

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?

	OCT 1987 TOTAL ADULTS	JUN 1991 TOTAL ADULTS	MAY 1992 TOTAL ADULTS	JUL 1993 TOTAL ADULTS	NOV 1993 TOTAL ADULTS	DEC 1994 TOTAL ADULTS	JUN 1995 TOTAL ADULTS	FEB 1997 TOTAL ADULTS	JUN 1997 TOTAL ADULTS	SEPT 1997 TOTAL ADULTS	NOV 1997 TOTAL ADULTS	DEC 1997 TOTAL ADULTS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
STRONGLY IN FAVOUR	-	20	22	25	22	26	28	27	27	33	31	32
PARTLY IN FAVOUR	-	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>
TOTAL IN FAVOUR	21	34	41	46	39	47	50	47	49	54	52	51
PARTLY AGAINST	-	14	14	14	14	14	15	12	14	15	15	15
STRONGLY AGAINST	-	<u>38</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL AGAINST	64	52	45	36	44	37	35	28	30	30	33	35
UNCOMMITTED	15	14	14	18	17	16	15	25	21	16	15	14

Note: some surveys prior to 1997 omitted

	PEOPLE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE		
	<u>TOTAL</u>	-----CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION-----	
		<u>ALREADY VOTED/ INTEND TO VOTE*</u>	<u>WILL NOT VOTE/UNCOMMITTED*</u>
%	%	%	
STRONGLY IN FAVOUR	32	37	15
PARTLY IN FAVOUR	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>
TOTAL IN FAVOUR	51	55	37
PARTLY AGAINST	15	14	18
STRONGLY AGAINST	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL AGAINST	35	35	38
UNCOMMITTED	14	10	25

* Question read: "There is currently a postal ballot to elect delegates to the Constitutional Convention to be held next February on the subject of whether or not Australia should become a republic. The closing date for the postal ballot is this coming Tuesday. Have you yourself: already voted by filling out the ballot paper and posting it in the reply paid envelope, not voted but you intend to vote before Tuesday, or, do you expect that you will not vote in the ballot?"

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers among adults aged eighteen years and over 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 5-7 December 1997 and is based on 1200 interviews. Copyright at all times remains with NEWS POLL.