

REPUBLIC

THINKING NOW OF THE REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON THE 6TH NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. IN THE REFERENDUM THERE WILL BE TWO STATEMENTS AND FOR EACH YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WRITE 'YES' OR 'NO' TO THE QUESTION "DO YOU APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION?". PLEASE TELL ME HOW YOU YOURSELF ARE MOST LIKELY TO VOTE ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

THE FIRST STATEMENT IS... "A PROPOSED LAW TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AS A REPUBLIC, WITH THE QUEEN AND GOVERNOR GENERAL BEING REPLACED BY A PRESIDENT, APPOINTED BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT". DO YOU APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION? IF "UNCOMMITTED", DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD TEND TO APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION?

| | 17-22 SEPT | -----22-24 OCT 1999----- | | | | | | | | |
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| | | -----GENDER----- | | -----AGE----- | | | | | | |
| | <u>TOTAL VOTERS</u> | <u>TOTAL VOTERS</u> | <u>MALE</u> | <u>FEMALE</u> | <u>18-34 YEARS</u> | <u>35-49 YEARS</u> | <u>50 YEARS & OVER</u> | <u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u> | <u>ALP SUPPORTERS</u> | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| YES | 49 | 41 | 45 | 37 | 46 | 43 | 34 | 27 | 57 | |
| NO | 46 | 56 | 53 | 59 | 52 | 53 | 62 | 70 | 41 | |
| UNCOMMITTED | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | |

PREAMBLE

THE SECOND STATEMENT IS... "A PROPOSED LAW TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION TO INSERT A PREAMBLE". DO YOU APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION? IF "UNCOMMITTED" DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD TEND TO APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION?

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| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| YES | 42 | 36 | 41 | 32 | 41 | 36 | 32 | 35 | 41 |
| NO | 39 | 52 | 51 | 53 | 45 | 52 | 58 | 53 | 47 |
| UNCOMMITTED | 19 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 12 |

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers among voters 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 22-24 October 1999 and is based on 1153 interviews among voters. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL.