

# BOTH FEDERAL LEADERS ON THE NOSE

Both Federal political leaders remain on the nose with the electorate in the latest opinion polls. “Net satisfaction” of both is firmly negative around -20 lately, with mixed feelings towards the parties and the leaders, according to Newspoll as published in The Australian on 4 September.

Although Labor as a party enjoyed a resurgence since the July election in 2016, in two-party terms, Mr Shorten remains unpopular as leader. Mr Turnbull won easily on the question of who would make the better Prime Minister of the two, although his slide continued in “net satisfaction” – when judged on his own.

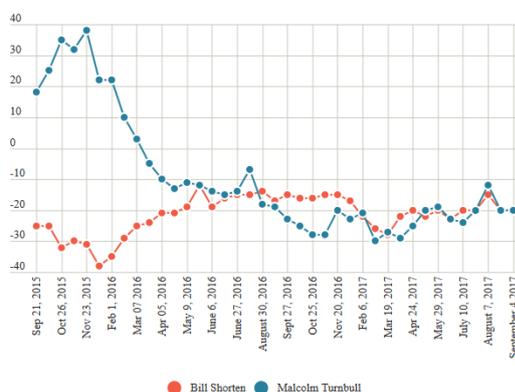
The trend over two years reflected the initial ‘honeymoon’ of Mr Turnbull, after he deposed the former PM Tony Abbott, and his slide since.

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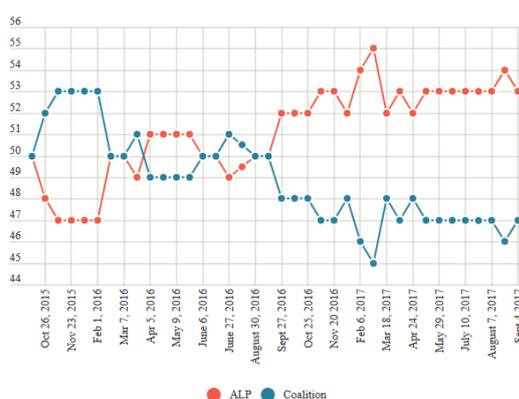
## Leaders' net satisfaction

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Prime Minister is doing his job? Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Leader of the Opposition is doing his job?



## Two-party preferred

Based on the preference flow at the July 2016 federal election.



## Government regains ground in latest Newspoll

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The Coalition has taken back some ground in the latest Newspoll, trailing behind Labor 47 to 53 per cent on a two-party preferred basis.

It's a slightly better result than the previous Newspoll, two weeks ago, which saw the Turnbull government still trailing behind Labor 46 to 54 per cent.

The Coalition have also fared better on a primary vote basis, rising from 35 to 37 per cent. Labor's primary vote has remained on 38 per cent.

The Greens primary vote also remains unchanged at 9 per cent, while One Nation has slipped one point to 8 per cent.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has personally gained even more ground on Opposition leader Bill Shorten, with the gap of preferred Prime Minister widening to 17 percentage points. Two weeks ago the gap was only 10 points.

Mr Turnbull also widened the gap as better prime minister from 43 to 46 per cent, with Mr Shorten going from 33 to 29 per cent.

A total of 1606 voters took the poll from Thursday to yesterday. It has a margin of error of 2.4 per cent. It marks the 19th consecutive Newspoll where the Coalition has trailed Labor.