

THINKING NOW ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BEING HELD TO DISCUSS CHANGES NEEDED IF AUSTRALIA WERE TO BECOME A REPUBLIC. THE CONVENTION IS DISCUSSING HOW THE HEAD OF STATE OF AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC COULD BE CHOSEN. PLEASE SAY WHETHER YOU WOULD BE IN FAVOUR OR AGAINST AUSTRALIA BECOMING A REPUBLIC IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CASES.

IF THE HEAD OF STATE OF AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC WAS...(MODEL) WOULD YOU BE PERSONALLY IN FAVOUR OF AUSTRALIA BECOMING A REPUBLIC OR WOULD YOU PREFER NO CHANGE?

	<u>ELECTED BY A POPULAR VOTE</u>	<u>ELECTED BY A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF BOTH HOUSES OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT</u>	<u>APPOINTED BY A COUNCIL OF FORMER JUDGES AND GOVERNORS - GENERAL ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	%	%	%
IN FAVOUR OF A REPUBLIC	56	34	25
PREFER NO CHANGE	40	59	69
UNCOMMITTED	4	7	6
<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>			
IN FAVOUR OF A REPUBLIC	45	31	23
PREFER NO CHANGE	52	65	71
UNCOMMITTED	3	4	6
<u>ALP SUPPORTERS</u>			
IN FAVOUR OF A REPUBLIC	65	40	28
PREFER NO CHANGE	31	53	68
UNCOMMITTED	4	7	4

NUMBER OF MODELS IN FAVOUR OF.....

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>ALP SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%
ANY ONE MODEL ONLY	33	28	35
ANY TWO MODELS ONLY	18	16	21
ALL THREE MODELS	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>
TOTAL IN FAVOUR OF AT LEAST ONE MODEL	66	57	75
AGAINST ALL THREE MODELS	29	39	22
AGAINST OR UNCOMMITTED ABOUT ALL THREE MODELS	5	4	3

AND IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE, WHICH **ONE** OF THESE THREE WAYS WOULD YOU MOST PREFER? WOULD IT BE A NEW HEAD OF STATE...?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>ALP SUPPORTERS</u>	-----REPUBLIC MODEL-----	
				<u>IN FAVOUR OF AT LEAST ONE</u>	<u>AGAINST ALL THREE MODELS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
ELECTED BY A POPULAR VOTE	66	63	71	70	62
ELECTED BY A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF BOTH HOUSES OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT	17	16	19	21	10
APPOINTED BY A COUNCIL OF FORMER JUDGES AND GOVERNORS-GENERAL ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER	10	15	7	7	16
UNCOMMITTED	7	6	3	2	12

This survey was conducted on the telephone on the weekend of 6-8 February 1998 by trained interviewers among 1200 adults aged eighteen years and over in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL.