

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?

	-----TOTAL ADULTS-----											
	DEC 1994	MAR 1995	JUN 1995	JUN 1997	SEPT 1997	NOV 1997	DEC 1997	JAN 1999	FEB 1999	MAR 1999	JULY 1999	AUG 1999
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
STRONGLY IN FAVOUR	26	28	28	27	33	31	32	29	30	33	29	30
PARTLY IN FAVOUR	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTAL IN FAVOUR	47	47	50	49	54	52	51	48	51	49	46	51
PARTLY AGAINST	14	15	15	14	15	15	15	15	13	11	15	14
STRONGLY AGAINST	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTAL AGAINST	37	34	35	30	30	33	35	35	33	34	34	35
UNCOMMITTED	16	19	15	21	16	15	14	17	16	17	20	14

-----AUGUST 1999-----

	TOTAL ADULTS	-----GENDER-----		-----AGE-----			COALITION SUPPORTERS	ALP SUPPORTERS
		MALE	FEMALE	18-34 YEARS	35-49 YEARS	50 YEARS & OVER		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
STRONGLY IN FAVOUR	30	36	25	27	33	31	22	43
PARTLY IN FAVOUR	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>
TOTAL IN FAVOUR	51	56	46	54	55	44	45	61
PARTLY AGAINST	14	12	15	16	13	13	18	11
STRONGLY AGAINST	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>17</u>
TOTAL AGAINST	35	31	39	29	31	45	44	28
UNCOMMITTED	14	13	15	17	14	11	11	11

SUPPORT FOR MODEL TO BE INCLUDED IN REFERENDUM

	-----WORDING A-----		WORDING B	WORDING C
	26-28 MAR 1999	16-18 JUL 1999	23-25 JUL 1999	13-15 AUG 1999
	%	%	%	%
YES, REPUBLIC	39	41	46	46
NO	51	43	40	43
UNCOMMITTED	10	16	14	11

Wording A 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?

Wording B 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?

Wording C 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 the Queen and the Governor-General being replaced by a president appointed 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, 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 13-15 August 1999 and is based on 1200 interviews. Copyright at all times remains with NEWS POLL.