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### Short Methodology Statement

<b>Research company</b>	YouGov Galaxy Pty Ltd
<b>Client commissioning the research</b>	Roy Harvey
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul - 06 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2024
<b>Mode of data collection</b>	Online recruited from research panel (100%)
<b>Target population</b>	Australians eligible to vote in ACT
<b>Sample size</b>	629
<b>Australian Polling Council compliant</b>	Yes
<b>URL of Long Methodology statement</b>	<a href="https://au.yougov.com/about/panel-methodology/australian-polling-council">https://au.yougov.com/about/panel-methodology/australian-polling-council</a>
<b>Is voting intention published?</b>	NA

### Long Methodology Statement

<b>Effective sample size after weighting applied</b>	446
<b>Margin of error associated with effective sample size</b>	±4.6
<b>Quotas and weighting</b>	Age, Gender, Education and Federal and Referendum vote
<b>Weighting method used</b>	Rim weighting
<b>Full question text, responses categories and randomisation</b>	See below
<b>Source of online sample</b>	Selected from previously recruited online panels of research participants using quotas based on weighting frame and past vote.
<b>Positioning of voting intention questions in questionnaire?</b>	NA
<b>How were undecided voters handled?</b>	NA
<b>2PP calculation method</b>	NA



## Full Question Text of Published Questions

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{page VAD_Intro}

{text}
<<p>In the ACT, voluntary assisted dying (VAD) will be 'medical help to
end your life at a time you choose'. The ACT Legislative Assembly has
passed a law to permit voluntary assisted dying for persons who are
experiencing intolerable suffering, have a disease that will cause them to
die, are approaching the end of life, have declining functioning and
quality of life, have decision making capacity, and make repeated
voluntary requests for voluntary assisted dying. Persons under 18 years of
age, and persons who have a disability, mental disorder or mental illness
are excluded.<br/><br/>Voluntary Assisted Dying is not available in the
ACT until November 2025.<br/></p>> Navigation button will appear in 15
seconds.
{end text}

{end page VAD_Intro}

{page VAD_Q1}

[VADQ1] {single varlabel="VAD_Q1" order=reverse($sreverse) required=HARD}
How strongly do you support or oppose voluntary assisted dying being made
available to ACT residents?
<1> Strongly support VAD
<2> Support VAD
<3> Unsure, or don't know
<4> Oppose VAD
<5> Strongly oppose VAD

{end page VAD_Q1}

{page VAD_Q2_Intro}

{text}
<<p>There are many circumstances in which persons lose decision-making
capacity before requesting voluntary assisted dying. They are then not
eligible to request VAD. A person may lose decision-making capacity as a
result of an accident, disease, dementia resulting in loss of mental
capacity, or other factors.<br/><br/>ACT Law currently allows a person
with decision-making capacity to make an Advance Care Plan, about their
preferences for health treatments if that person should lose their
decision-making capacity. These options include stopping or withdrawing
lifesaving treatments, which would lead to a 'natural
death'.<br/><br/>However, the Advance Care Plan law does not permit a
person to make an Advance Request for voluntary assisted
dying.<br/><br/></p>> Navigation button will appear in 15 seconds.
{end text}

{end page VAD_Q2_Intro}

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[VAD_Q2] {single varlabel="VAD_Q2" order=reverse($sreverse) required=HARD}
Should a person be allowed to include their wishes about voluntary
assisted dying in some form of Advance Care Plan?
<1> Yes
<2> No
<3 fixed> Unsure or undecided

{end page P_VAD_Q2}

{page P_VAD_Q3_Intro}

{text}
There are health conditions <u>which cause death</u> where people can
experience intolerable suffering and diminishing physical function and
declining quality of life for many years, such as Motor Neurone Disease.
They are not eligible for voluntary assisted dying until being close to
death. Navigation button will appear in 5 seconds.
{end text}

{end page P_VAD_Q3_Intro}

{page P_VAD_Q3}

[VAD_Q3] {single varlabel="VAD_Q3" order=reverse($sreverse) required=HARD}
For people suffering intolerably from health conditions that <u>will
eventually cause death</u> , do you support or oppose them being allowed
to request voluntary assisted dying if they consider their quality of life
is significantly diminished?
<1> Support
<2> Oppose
<3 fixed> Unsure or undecided

{end page P_VAD_Q3}

{page P_VAD_Q4_Intro}

{text}
There are health conditions <u>which do not cause death</u> but where
people experience intolerable suffering and diminishing physical function
and declining quality of life for many years. This includes persons with
untreatable chronic pain, and persons with mental health issues for which
there is no effective treatment. They are excluded from access to VAD.
Navigation button will appear in 5 seconds.
{end text}

{end page P_VAD_Q4_Intro}

{page P_VAD_Q4}

[VAD_Q4] {single varlabel="VAD_Q4" order=reverse($sreverse) required=HARD}
<<p>For people who are suffering intolerably, but <u>do not</u> have
conditions which will cause death, do you support or oppose them being
allowed to request voluntary assisted dying if they consider their quality
of life is significantly diminished?</p>>
<1> Support
<2> Oppose
<3 fixed> Unsure or undecided
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{end page P_VAD_Q4}

{page P_VAD_Q5Intro}

{text}
The ACT Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2024 provides for a review to be
conducted no sooner than November 2028 to examine the issues raised in
this survey.
{end text}

{end page P_VAD_Q5Intro}

{page P_VAD_Q5}

[VAD_Q5] {single varlabel="VAD_Q5" order=reverse($sreverse) required=HARD}
Do you think that the ACT Legislative Assembly should move to expand
access to voluntary assisted dying?
<1> In the next term of the Legislative Assembly (starting November 2024)
<2> In the time frame proposed in the current ACT legislation (probably
not earlier than 2030)
<3 fixed> Never
<4 fixed> Unsure or undecided

{end page P_VAD_Q5}

{page P_VAD_Q6_Open_Response}

[VAD_Q6_Open_Response] {open varlabel="VAD_Q6_Open_Response" required=HARD
cols=40 rows=10} Do you have any comments you would like to make about the
issues raised here concerning voluntary assisted dying in the ACT?

{end page P_VAD_Q6_Open_Response}
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