

# “Hartland of the West Survey”

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**Colleen says:** *“Community values and priorities are important and will help guide her work over the next Parliamentary term”.*

The survey provides very valuable information on your priority issues and initiatives - direct from the community!

I have provided a summary of the results below, although you can see the results presented in more detail, including graphically, on our website [here](#).

## **Geographic location of participants.**

35% of participants were from outside the Western Metropolitan Region, and of those within the region (63% of participants) most people were from the Local Government Areas of Maribyrnong (23.1%) and Brimbank (11.6%).

## **Age of participants.**

The age group most represented was 46-60 y/o (33% of participants), followed by 36-45 y/o (25%). The least represented was 15-25 y/o (4.5%), who were out-done by the oldest grouping, the 60+ y/o (18.2%).

This is an interesting result when we consider the common perception that the largest demographic engaged with The Greens are the youngsters.

## **Importance of issues**

The top 5 issues of importance to those who filled out the survey are:

1. Public Transport.
2. Environmental Protection.
3. Healthcare Services.
4. Urban Planning Improvements.
5. Mental Health.

‘Urban Planning Improvements’ and ‘Mental Health’ were *almost* equal in their rating.

## **Importance of initiatives**

I work on a number of initiatives which I asked people to rate. This question had the extra challenge of having to rate each initiative from 1-12 (not simply stating that all are of high or very high importance). The results were so close that I will list all initiatives, and their value, so you can see just how close it was.

1. Child Protection (8.22)
2. Family (domestic violence) (7.99)
3. Clean Up Industry (7.32)

4. Safer, healthier food, inc. labelling (7.24)
5. Reducing Pokies (6.89)
6. Dying with Dignity (6.84)
7. Reducing trucks in residential areas (6.80)
8. 10c deposits on bottles and cans (6.07)
9. Two years of free kindergarten (6.05)
10. No Westlink freeway (6.04)
11. Review and improve concessions (5.41)
12. Electoral Reform (5.36)

'Reducing Pokies', 'Dying with Dignity' and 'Reducing trucks in residential streets' received very close ratings, as did '10c deposits on bottles and cans', 'Two years free kindergarten' and 'No Westlink Freeway'.

These results need to be considered in the understanding that some initiatives are West specific and likely to apply to only some within that geographic area, while others apply to the whole state and therefore everyone.