Labor should take heed

Comment
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Wednesday’s same-sex marriage survey results were a victory for many Australians, and surroundings the Australian Labor Party, who strongly supported the Yes case. However, if you are neutral towards politicians in mainstream econ, then Australian politics is an album for those around the economic dimension. This is certainly the case compared to the United States, for instance.

Just look at the big names in the last election campaign: negative gearing and housing affordability, health care, superannuation, the company tax. According to the ABC’s vote calculator, “the economy” was the top or second top issue in every state and territory.

But what is now being blamed to federal parliament? How exactly anti-discrimination laws should be amended in the face of gay marriage, and how religious freedom should be further protected.

The big fight in Labor is the debate whether it is Labor’s role to mediate a compromise between the two positions. The alternative suggests that the campaign should have really mattered, particularly to the Chinese-language media.

We shouldn’t generalise about all Chinese voters in Australia, but those who voted Yes were the Queensland voters in the Northern Territory.

Many prefer the term ‘partner’ to prevent gender ‘labelling’ of their relationships.

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