

NOW THINKING ABOUT WHETHER AUSTRALIA SHOULD BECOME A REPUBLIC, ARE YOU PERSONALLY IN FAVOUR OR AGAINST AUSTRALIA BECOMING A REPUBLIC? IF IN FAVOUR - IS THAT STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OR PARTLY IN FAVOUR? IF AGAINST - IS THAT STRONGLY AGAINST OR PARTLY AGAINST?

|                    | JUL<br>1993<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | NOV<br>1993<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | DEC<br>1994<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | JUN<br>1995<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | JUN<br>1997<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | SEPT<br>1997<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | DEC<br>1997<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | JAN<br>1999<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | FEB<br>1999<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | MAR<br>1999<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | JULY<br>1999<br>TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| STRONGLY IN FAVOUR | 25                                  | 22                                  | 26                                  | 28                                  | 27                                  | 33                                   | 32                                  | 29                                  | 30                                  | 33                                  | 29                                   |
| PARTLY IN FAVOUR   | <u>21</u>                           | <u>17</u>                           | <u>21</u>                           | <u>22</u>                           | <u>22</u>                           | <u>21</u>                            | <u>19</u>                           | <u>19</u>                           | <u>21</u>                           | <u>16</u>                           | <u>17</u>                            |
| TOTAL IN FAVOUR    | 46                                  | 39                                  | 47                                  | 50                                  | 49                                  | 54                                   | 51                                  | 48                                  | 51                                  | 49                                  | 46                                   |
| PARTLY AGAINST     | 14                                  | 14                                  | 14                                  | 15                                  | 14                                  | 15                                   | 15                                  | 15                                  | 13                                  | 11                                  | 15                                   |
| STRONGLY AGAINST   | <u>22</u>                           | <u>30</u>                           | <u>23</u>                           | <u>20</u>                           | <u>16</u>                           | <u>15</u>                            | <u>20</u>                           | <u>20</u>                           | <u>20</u>                           | <u>23</u>                           | <u>19</u>                            |
| TOTAL AGAINST      | 36                                  | 44                                  | 37                                  | 35                                  | 30                                  | 30                                   | 35                                  | 35                                  | 33                                  | 34                                  | 34                                   |
| UNCOMMITTED        | 18                                  | 17                                  | 16                                  | 15                                  | 21                                  | 16                                   | 14                                  | 17                                  | 16                                  | 17                                  | 20                                   |

Note: some surveys prior to 1999 omitted

-----JULY 1999-----

|                    | TOTAL<br>ADULTS<br>% | -----GENDER----- |             | -----AGE-----       |                     |                         | COALITION<br>SUPPORT-<br>TERS<br>% | ALP<br>SUPPORT-<br>TERS<br>% | NSW | VIC | QLD | SA | WA |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
|                    |                      | MALE<br>%        | FEMALE<br>% | 18-34<br>YEARS<br>% | 35-49<br>YEARS<br>% | 50 YEARS<br>& OVER<br>% |                                    |                              |     |     |     |    |    |
| STRONGLY IN FAVOUR | 29                   | 34               | 25          | 26                  | 34                  | 28                      | 21                                 | 41                           | 31  | 32  | 22  | 28 | 30 |
| PARTLY IN FAVOUR   | 17                   | 17               | 17          | 20                  | 19                  | 13                      | 19                                 | 14                           | 16  | 17  | 17  | 18 | 19 |
| TOTAL IN FAVOUR    | 46                   | 51               | 42          | 46                  | 53                  | 41                      | 40                                 | 55                           | 47  | 49  | 39  | 46 | 49 |
| PARTLY AGAINST     | 15                   | 12               | 17          | 17                  | 14                  | 13                      | 19                                 | 12                           | 14  | 14  | 18  | 11 | 16 |
| STRONGLY AGAINST   | 19                   | 19               | 20          | 13                  | 13                  | 30                      | 25                                 | 16                           | 21  | 17  | 22  | 22 | 12 |
| TOTAL AGAINST      | 34                   | 31               | 37          | 30                  | 27                  | 43                      | 44                                 | 28                           | 35  | 31  | 40  | 33 | 28 |
| UNCOMMITTED        | 20                   | 18               | 21          | 24                  | 20                  | 16                      | 16                                 | 17                           | 18  | 20  | 21  | 21 | 23 |

**NOTE:** Sample size in Tasmania is too small for a meaningful separate analysis, however Tasmania is included in the total sample.

## SUPPORT FOR MODEL TO BE INCLUDED IN REFERENDUM

|               | DRAFT WORDING    |                 | ALTERNATIVE WORDING |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|               | 26-28 MARCH 1999 | 16-18 JULY 1999 | 23-25 JULY 1999     |
|               | %                | %               | %                   |
| YES, REPUBLIC | 39               | 41              | 46                  |
| NO            | 51               | 43              | 40                  |
| UNCOMMITTED   | 10               | 16              | 14                  |

### **Draft wording question**

Later this year there will be a referendum held on this issue. The referendum will ask all voters to decide whether Australia should or should not become a republic with a President chosen by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Commonwealth Parliament. In this referendum are you yourself most likely to vote yes for a republic with a President chosen by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Commonwealth Parliament or, vote no?

### **Alternative wording question**

Later this year there will be a referendum held on this issue. The referendum will ask all voters to decide whether Australia should or should not become a republic with an Australian President replacing the Queen as Australia's Head of State, to be appointed following consideration of nominations submitted by the people and approved by a two-thirds majority of a joint sitting of both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament. In this referendum are you yourself most likely to vote yes for a republic with an Australian President appointed in this way or, vote no?

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers among adults 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. The latest survey was conducted on 16-18 and 23-25 July 1999 and is based on 2400 interviews for the support for a republic question and 1200 interviews for each of the support for model questions. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL.