

# ReachTEL Poll – August 27, 2018

## Support for marine conservation and Sydney Marine Park

### BACKGROUND

ReachTEL conducted a survey of 2598 residents across the state electorates of **Coogee, Manly, Gosford and Terrigal** during the night of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### KEY FINDINGS

- Between 75% and 90% support protecting ocean waters and marine life.
- More than 50% said sanctuary zones should occupy more than 30% of the coast.
- More than 75% of people said they supported the marine park proposal when told recreational fishers would be able to fish in 95% of areas.
- More than 50% said marine protections were “very important” for tourism and the economy.
- Fewer than 25% of City voters surveyed were fishers; fewer than 33% of voters on the Central Coast were fishers.

### ABOUT THE SURVEY

The survey was conducted using an automated telephone-based survey of voters:

| <b>Electorate</b> | <b># surveyed</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Coogee            | 687               |
| Manly             | 627               |
| Gosford           | 629               |
| Terrigal          | 655               |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>2,598</b>      |

Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The results have been weighted by gender and age to reflect the population according to ABS figures. Please note that due to rounding, not all tables necessarily total 100% and subtotals may also vary. Copyright ReachTEL Pty Ltd.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

### Question 1:

General voting intention data.

### Question 2:

*Thinking of the [Eastern Suburbs/Manly/Central Coast] area where you live, do you support or oppose the NSW Government acting to protect the ocean waters and marine life along this part of the coast?*

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| <p><b>Coogee</b></p> <p>All support: 87%</p> <p>All oppose: 10.5%</p> <p>All support (Lib): 78.3%</p> <p><b>Manly</b></p> <p>All support: 89.5%</p> <p>All opposed: 7.3%</p> <p>All support (Lib): 84.4%</p> | <p><b>Gosford</b></p> <p>All support: 76.9%</p> <p>All opposed: 16.2%</p> <p>All support (Lib): 76.7%</p> <p><b>Terrigal</b></p> <p>All support: 75.7%</p> <p>All opposed: 17.3%</p> <p>All support (Lib): 74.3%</p> |
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### Question 3:

*How much of the ocean waters in the [Eastern Suburbs/Manly/Central Coast] area do you think should be fully protected in sanctuary zones?*

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| <p><b>Coogee</b></p> <p>None 10.6%</p> <p>Less than 10% 6.1%</p> <p>Between 10% &amp; 30% 28.3%</p> <p>More than 30% 54.9%</p> <p><b>Manly</b></p> <p>None 5.9%</p> <p>Less than 10% 11.1%</p> <p>Between 10% &amp; 30% 28.0%</p> <p>More than 30% 54.9%</p> | <p><b>Gosford</b></p> <p>None 12.2%</p> <p>Less than 10% 16.5%</p> <p>Between 10% &amp; 30% 35.9%</p> <p>More than 30% 35.4%</p> <p><b>Terrigal</b></p> <p>None 9.5%</p> <p>Less than 10% 17.7%</p> <p>Between 10% &amp; 30% 36.1%</p> <p>More than 30% 36.7%</p> |
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**Question 4:**

*Under the NSW Government's Sydney Marine Park proposal, recreational fishers would be able to fish in 95% of the coastline between Newcastle and Wollongong. Knowing that, do you support or oppose the plans to protect the region's ocean waters and marine life in a marine park?*

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|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| <b>Coogee</b>      |        | <b>Gosford</b>     |       |
| All support:       | 76.2%  | All support:       | 75%   |
| All oppose:        | 15.30% | All oppose:        | 18.3% |
| All support (Lib): | 66.5%  | All support (Lib): | 70.8% |
| <b>Manly</b>       |        | <b>Terrigal</b>    |       |
| All support:       | 82.6%  | All support:       | 75.2% |
| All oppose:        | 12.10% | All oppose:        | 18.5% |
| All support (Lib): | 79.9%  | All support (Lib): | 73.9% |

**Question 5:**

*How would you rate the importance of protecting the ocean waters and marine life off the [Eastern Suburbs/Manly/Central Coast] for tourism and the economy?*

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| <b>Coogee</b>        |       | <b>Gosford</b>       |       |
| Very Important       | 64.4% | Very Important       | 51.0% |
| Somewhat Important   | 26.9% | Somewhat Important   | 38.1% |
| Not at all important | 6.6%  | Not at all important | 7%    |
| <b>Manly</b>         |       | <b>Terrigal</b>      |       |
| Very Important       | 63.4% | Very Important       | 51.8% |
| Somewhat Important   | 31.0% | Somewhat Important   | 36.5% |
| Not at all important | 3.7%  | Not at all important | 5.2%  |

**Question 6:**

*Would you be more or less likely to vote for the local Liberal candidate at the next election if the Coalition government increased protection for the ocean waters and marine life off the [coast of the Eastern Suburbs/Manly/the Central Coast]?*

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| <b>Coogee</b>  |       | <b>Gosford</b>  |       |
| More Likely    | 35.2% | More Likely     | 27.9% |
| Less Likely    | 14.5% | Less Likely     | 19.9% |
| Vote Unchanged | 50.3% | Vote Unchanged  | 52.2% |
| <b>Manly</b>   |       | <b>Terrigal</b> |       |
| More Likely    | 42.3% | More Likely     | 39.4% |
| Less Likely    | 13.7% | Less Likely     | 15.0% |
| Vote Unchanged | 44.0% | Vote Unchanged  | 45.6% |

**Question 7:**

*If the NSW Coalition government abandoned plans to protect the ocean waters and marine environment off the [coast of the Eastern Suburbs/Manly/the Central Coast], would you be more or less likely to vote for a Liberal candidate?*

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| <b>Coogee</b>  |       | <b>Gosford</b>  |       |
| More Likely    | 17.9% | More Likely     | 17.5% |
| Less Likely    | 41.4% | Less Likely     | 34.2% |
| Vote Unchanged | 40.7% | Vote Unchanged  | 48.2% |
| <b>Manly</b>   |       | <b>Terrigal</b> |       |
| More Likely    | 18.0% | More Likely     | 21.4% |
| Less Likely    | 42.5% | Less Likely     | 38.8% |
| Vote Unchanged | 39.5% | Vote Unchanged  | 39.8% |

**Question 8:**

*Are you a recreational fisher?*

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|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| <b>Coogee</b> |       | <b>Gosford</b>  |       |
| Yes           | 24.2% | Yes             | 27.2% |
| No            | 75.8% | No              | 72.8% |
| <b>Manly</b>  |       | <b>Terrigal</b> |       |
| Yes           | 16.7% | Yes             | 32.3% |
| No            | 83.3% | No              | 67.7% |