

**REPUBLIC**

THINKING NOW OF THE REFERENDUM TO BE HELD THIS SATURDAY. 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	29-31 OCT	-----3-4 NOV 1999-----													
				-----STATE-----						-----GENDER-----		-----AGE-----			COALITION SUPPORT- TERS	ALP SUPPORT- TERS	
	TOTAL VOTERS	TOTAL VOTERS	TOTAL VOTERS	TOTAL VOTERS	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	MALE	FEMALE	18-34 YEARS	35-49 YEARS	50 YEARS & OVER	%	%
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
YES	49	41	42	47	49	49	43	45	42	41	50	45	48	51	43	35	61
NO	46	56	54	50	47	48	54	52	56	58	47	53	50	46	54	62	38
UNCOMMITTED	5	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	3	2	2	3	3	3	1

**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	38	42	45	44	35	44	36	40	42	42	44	44	38	42	44
NO	39	52	51	51	47	49	58	50	57	54	50	52	47	49	55	51	50
UNCOMMITTED	19	12	11	7	8	7	7	6	7	6	8	6	9	7	7	7	6

YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THAT YOU WOULD VOTE ... (YES / NO) IN SATURDAY'S REFERENDUM ON **THE REPUBLIC**. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW STRONGLY YOU ARE COMMITTED TO VOTING ... (YES / NO) IN SATURDAY'S REFERENDUM ON **THE REPUBLIC**. WOULD YOU SAY ...?

YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THAT YOU WOULD VOTE ... (YES / NO) IN SATURDAY'S REFERENDUM ON **THE PREAMBLE**. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW STRONGLY YOU ARE COMMITTED TO VOTING ... (YES / NO) IN SATURDAY'S REFERENDUM ON **THE PREAMBLE**. WOULD YOU SAY ...?

	REPUBLIC			PREAMBLE		
	<u>TOTAL</u> %	<u>YES</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %	<u>NO</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %	<u>TOTAL</u> %	<u>YES</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %	<u>NO</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU WOULD CONSIDER VOTING	76	72	80	65	53	74
YOU WILL PROBABLY VOTE THIS WAY BUT THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANCE YOU MAY NOT VOTE THIS WAY	18	22	15	24	33	17
YOU COULD VOTE THIS WAY BUT THERE IS JUST AS MUCH CHANCE YOU WILL NOT VOTE THIS WAY	5	6	4	8	11	6
YOU WILL PROBABLY NOT VOTE THIS WAY	*	*	*	1	1	1
UNCOMMITTED	1	*	1	2	2	2

\* less than 0.5 percent

DO YOU THINK THE REFERENDUM ON  
**THE REPUBLIC** WILL BE PASSED OR  
 DEFEATED ON SATURDAY?

DO YOU THINK THE REFERENDUM ON  
**THE PREAMBLE** WILL BE PASSED OR  
 DEFEATED ON SATURDAY?

	REPUBLIC		
	<u>TOTAL</u> %	<u>YES</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %	<u>NO</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %
PASSED	26	41	13
DEFEATED	51	35	67
UNCOMMITTED	23	24	20

	PREAMBLE		
	<u>TOTAL</u> %	<u>YES</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %	<u>NO</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %
PASSED	28	49	14
DEFEATED	41	24	57
UNCOMMITTED	31	27	29

THINKING NOW GENERALLY ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT AUSTRALIA SHOULD BECOME A REPUBLIC AT SOME STAGE IN THE FUTURE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU INTEND VOTING IN SATURDAY'S REFERENDUM ON THE 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?

	<u>TOTAL</u> %	<u>REPUBLIC</u>	
		<u>YES</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %	<u>NO</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %
STRONGLY IN FAVOUR	52	82	26
PARTLY IN FAVOUR	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>27</u>
TOTAL IN FAVOUR	74	98	53
PARTLY AGAINST	7	1	13
STRONGLY AGAINST	<u>16</u>	*	<u>30</u>
TOTAL AGAINST	23	1	43
UNCOMMITTED	3	1	4

\* less than 0.5 percent

IF THE REFERENDUM ON THE REPUBLIC IS DEFEATED ON SATURDAY WHEN DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER REFERENDUM HELD ON WHETHER OR NOT AUSTRALIA SHOULD BECOME A REPUBLIC? SHOULD IT BE IN THE ....?

	REPUBLIC		
	<u>TOTAL</u> %	<u>YES</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %	<u>NO</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u> %
NEXT 5 YEARS	54	75	35
5 TO 10 YEARS	23	16	29
10 TO 20 YEARS	8	4	11
IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS	3	1	5
NEVER	10	2	17
UNCOMMITTED	2	2	3

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers in all states of Australia, the ACT and the Northern Territory and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within each household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. The latest survey is based on 1890 interviews among voters. Individual state sample sizes range from 300 to 315. Sample sizes in the ACT and the Northern Territory are too small to allow for meaningful separate analysis, however both are included in the total figures. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL.