

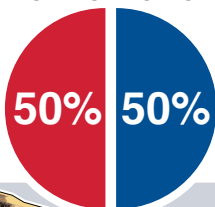
Key issues in Australian election

Australia's Labor Prime Minister Julia Gillard has called elections for August 21, and the result will decide the future of a controversial mining tax as well as a nationwide, high-speed broadband network

OPINION POLLS



Labor: Down 5% over past two weeks



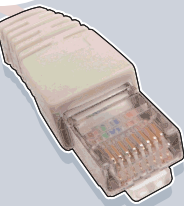
Liberal / National centre-right coalition: Up 5%

MINING

TAX: Since taking office, Gillard has cut former PM **Kevin Rudd's** resource tax rate from 40% to 30%, and dropped it altogether for companies with profits of less than A\$50 million (\$45.6m). Opposition has pledged to abandon tax



BROADBAND:



Labor proposes A\$43 billion (\$37bn) high speed broadband plan to connected 93% of Australian homes. Opposition has promised to abandon deal with telecom giant Telstra Corp., and replace it with cheaper alternative

CLIMATE POLICY: Gillard has angered Greens by announcing delay in carbon pricing until 2012. Opposition, businesses and mining companies oppose proposed carbon trading tax

ECONOMY: Gillard claims Labor's A\$55bn stimulus package kept Australian economy afloat in face of global recession. Has challenged Liberal leader **Tony Abbott** to televised leaders' debate on economy



Kevin Rudd Tony Abbott

