

NOW I'D LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THREE BROAD POSSIBILITIES FOR AUSTRALIA IN REGARDS TO A REPUBLIC. ONE POSSIBILITY IS TO CHANGE TO A REPUBLIC WITH A PRESIDENT WHO IS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE. A SECOND POSSIBILITY IS TO CHANGE TO A REPUBLIC WITH A PRESIDENT WHO IS APPOINTED BY PARLIAMENT. AND A THIRD POSSIBILITY IS TO NOT CHANGE ANYTHING, KEEPING THE QUEEN AND THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN THEIR CURRENT ROLES. WHICH ONE OF THESE POSSIBILITIES WOULD YOU YOURSELF MOST PREFER?

	TOTAL ADULTS %	-----GENDER-----		-----AGE-----		
		MALE %	FEMALE %	18-34 %	35-49 %	50+ %
CHANGE TO A REPUBLIC WITH A PRESIDENT DIRECTLY ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE	50	51	49	56	54	41
CHANGE TO A REPUBLIC WITH A PRESIDENT APPOINTED BY PARLIAMENT	14	17	11	12	17	13
NOT CHANGE ANYTHING KEEPING THE QUEEN AND THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN THEIR CURRENT ROLES	32	28	36	28	24	43
UNCOMMITTED	4	4	4	4	5	3

AND FOR THE FOLLOWING PLEASE TELL ME IF, IN YOUR OPINION, YOU AGREE, DISAGREE OR NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE WITH EACH. FIRSTLY, DO YOU AGREE, DISAGREE OR NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE THAT... IF AGREE, IS THAT STRONGLY AGREE OR SOMEWHAT AGREE? IF DISAGREE, IS THAT STRONGLY DISAGREE OR SOMEWHAT DISAGREE?

	-----A----- HEAD OF STATE SHOULD BE AN AUSTRALIAN	-----B----- THE WHOLE DEBATE OVER BECOMING A REPUBLIC IS A DISTRACTION FROM AUSTRALIA'S REAL PROBLEMS	-----C----- IF AUSTRALIA CHANGES TO A REPUBLIC THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE OF POLITICS	-----D----- AUSTRALIA SHOULD KEEP RATHER THAN CUT ITS REMAINING CONSTITUTIONAL TIES WITH BRITAIN
	%	%	%	%
STRONGLY AGREE	88	38	39	26
SOMEWHAT AGREE	7	19	17	25
TOTAL AGREE	95	57	56	51
NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	2	4	10	8
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	1	17	17	17
STRONGLY DISAGREE	1	17	12	18
TOTAL DISAGREE	2	34	29	35
UNCOMMITTED	1	5	5	6

This survey was conducted on 6-12 September 1999 on the telephone by trained interviewers among 1220 voters in all states of Australia and the Northern Territory, 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.