



**Public sentiment  
about transgender  
athletes playing in  
women's sport**

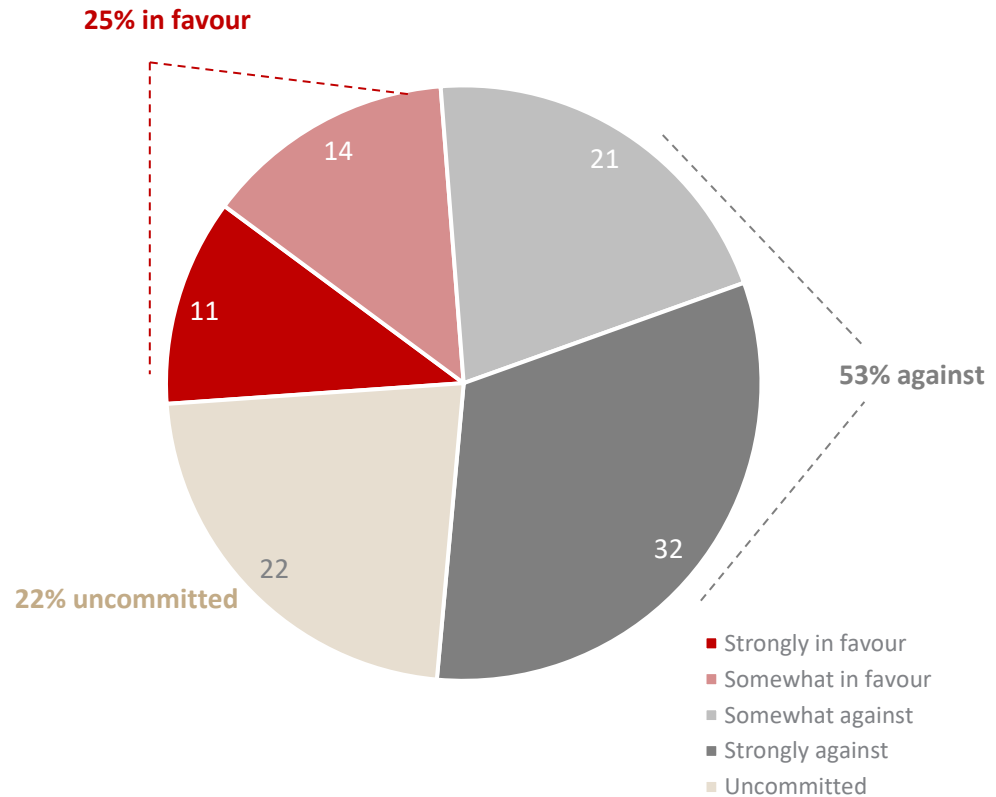


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# Support for transgender athletes in women's sport

Now a question about *transgender athletes and women's sport*.

Overall, are you personally in favour or against *transgender athletes playing in women's sport*?

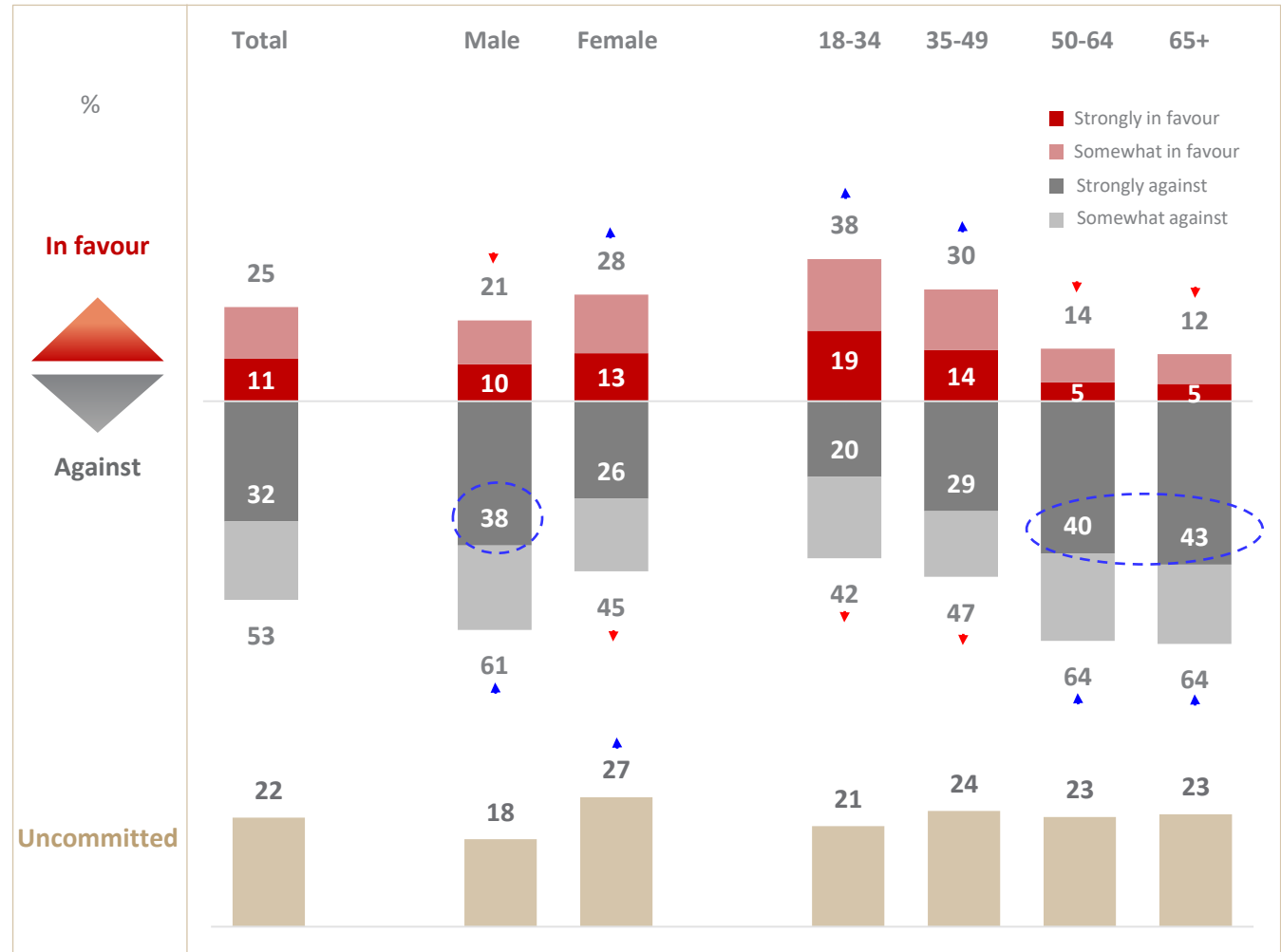


■ Although one-in-four Australians are in favour of transgender athletes playing in women's sport, the majority, 53%, oppose it.

■ Around one-in-five remain uncommitted on the issue.

**Methodology:** Conducted nationally online among a sample of 1,237 people aged 18+. Fieldwork was conducted over the period May 12-17, 2022. Results for were post-weighted to reflect the population distribution for age, sex, area and education.

# Sentiment among demographic segments



▲ ▼ Significantly higher / lower than others

- Among both men and women, more people oppose participation by transgender athletes than support it. However, opposition is *far* higher among men, 61%, than women, 45%. Conversely a higher proportion of women are either in favour or uncommitted.
- By age, people under 35 are divided on the issue, with as many in favour as against it. However, beyond the age of 35, more are opposed than support the idea, with the level and *strength* of opposition being by far the highest among people aged 50 and over.