

Tillegra Poll 2009

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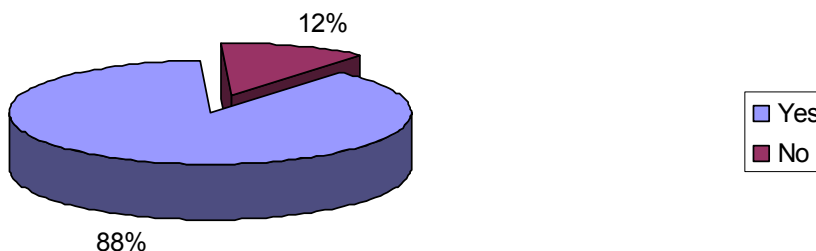
Tillegra Poll 2009 - Key Findings Report

The No Tillegra Dam Group commissioned Roy Morgan Research to conduct a telephone survey amongst residents in the four New South Wales State electorates of Charlestown, Maitland, Newcastle and Wallsend in November 2009. A representative sample of 377 residents aged 18 and older were asked about their awareness and attitudes towards the construction of the proposed Tillegra dam in the Upper Williams Valley.

Key findings for these residents are as follows:

- Nine out of ten (88%) have heard of the proposed dam

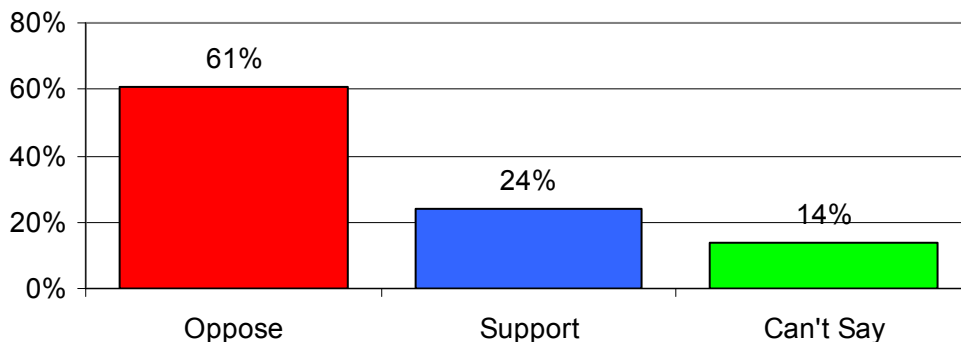
There is a NSW state government proposal, to build a new dam in the Upper Williams valley - the Tillegra Dam - just north of Dungog. Have you heard of this proposed dam?



Base: All respondents (N=377)

- Three in five (61%) are opposed to construction of the dam
- Less than one in four (24%) support the construction of the dam

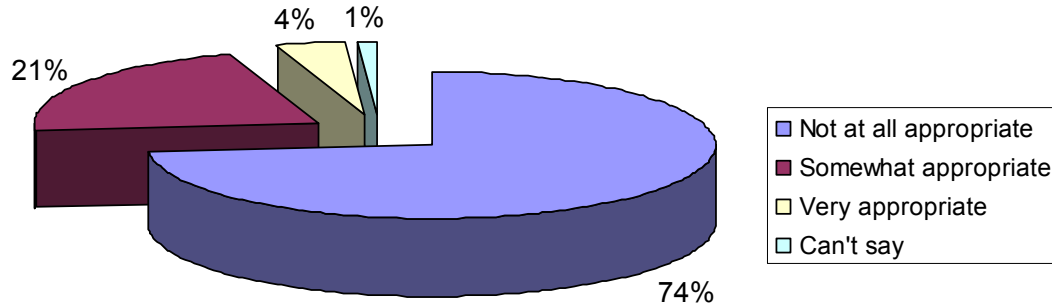
Do you oppose or support the proposed Tillegra Dam?



Base: All respondents (N=377)

- The State Government and Hunter Water Corporation have stated that Hunter Water customers will pay for the Tillegra dam through increased water rates. Three quarters (73%) do not think that this is appropriate.

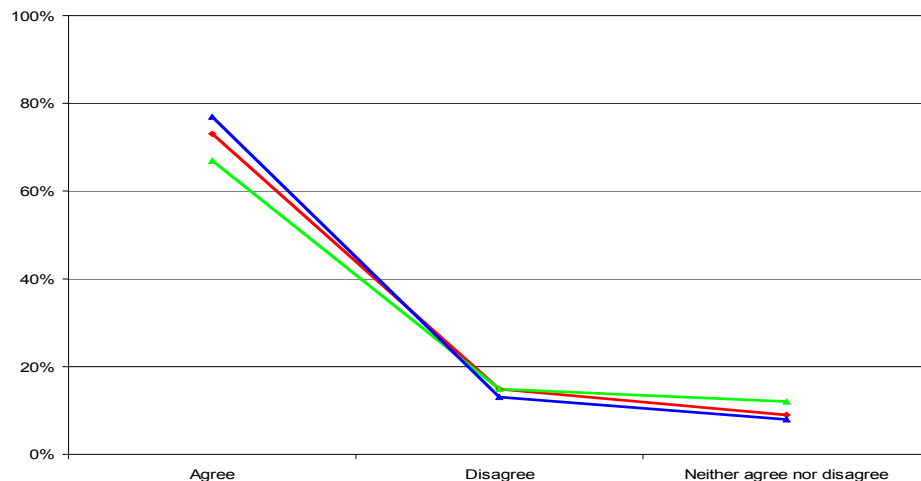
The State Government and Hunter Water Corporation have stated that Hunter Water customers will pay for the Tillegra dam through increased water rates. Do you think this is:



Base: All respondents (N=377)

- The majority agree that:
 - The dam is expensive and the money could be better spent elsewhere in the Hunter (73%)
 - The damming of the Williams River will damage the river and the environment (67%)
 - There are cheaper, less damaging alternatives to secure water supply in the Hunter such as wise water use, rain water tanks and recycling for laundry, gardens and industry (77%).

Could you please tell me whether you Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree or Disagree, Disagree or Strongly Disagree that



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- The damming of the Williams River will damage the river and the environment
- There are cheaper, less damaging alternatives to secure water supply in the Hunter such as wise water use, rain water tanks and recycling for laundry, gardens and industry

Base: All respondents (N=377). Note: Can't Say responses are not included