM  
**To:** Premiers Office  
**Subject:** GOVERNMENT FYI: Premier's Transcript on Nine News poll on Ashgrove

Good afternoon,

Many of you may have seen Nine News promos for tonight's story on poll results in Ashgrove.

Please find the attached transcript of the Premier and Nine News' Shane Doherty on this topic.

Many thanks  
Mitch



**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND  
THE HON. CAMPBELL NEWMAN  
INTERVIEW WITH SHANE DOHERTY NINE NEWS  
Friday, 14 February 2014**

*Subjects: Nine News Poll on Ashgrove.*

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**SHANE DOHERTY:**

I'm going to suggest some adjectives to you about this poll and I want you to tell me whether you agree or not, Just say yes or no. So, these figures are disastrous?

**PREMIER:**

Well, I reckon at the end of the day it's about serving the community. I've always tried to do the right thing both as a local Member and as Premier of Queensland. I've got a plan for this State and I've got a plan for the Ashgrove electorate and I'm going to deliver it. In Ashgrove, I think, for the last two years there's been a whole lot of things that have been delivered for schools, for community groups, for the environment, and also for some of the traffic upgrades we've done. So, I'm just going to do what I have to do.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

So, yes or no - they're disastrous?

**PREMIER:**

Oh look, it's a long time until the next election. I don't worry about things like that because I've been in this game for a long time and what matters is serving your community. At the end of the day, it's about delivering and I'm going to do my best to deliver and work as hard as I can over the next year.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Do they surprise you?

**PREMIER:**

Oh look, I know that there are many things the Government's had to do over the last two years that still may not be well understood and people question why. But at the end of the day, they're about getting the economy sorted out, creating jobs, about revitalising Government in Queensland, fixing up our school maintenance issues, all those things are happening. So, I'm just going to continue to talk to people about what we're doing and I think they'll see ultimately that they've been actually well served by this Government.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Are they fatal, these figures?

**PREMIER:**

I'll leave others to comment on that, but I'm just about doing the right thing for Ashgrove and for Queensland.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

If a safer seat was to pop up, would you leave?

**PREMIER:**

Definitely not and I've been asked that question many times over the years. Because, often there has been this sort of commentary about this seat, but I love this area. It's where I first came when I came to Queensland many years ago. It's where I married my wife after meeting her in the electorate. It's where my kids grew up initially. So, I'm very, very fond of this part of town. It's the part of town and the community I want to serve. I'm not going anywhere else.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

This shows us that the fight with the bikies has cost you some skin, has cost you some political capital. That's fair, isn't it?

**PREMIER:**

Look, people are concerned clearly about the laws but I say to them it's about making Queensland safe. There's been a very strong misinformation campaign about these laws. If people want to come and see me, as Ashgrove constituents can, I'd welcome that. In fact, I've been doing that. But I just stress to people – I want Queensland to be safe for everybody, for everyone in our community and ultimately that's what these laws will achieve.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

You've been here before you say? With figures like this, you've seen...?

**PREMIER:**

I've seen the ups and downs of political life. At the end of the day what people need and what we're offering is strong, responsible Government, grown-up Government – that's what they'll always get from me and I think at the end of the day people should bear that in mind, that there's been many politicians in Queensland's recent history that ultimately have been about polls and about populism, not about what's doing right for Queensland and indeed for this local area. I will always do what's right, I will always do what I need to do to serve my local community.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Do you think that its Labor voters whose minds you have to change, that those are the ones that yeah...you have to swing over to your way of thinking, especially in this seat?

**PREMIER:**

I just think I've got to continue to do the job I'm doing which is to make sure that the schools here are well-supported and they have been. We've put in new classrooms at the Ashgrove State School, there's a new sports hall at The Gap, there's a great project I want to undertake for the Enoggera State School if I'm re-elected. We've been dealing with the maintenance problems with our school, in all our State schools. We've got a great traffic congestion project at Samford and Wardell. Those are the things that I've been doing, that's what I'll continue to do. At the next election people will have a choice – they can decide to have a Premier who can deliver for the local area and for the State or they can make a decision to go with someone else. I'm relaxed about that because at the end of the day I am all about serving people, not just following popularity contests.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Are you prepared to go door-to-door, get every single vote?

**PREMIER:**

Well frankly, as Premier, I have other responsibilities as well, but I can tell people locally I'm always here on Fridays and on the weekends, I'm available for people to come and see me and I'm certainly keen to hear what they want me to do next. They could look at my track record over the last two years, what I have delivered. I am keen to now know what people want me to do if they re-elect me in 2015 because they will get someone who doesn't just want to be Premier of the State, but someone who wants to be a strong local Member.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

You must be worried about these figures?

**PREMIER:**

No, very relaxed. I'm not into politics for a career, I'm into politics to serve the community and that's what I've always been about.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Thanks Premier.

[ENDS]



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**From:** Wardill, Steven [<mailto:steven.wardill@news.com.au>]  
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**To:** Mitch Grayson  
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Mate, here's the full table. However only some of these are running.

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**Subject:** FW: State Poll

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**From:** David Briggs [<mailto:david@galaxyresearch.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 February 2014 10:42 AM  
**To:** Syvret, Paul  
**Subject:** State Poll

Hi Paul,

Here is the release based on the state poll.

I will call you soon to discuss.

Best regards,

David



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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 April 2014 8:42 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** Palmer talking points

### On Clive Palmer:

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- Yet he refuses to spend what's needed to fix his nickel refinery so it doesn't pollute the reef, or fix his Coolum resort, where hundreds of workers have lost their jobs.
- Instead of spending millions on political campaigns he needs to spend it on fixing his businesses **and protect jobs**.

### On Clive's threat to sue:

- Mr Palmer almost daily peddles malicious claims.
- Instead of threatening legal action, he should be concentrating on fixing his businesses- on protecting the Barrier Reef, **and protecting jobs**.

### What evidence is there is that Clive offered inducements to NT MPs?

- Mr Palmer's preferred weapon is his wallet. It's reasonable to ask what was offered to these mps.

**Scott Whitby**

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 April 2014 8:29 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** pre Cabinet talking points.

***If asked about Jon Grayson:***

- There are no issues regarding Mr Grayson.
- The Integrity Commissioner has approved his pecuniary arrangements.
- The real questions are: Has Labor paid back the donations it received from Eddie Obeid and Australian Water Holdings, and what dealings the Bligh Government have with AWH and the Obeids?

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 May 2014 8:40 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** pre Cabinet talking points

**If asked about the Federal Budget:**

We'll be looking closely at what it means to Queenslanders. We will be standing up for Queensland.

**If asked about increase to fuel excise:**

Anything that impacts on cost of living pressures is a concern.

**If asked about politicians pay freeze:**

We have an independent tribunal. In Queensland politicians don't set their own pay.

**If asked about political donations:**

The important thing is there's openness and transparency. That's why in Queensland ministerial diaries are published for all to see.

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## Scott Whitby

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 April 2014 8:46 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** palmer talking points

### On Palmer generally:

- All Clive Palmer cares about is power, and money.
- He doesn't care about the jobs that are threatened at his Townsville refinery.
- He doesn't care about protecting the reef, that's threatened by this Townsville refinery.
- He doesn't care about the hundreds of staff who have been laid off at his Coolum resort.
- He doesn't care about sorting out the mess left by Labor.

### On recruiting mps and Katter:

- They are all over the shop.
- Clive Palmer denies approaches have been made. Then Alex Douglas admits there have been.
- At breakfast there's a merger with Katter... by morning tea time it's off.
- The Palmer Party obviously wants to become the official opposition, and the millions of taxpayers' dollars that would give them.
- All Clive Palmer cares about is power, and money.

## Scott Whitby

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 April 2014 7:32 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** Talking points on today's newspoll

We are working every single day to sort out the mess that Annastacia Palaszczuk and Anna Bligh and others created. That means that we've had to make many decisions to sort out the mess.

But it's very clear that the Labor Party are bringing back the same old people who created the mess.

Annastacia Palaszczuk is still there with her flip-flopping.

We're seeing Cameron Dick who was soft on crime, Kerry Shine who was soft on crime, we're seeing Stirling Hinchliffe who couldn't undertake urban planning and killed the development industry.

The gang's coming back and I say to Queensland is at the next election there's going to be a very clear choice.

You can have the same people who racked-up \$80 billion dollars worth of debt, who killed the economy and couldn't properly manage our public health system or you can have a team that have been prepared to take the tough decisions to get Queensland back on track.

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 March 2014 7:13 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** Talking points pre cabinet

*If asked whether cabinet will consider the independent remuneration tribunal's ruling?*

No. The independent tribunal's ruling is final and can't be appealed or reviewed.

Politicians should not be involved in setting their own pay.

Politicians should not be allowed to reject or influence the independent umpires decision.

The umpires decision is final.

*If asked about the opposition's stance:*

The opposition voted to set up the independent tribunal and voted to make its determinations binding. They are hypocritical. They flip flop on everything.

*On pay rise generally:*

Politicians pay will never be popular. Politicians shouldn't be involved in setting their own pay.

*If asked will you donate your increase to charity?*

I support a number of charities, and will continue to do so.

*On doctors dispute and going to court to gag them:*

We respect our doctors. We have found solutions to every one of their concerns.

It's important doctors know the facts.

It's important the facts are not misrepresented.

This will be sorted out. Patients care will not be compromised in any way.

Sent from my iPhone

**Scott Whitby**

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Thursday, 13 February 2014 1:13 PM  
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If a state election for Queensland was held today, which one of the following would you vote for?

	Election Mar 2012	6 Feb 2014
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Labor Party .....	36.6	43
LNP .....	51.8	41
The Greens .....	9.2	7
Palmer United Party .....		3
Katter Australian Party ....	1.7	1
Other .....	0.7	5
	4% uncommitted or refused excluded	

Two party preferred.

	Election Mar 2012	6 Feb 2014
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Labor Party .....	44.3	53
LNP .....	55.7	47

Thinking now about Campbell Newman. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Campbell Newman has represented Ashgrove as your member of parliament?

	Total	Supporters	
	<u>%</u>	Labor <u>%</u>	LNP <u>%</u>
Satisfied .....	42	9	87
Dissatisfied .....	50	88	3
Uncommitted .....	8	3	10

Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Campbell Newman is doing his job as Premier?

	Total	Supporters	
	<u>%</u>	Labor <u>%</u>	LNP <u>%</u>
Satisfied .....	41	8	87
Dissatisfied .....	52	89	4
Uncommitted .....	7	3	9

Have the proposed new laws targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs made you more likely to vote for Campbell Newman, less likely to vote for Campbell Newman or will these new laws not influence the way that you vote?

	%
More likely to vote for Campbell Newman.....	30
Less likely to vote for Campbell Newman .....	44
Not influence vote.....	25
Uncommitted .....	1

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 February 2014 8:16 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** talking points

If asked about unsackable employees:

***These companies are covered by Federal Awards.  
We expect them to treat any employee in that situation with compassion and respect and give them every support possible to transition to a new job.***

If asked about the proposed royal commission into unions:

***It's a good move to shine a light on these matters. We welcome it.***

If asked about Shorten wanting unions to boot bikies off work sites:

***Where is the leader of the opposition on this issue? She should immediately order that Labor stop taking any donations from unions that support criminal motorcycle gangs.***

What's the lesson in the Griffith?

***Excellent result for the coalition with a swing against Labor. The protest vote was a protest against Labor.***

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 February 2014 8:48 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** pre cabinet talking points

If asked about union links to organised crime:

*The Government has introduced strong laws to fight organised crime, it's now over to the police and CMC to use them to shut down criminal gangs and keep Queenslanders safe.*

*Wherever these criminal gangs are operating, the police and CMC will go after them.*

If asked about the MPs retreat:

*This is all about making sure we are delivering for the people of Queensland. We're determined to make this the best, most effective, state government in Australia.*

Only if asked whether it's just a talk fest:

*It will be a work-fest. I can assure you of that.*

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## Aaron Wakeley

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**Sent:** Monday, 28 April 2014 8:42 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
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**From:** Aaron Wakeley  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 April 2014 3:14 PM  
**To:** Andrew Berkman; Media Unit  
**Cc:** Stephanie Shield; Sarah Henderson  
**Subject:** RE: Gold Coast Bulletin - light rail

Looks ok mate. Just changed one word.



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**From:** Andrew Berkman  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 April 2014 3:12 PM  
**To:** Media Unit  
**Cc:** Stephanie Shield; Sarah Henderson  
**Subject:** Gold Coast Bulletin - light rail

Hi all, one for Gold Coast Bulletin this afternoon.

Let me know if there's any issues.

Cheers  
Andrew

### Question from Kathleen Skene (Gold Coast Bulletin)

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Interviewees: Campbell Newman, Queensland Premier

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- Labor is in talks with former member for Ashgrove Kate Jones, to contest Queensland Premier Campbell Newman's seat in the next election. It comes as two polls in one week show that the Premier may struggle to hold his own seat.
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Good afternoon,

Many of you may have seen Nine News promos for tonight's story on poll results in Ashgrove.

Please find the attached transcript of the Premier and Nine News' Shane Doherty on this topic.

Many thanks  
Mitch



**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND  
THE HON. CAMPBELL NEWMAN  
INTERVIEW WITH SHANE DOHERTY NINE NEWS  
Friday, 14 February 2014**

*Subjects: Nine News Poll on Ashgrove.*

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**SHANE DOHERTY:**

I'm going to suggest some adjectives to you about this poll and I want you to tell me whether you agree or not, Just say yes or no. So, these figures are disastrous?

**PREMIER:**

Well, I reckon at the end of the day it's about serving the community. I've always tried to do the right thing both as a local Member and as Premier of Queensland. I've got a plan for this State and I've got a plan for the Ashgrove electorate and I'm going to deliver it. In Ashgrove, I think, for the last two years there's been a whole lot of things that have been delivered for schools, for community groups, for the environment, and also for some of the traffic upgrades we've done. So, I'm just going to do what I have to do.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

So, yes or no - they're disastrous?

**PREMIER:**

Oh look, it's a long time until the next election. I don't worry about things like that because I've been in this game for a long time and what matters is serving your community. At the end of the day, it's about delivering and I'm going to do my best to deliver and work as hard as I can over the next year.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Do they surprise you?

**PREMIER:**

Oh look, I know that there are many things the Government's had to do over the last two years that still may not be well understood and people question why. But at the end of the day, they're about getting the economy sorted out, creating jobs, about revitalising Government in Queensland, fixing up our school maintenance issues, all those things are happening. So, I'm just going to continue to talk to people about what we're doing and I think they'll see ultimately that they've been actually well served by this Government.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Are they fatal, these figures?

**PREMIER:**

I'll leave others to comment on that, but I'm just about doing the right thing for Ashgrove and for Queensland.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

If a safer seat was to pop up, would you leave?

**PREMIER:**

Definitely not and I've been asked that question many times over the years. Because, often there has been this sort of commentary about this seat, but I love this area. It's where I first came when I came to Queensland many years ago. It's where I married my wife after meeting her in the electorate. It's where my kids grew up initially. So, I'm very, very fond of this part of town. It's the part of town and the community I want to serve. I'm not going anywhere else.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

This shows us that the fight with the bikies has cost you some skin, has cost you some political capital. That's fair, isn't it?

**PREMIER:**

Look, people are concerned clearly about the laws but I say to them it's about making Queensland safe. There's been a very strong misinformation campaign about these laws. If people want to come and see me, as Ashgrove constituents can, I'd welcome that. In fact, I've been doing that. But I just stress to people – I want Queensland to be safe for everybody, for everyone in our community and ultimately that's what these laws will achieve.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

You've been here before you say? With figures like this, you've seen...?

**PREMIER:**

I've seen the ups and downs of political life. At the end of the day what people need and what we're offering is strong, responsible Government, grown-up Government – that's what they'll always get from me and I think at the end of the day people should bear that in mind, that there's been many politicians in Queensland's recent history that ultimately have been about polls and about populism, not about what's doing right for Queensland and indeed for this local area. I will always do what's right, I will always do what I need to do to serve my local community.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Do you think that its Labor voters whose minds you have to change, that those are the ones that yeah...you have to swing over to your way of thinking, especially in this seat?

**PREMIER:**

I just think I've got to continue to do the job I'm doing which is to make sure that the schools here are well-supported and they have been. We've put in new classrooms at the Ashgrove State School, there's a new sports hall at The Gap, there's a great project I want to undertake for the Enoggera State School if I'm re-elected. We've been dealing with the maintenance problems with our school, in all our State schools. We've got a great traffic congestion project at Samford and Wardell. Those are the things that I've been doing, that's what I'll continue to do. At the next election people will have a choice – they can decide to have a Premier who can deliver for the local area and for the State or they can make a decision to go with someone else. I'm relaxed about that because at the end of the day I am all about serving people, not just following popularity contests.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Are you prepared to go door-to-door, get every single vote?

**PREMIER:**

Well frankly, as Premier, I have other responsibilities as well, but I can tell people locally I'm always here on Fridays and on the weekends, I'm available for people to come and see me and I'm certainly keen to hear what they want me to do next. They could look at my track record over the last two years, what I have delivered. I am keen to now know what people want me to do if they re-elect me in 2015 because they will get someone who doesn't just want to be Premier of the State, but someone who wants to be a strong local Member.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

You must be worried about these figures?

**PREMIER:**

No, very relaxed. I'm not into politics for a career, I'm into politics to serve the community and that's what I've always been about.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Thanks Premier.

[ENDS]



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**Cc:** Andrew Berkman; Media Unit; Stephanie Shield  
**Subject:** Re: TPs for Galaxy poll and change to media alert

The laws and firm, the laws are fair, the laws are working.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** David Briggs [<mailto:david@galaxyresearch.com.au>]  
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Hi Paul,

Here is the release based on the state poll.

I will call you soon to discuss.

Best regards,

David



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<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-02-28/polls-show-labor-support-rising-in-two-qld-seats/5291774?section=qld>

# Polls show Labor support rising in two Qld seats

By Melinda Howells  
Posted 1 hour 7 minutes ago

**Results of two new opinion polls suggest the Labor Party in Queensland is winning back support in traditionally safe seats, following the huge swings to the LNP at the 2012 state election.**

The polls correspondingly show a significant fall in support for the State Government.

The union group Working for Queenslanders commissioned ReachTel to survey the seats of Sandgate and Ipswich West.

The results show a swing away from the LNP of between 11 and 15 per cent.

The seats were held by Labor prior to the LNP's landslide election win.

However, Alex Scott from the Together Union says the poll result is more than just a natural re-alignment.

"What we are now seeing isn't a correction," he said.

"It's a major seismic shift in the voting population and we're seeing the south-east corner, clearly indicating that they are moving in ways never seen before and primarily because of the attacks on the health system."

A spokesman for Premier Campbell Newman says the State Government does not comment on union push polling.

The surveys have a margin of error of up to 3.9 per cent.

**Peter Taggart**

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**Sent:** Friday, 7 February 2014 10:42 AM  
**To:** Syvret, Paul  
**Subject:** State Poll

Hi Paul,

Here is the release based on the state poll.

I will call you soon to discuss.

Best regards,

David



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## Scott Whitby

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 May 2014 8:37 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Cc:** Matthew McEachan  
**Subject:** talking points on health and education cuts

- The Federal Budget cut 80 billion dollars from states for hospital and schools.
- This is an unacceptable cut.
- Queensland families who have paid their fair share of income tax, deserve their fair share of funding for Queensland schools and hospitals.
- This isn't about the GST, it's about Queenslanders getting their fair share of funding from income tax.

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 May 2014 8:56 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** pre cabinet talking points

***If asked about Federal budget cuts:***

The cuts to Queensland schools and hospitals are unacceptable.

The impact of the federal budget cuts are immediate.

A COAG meeting is needed to discuss these issues.

We will work through this in a constructive, co-operative manner.

***If asked about Chris Davis:***

Dr Davis is entitled to his opinions, but should raise issues in the party room.

That's what the team expects.

***If asked about Dr Davis's comments on donations:***

As far as I'm aware, Dr Davis has never raised any concerns.

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**Scott Whitby**

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 March 2014 6:46 AM  
**To:** Maree Lacey  
**Cc:** Lee Anderson; Media Unit  
**Subject:** Talking points for treasurer on AG

Disappointed by walter's comments  
He's very much respected: was the architect of the bikies laws.  
Disagree with him on this.  
AG was responding to political comments by McMurdo.  
AG has the governments strong support.  
Need to move on: our focus is jobs and economic growth.

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## Lee Anderson

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 April 2014 8:36 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** David Gibson talking points.

- Mr Gibson has not been convicted of anything.
- There is no reason why Mr Gibson shouldn't remain on the select ethics committee.
- These claims are being made by a man with links to a disgruntled developer who didn't get his way with this government.
- The Clerk of Parliament has advised this may be considered an attempt to threaten or extort Mr Gibson, and could be in contempt of Parliament.
- The matter has been referred to the Speaker, and to police.



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**Colin Chua**

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 February 2014 4:09 PM  
**To:** Ben Myers  
**Subject:** FW: State Poll  
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**Subject:** FW: Redcliffe Poll  
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**From:** Matthew McEachan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2014 8:45 AM  
**To:** Backbenchers; Assistant Ministers; Ministers\_All  
**Subject:** Door Stop Responses

Good morning members,

If asked by media this morning re polls and/or criminal bikie gang laws, the responses below will be appropriate and consistent.

*'There is only one poll that counts, until then we'll continue to work hard and deliver for the people of Queensland.'*

*'The laws are firm, the laws are fair, the laws are **making our communities safer.**'*



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**From:** Jeff Seeney  
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**To:** Campbell Newman  
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Jeff--here are the full tables for this morning's poll.

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## LNP RECOVERS LOST GROUND

The LNP has recovered from the slump observed earlier in the year as voters see merit in the laws targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs. Campbell Newman's satisfaction rating, however, continues to fall with the majority of Queenslanders of the opinion that the Premier has done a poor job introducing the new laws.

These are the main findings of the latest Galaxy Poll conducted exclusively for The Courier Mail on the evenings of 21-22 May. The poll is based on a large sample of 800 voters distributed throughout the state.

Primary support for the LNP has picked up from the low of 41% observed in February and now stands at 43%. In contrast, support for the Labor Party has slipped to 34%.

Support for the minor parties is little changed since the last Galaxy Poll, with the Greens on 8%, Bob Katter's Australian Party on 5% and minor parties and independents on 10% support.

Following the allocation of preferences this results in a two party preferred figure of 55% for the LNP and 45% for Labor. This shows a swing back to the government of 2 percentage points since the last Galaxy Poll in February.

Campbell Newman's satisfaction rating continues to fall. For the first time since becoming Premier in 2012, the Galaxy Poll in February confirmed there were more voters dissatisfied with his performance than satisfied. This trend has continued and there are now 55% of voters across the state dissatisfied with his performance.

Despite this declining satisfaction with the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition has been unable to build her profile. Only 33% of voters are satisfied with the performance of Anastacia Palaszczuk as Opposition Leader (down 2 percentage points since the last Galaxy Poll), 37% are dissatisfied and 30% remain uncommitted.

With Anastacia Palaszczuk unable to capitalise on the declining popularity of Campbell Newman, she continues to trail on the better Premier question by a wide margin, 48% to 33%, with 19% uncommitted.

After appearing popular when the new laws targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs were announced, support for the initiative slipped earlier this year. Support for the laws has now been restored with 56% of voters in favour and 36% opposed. The proportion opposed has dropped by 9 percentage points since February.

Despite this improvement in support for the new laws there remains concern over their introduction, with the majority of voters (52%) of the opinion that Campbell Newman and the state government have done a poor job introducing the new laws and explaining why they are needed.

The recent focus on the austerity measures announced in the budget has not impacted on the level of optimism across the state. With 50% of voters believing the state is heading in the right direction and 45% of the opinion that the state is heading in the wrong direction, this is little changed since the last Galaxy Poll conducted in February.

The majority of LNP supporters (83%) remain convinced that the state is heading in the right direction, but the majority of Labor supporters (72%) do not.

In the poll, respondents were asked the area of activity the government should make their focus for their debt reduction strategy. The choices offered were based on those outlined by Treasurer Tim Nicholls when he launched the Strong Choices campaign.

The Galaxy Poll confirmed that selling or leasing some government assets (38%) is the preferred area of focus for the debt reduction strategy, followed by reducing government services (24%) and significantly increasing taxes (21%).

Selling or leasing some government assets is the preferred option among both LNP supporters (46%) and Labor supporters (33%). However, should the government pursue this strategy this is likely to be met with some hostility as the majority of voters across the state, including two thirds of Labor supporters, would prefer some other solution.

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If a state election for Queensland was held today, which one of the following would you vote for?

	Election Mar 2012	13/14 Nov 2013	5/6 Feb 2014	21/22 May 2014
	%	%	%	%
LNP .....	49.7	45	41	43
Labor .....	26.7	33	36	34
The Greens .....	7.5	8	8	8
Katter Australian Party.....	11.5	5	6	5
Another party or candidate ...	4.6	9	9	10

8% uncommitted or refused excluded

Two party preferred.

	Election Mar 2012*	13/14 Nov 2013	5/6 Feb 2014	21/22 May 2014
	%	%	%	%
LNP.....	62.8	57	53	55
Labor.....	37.2	43	47	45

\* Malcolm Mackerras estimate

Thinking now about the leaders of the parties. Firstly, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Campbell Newman is doing his job as Premier?

	13/14 Nov 2013	5/6 Feb 2014	21/22 May 2014		
	%	%	Total	Labor	LNP
Satisfied .....	43	40	36	9	72
Dissatisfied.....	49	53	55	87	23
Uncommitted.....	8	7	9	4	5

And are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Annastacia Palaszczuk is doing her job as Leader of the Opposition?

	13/14 Nov 2013	5/6 Feb 2014	21/22 May 2014		
	%	%	Total	Labor	LNP
Satisfied .....	37	35	33	49	26
Dissatisfied.....	30	35	37	24	49
Uncommitted.....	33	30	30	27	25

Who do you think would make the better Premier?

	13/14	5/6	21/22 May 2014		
	Nov	Feb	Supporters		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>LNP</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Campbell Newman .....	46	47	48	14	88
Annastacia Palaszczuk.....	33	36	33	69	6
Uncommitted .....	21	17	19	17	6

Thinking now about Queensland generally. Overall, do you think that Queensland is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	13/14	5/6	21/22 May 2014		
	Nov	Feb	Supporters		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>LNP</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Right direction .....	56	50	50	25	83
Wrong direction.....	37	44	45	72	13
Uncommitted.....	7	6	5	3	4

The state government has introduced new laws targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs. Are you in favour or opposed to the idea of these new laws targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs?

	13/14	5/6	21/22 May 2014		
	Nov	Feb	Supporters		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>LNP</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
In favour.....	56	48	56	40	78
Opposed .....	37	45	36	53	15
Uncommitted.....	7	7	8	7	7

Overall, do you think Campbell Newman and the state government have done a good job or a poor job in introducing the new laws and explaining why they are needed?

	13/14	5/6	21/22 May 2014		
	Nov	Feb	Supporters		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>LNP</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Good job .....	48	41	43	24	68
Poor job .....	46	56	52	72	28
Uncommitted.....	6	3	5	4	4

The Queensland Government claims that in order to pay down debt there are three choices – significantly increase taxes, reduce government services or sell or lease some government assets. Which **one** of these three options should the Government make the focus of their debt reduction strategy?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Supporters</u>	
		<u>Labor</u>	<u>LNP</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Significantly increase taxes.....	21	23	17
Reduce government services.....	24	23	29
Sell or lease some government assets .....	38	33	46
Uncommitted .....	17	21	8

These surveys were conducted by Galaxy Research. The most recent survey was administered on the evenings of 21-22 May 2014. The results are based on the opinions of 800 voters. The data has been weighted and projected to reflect the Queensland population.

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**From:** Lee Anderson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 April 2014 7:32 AM  
**To:** Ministers\_All; Press Secretaries  
**Subject:** Talking points on today's newspoll

We are working every single day to sort out the mess that Annastacia Palaszczuk and Anna Bligh and others created. That means that we've had to make many decisions to sort out the mess.

But it's very clear that the Labor Party are bringing back the same old people who created the mess.

Annastacia Palaszczuk is still there with her flip-flopping.

We're seeing Cameron Dick who was soft on crime, Kerry Shine who was soft on crime, we're seeing Stirling Hinchliffe who couldn't undertake urban planning and killed the development industry.

The gang's coming back and I say to Queensland is at the next election there's going to be a very clear choice.

You can have the same people who racked-up \$80 billion dollars worth of debt, who killed the economy and couldn't properly manage our public health system or you can have a team that have been prepared to take the tough decisions to get Queensland back on track.

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**From:** Campbell Newman  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 February 2014 5:25 PM  
**To:** Mitch Grayson  
**Subject:** Re: Redcliffe Poll

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**From:** Mitch Grayson  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 February 2014 16:18  
**To:** Lee Anderson; Scott Whitby; Campbell Newman; Ben Myers; Kate Davies; Kate Winter; Michael Prain; Kylie Lindsay  
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**To:** Government FYI  
**Subject:** Transcript - Treasurer Tim Nicholls ABC Drive interview  
**Attachments:** 20140212 Tim Cox ABC 612 post CEDA interview NICHOLLS.docx

Hi all,

Please find attached and below a copy of the transcript from Treasurer Tim Nicholls' interview with Tim Cox on ABC Drive following the CEDA keynote address yesterday afternoon.

*NB: In the January 2014 edition of the Labour Force Survey released this morning, the ABS incorporated updated population benchmarks based on the 2011 Census. As a result, estimates of employment and other labour market components have now been revised back to July 1991. Further, the January release incorporated revisions to the employment growth profile in recent month.*

Regards, Anna



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**TIM NICHOLLS MP**

**TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE**

Tim Cox ABC 612 interview following CEDA keynote address – Wednesday, 12 February 2014  
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**Tim Cox:**

It's a pleasure to welcome Treasurer Tim Nicholls back to the program, Treasurer good afternoon to you.

**Tim Nicholls:**

G'day Tim, thanks for having me on.

**TC:**

The main message today appears to be steady as she goes, but also gird thy loins for the possibility and perhaps the eventuality of asset sales with the need for the mandate attached to that. How far down that path is Queensland today?

**Tim Nicholls:**

Well Tim what we've spoken about today is what we've been able to achieve over the past two years and where Queensland now is and we've got economic growth of 3.6 compared to a national average of 2.7

I think surprisingly most people haven't picked up on this, over three-quarters of the new jobs created in Australia to the end of last year were created here in Queensland. So some really good news and I think really important that people understand that Queensland is turning the corner in terms of the economy.

But the thing that's holding us back is that \$80 billion dollar cloud of debt that's hanging over us and we've got to make some choices, and that's what I explained at CEDA today, that the government is going to have a conversation with all Queenslanders about the choices that we need to make if we're going to really grasp the nettle and have that future that seems so bright ahead of us come to fruition.

**TC:**

If the economic indicators though are already so promising, why is there a need to even consider asset sales?

**Tim Nicholls:**

Well Tim the one thing that's holding us back from being able to invest in the future is the amount of debt we have. And I think if you think about it this way – Queensland is like a family that's overcommitted on its mortgage, we've maxed out the credit cards but we still need to find a way to renovate the house and educate the kids, and we've got a couple of cars and a few other things around the place.

If we go to the bank they say, no we're not going to lend you any more money, you've got too much on your mortgage anyway and your credit cards are all maxed out. So we have to make some choices, are we going to sell a few things, are we not going to renovate the house, or are the kids not going to go to school and enjoy perhaps the sports and extracurricular activities they want.

And that's the sort of choice as a government we face, and it's the sort of choice that households face. Now some of them, we might not like to have to make those choices but we have to make them if we're going to behave in a mature and sensible way.

And so that's what we're really saying, it's time to have that discussion, it's a mature, sensible discussion, it's not shrill, it's not yelling policy positions and those sorts of things, it's about making those choices and that's what we're starting to talk about now.

**TC:**

Do you believe though that the average Queensland, with all due respect to him or her, is in a position to understand what happens when you take your scoping studies and you say this is an asset the state should be rid of, it should maximise, the average Queensland wouldn't know would they?

**Tim Nicholls:**

Look I think they do, I think people when they know what is going on, when they know the state's debt is \$80 billion dollars, and that's more for example than NSW, it's more than Victoria and on an individual basis, per person it's \$15,000 per person whereas the average for rest of Australia is about \$8,700 per person.

So people know you've got growing pains, they know you have to invest in the future, we want the roads, we want the schools, we want the hospitals, but if you've got the mortgage at the top end and you can't borrow any more then you need to do something about it.

So I've got great faith that Queenslanders do understand that and I've got great faith that if we have a proper debate and a proper discussion, we're not forcing it down anyone's throat we're just saying these are the choices we face and we're going to get that debate.

I welcome it, the Premier and I will be traveling the state making sure that we are listening to Queenslanders, we've done that with the Queensland plan, there's no doubt we think we can do that in terms of our immediate economic future and that's what we're going to be talking about.

**TC:**

It's obviously an issue that does divide people, it's also an issue that without the sort of mandate you're describing, the Premier describes as well Tim Nicholls, the sort of thing that can see a government tossed from office. But are there other measures as well? Selling off state assets is of course a fairly blunt instrument.

**Tim Nicholls:**

Well sure, there are quite a few things that we've already done; we've reined in expenses to the tune of \$7.5 billion dollars. Our expenses growth last year, by cutting bureaucracy and red tape and so on has only been 0.2 per cent, the lowest in a decade, and it compares with 9 per cent that our predecessors spent on average each year in increased expenses.

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**TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE**

Tim Cox ABC 612 interview following CEDA keynote address – Wednesday, 12 February 2014

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**Tim Cox:**

It's a pleasure to welcome Treasurer Tim Nicholls back to the program, Treasurer good afternoon to you.

**Tim Nicholls:**

G'day Tim, thanks for having me on.

**TC:**

The main message today appears to be steady as she goes, but also gird thy loins for the possibility and perhaps the eventuality of asset sales with the need for the mandate attached to that. How far down that path is Queensland today?

**Tim Nicholls:**

Well Tim what we've spoken about today is what we've been able to achieve over the past two years and where Queensland now is and we've got economic growth of 3.6 compared to a national average of 2.7

I think surprisingly most people haven't picked up on this, over three-quarters of the new jobs created in Australia to the end of last year were created here in Queensland. So some really good news and I think really important that people understand that Queensland is turning the corner in terms of the economy.

But the thing that's holding us back is that \$80 billion dollar cloud of debt that's hanging over us and we've got to make some choices, and that's what I explained at CEDA today, that the government is going to have a conversation with all Queenslanders about the choices that we need to make if we're going to really grasp the nettle and have that future that seems so bright ahead of us come to fruition.

**TC:**

If the economic indicators though are already so promising, why is there a need to even consider asset sales?

**Tim Nicholls:**

Well Tim the one thing that's holding us back from being able to invest in the future is the amount of debt we have. And I think if you think about it this way – Queensland is like a family that's overcommitted on its mortgage, we've maxed out the credit cards but we still need to find a way to renovate the house and educate the kids, and we've got a couple of cars and a few other things around the place.

If we go to the bank they say, no we're not going to lend you any more money, you've got too much on your mortgage anyway and your credit cards are all maxed out. So we have to make some choices, are we going to sell a few things, are we not going to renovate the house, or are the kids not going to go to school and enjoy perhaps the sports and extracurricular activities they want.

And that's the sort of choice as a government we face, and it's the sort of choice that households face. Now some of them, we might not like to have to make those choices but we have to make them if we're going to behave in a mature and sensible way.

And so that's what we're really saying, it's time to have that discussion, it's a mature, sensible discussion, it's not shrill, it's not yelling policy positions and those sorts of things, it's about making those choices and that's what we're starting to talk about now.

**TC:**

Do you believe though that the average Queenslanders, with all due respect to him or her, is in a position to understand what happens when you take your scoping studies and you say this is an asset the state should be rid of, it should maximise, the average Queenslanders wouldn't know would they?

**Tim Nicholls:**

Look I think they do, I think people when they know what is going on, when they know the state's debt is \$80 billion dollars, and that's more for example than NSW, It's more than Victoria and on an individual basis, per person it's \$15,000 per person whereas the average for rest of Australia is about \$8,700 per person.

So people know you've got growing pains, they know you have to invest in the future, we want the roads, we want the schools, we want the hospitals, but if you've got the mortgage at the top end and you can't borrow any more then you need to do something about it.

So I've got great faith that Queenslanders do understand that and I've got great faith that if we have a proper debate and a proper discussion, we're not forcing it down anyone's throat we're just saying these are the choices we face and we're going to get that debate.



I welcome it, the Premier and I will be traveling the state making sure that we are listening to Queenslanders, we've done that with the Queensland plan, there's no doubt we think we can do that in terms of our immediate economic future and that's what we're going to be talking about.

**TC:**

It's obviously an issue that does divide people, it's also an issue that without the sort of mandate you're describing, the Premier describes as well Tim Nicholls, the sort of thing that can see a government tossed from office. But are there other measures as well? Selling off state assets is of course a fairly blunt instrument.

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Good afternoon,

Many of you may have seen Nine News promos for tonight's story on poll results in Ashgrove.

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Many thanks  
Mitch



**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND  
THE HON. CAMPBELL NEWMAN  
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Friday, 14 February 2014**

*Subjects: Nine News Poll on Ashgrove.*

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**SHANE DOHERTY:**

I'm going to suggest some adjectives to you about this poll and I want you to tell me whether you agree or not, Just say yes or no. So, these figures are disastrous?

**PREMIER:**

Well, I reckon at the end of the day it's about serving the community. I've always tried to do the right thing both as a local Member and as Premier of Queensland. I've got a plan for this State and I've got a plan for the Ashgrove electorate and I'm going to deliver it. In Ashgrove, I think, for the last two years there's been a whole lot of things that have been delivered for schools, for community groups, for the environment, and also for some of the traffic upgrades we've done. So, I'm just going to do what I have to do.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

So, yes or no - they're disastrous?

**PREMIER:**

Oh look, it's a long time until the next election. I don't worry about things like that because I've been in this game for a long time and what matters is serving your community. At the end of the day, it's about delivering and I'm going to do my best to deliver and work as hard as I can over the next year.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Do they surprise you?

**PREMIER:**

Oh look, I know that there are many things the Government's had to do over the last two years that still may not be well understood and people question why. But at the end of the day, they're about getting the economy sorted out, creating jobs, about revitalising Government in Queensland, fixing up our school maintenance issues, all those things are happening. So, I'm just going to continue to talk to people about what we're doing and I think they'll see ultimately that they've been actually well served by this Government.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Are they fatal, these figures?

**PREMIER:**

I'll leave others to comment on that, but I'm just about doing the right thing for Ashgrove and for Queensland.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

If a safer seat was to pop up, would you leave?

**PREMIER:**

Definitely not and I've been asked that question many times over the years. Because, often there has been this sort of commentary about this seat, but I love this area. It's where I first came when I came to Queensland many years ago. It's where I married my wife after meeting her in the electorate. It's where my kids grew up initially. So, I'm very, very fond of this part of town. It's the part of town and the community I want to serve. I'm not going anywhere else.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

This shows us that the fight with the bikies has cost you some skin, has cost you some political capital. That's fair, isn't it?

**PREMIER:**

Look, people are concerned clearly about the laws but I say to them it's about making Queensland safe. There's been a very strong misinformation campaign about these laws. If people want to come and see me, as Ashgrove constituents can, I'd welcome that. In fact, I've been doing that. But I just stress to people – I want Queensland to be safe for everybody, for everyone in our community and ultimately that's what these laws will achieve.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

You've been here before you say? With figures like this, you've seen...?

**PREMIER:**

I've seen the ups and downs of political life. At the end of the day what people need and what we're offering is strong, responsible Government, grown-up Government – that's what they'll always get from me and I think at the end of the day people should bear that in mind, that there's been many politicians in Queensland's recent history that ultimately have been about polls and about populism, not about what's doing right for Queensland and indeed for this local area. I will always do what's right, I will always do what I need to do to serve my local community.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Do you think that its Labor voters whose minds you have to change, that those are the ones that yeah...you have to swing over to your way of thinking, especially in this seat?

**PREMIER:**

I just think I've got to continue to do the job I'm doing which is to make sure that the schools here are well-supported and they have been. We've put in new classrooms at the Ashgrove State School, there's a new sports hall at The Gap, there's a great project I want to undertake for the Enoggera State School if I'm re-elected. We've been dealing with the maintenance problems with our school, in all our State schools. We've got a great traffic congestion project at Samford and Wardell. Those are the things that I've been doing, that's what I'll continue to do. At the next election people will have a choice – they can decide to have a Premier who can deliver for the local area and for the State or they can make a decision to go with someone else. I'm relaxed about that because at the end of the day I am all about serving people, not just following popularity contests.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Are you prepared to go door-to-door, get every single vote?

**PREMIER:**

Well frankly, as Premier, I have other responsibilities as well, but I can tell people locally I'm always here on Fridays and on the weekends, I'm available for people to come and see me and I'm certainly keen to hear what they want me to do next. They could look at my track record over the last two years, what I have delivered. I am keen to now know what people want me to do if they re-elect me in 2015 because they will get someone who doesn't just want to be Premier of the State, but someone who wants to be a strong local Member.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

You must be worried about these figures?

**PREMIER:**

No, very relaxed. I'm not into politics for a career, I'm into politics to serve the community and that's what I've always been about.

**SHANE DOHERTY:**

Thanks Premier.

[ENDS]



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