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Support for 'No' case now at 46% well ahead of 'Yes' case on 37% as early referendum voting starts

The latest Roy Morgan poll shows 46% of Australians (up 2% in a week) now say they will vote 'No' to establish an 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice' compared to only 37% (down 2%) say they would vote 'Yes' and a further 17% (unchanged) are 'Undecided' on how they would vote.

Respondents around Australia were asked: "Next month's (Asked on September 25-30, 2023)/This month's (Asked on October 1, 2023) referendum proposes a law to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. At the referendum to be held on October 14, will you vote yes, no, or are you undecided?"

If 'Undecided' respondents are removed the split in favour of the 'No' vote is 56% (up 3% in a week) cf. 44% (down 3%). However, past experience with surveys conducted before previous referenda shows that 'Undecided' voters are far more likely to end up as a 'No' rather than a 'Yes' vote meaning the actual figure is likely to be a larger majority in favour of 'No' than indicated here.

This special Roy Morgan online survey was conducted with an Australia-wide cross-section of 909 Australian electors aged 18+ from Monday September 25 - Sunday October 1, 2023. Interviewing for this surveying is continuing through until the end of this week.

Next week Roy Morgan will be releasing the full results of this survey, including detailed State-by-State, Gender, Age and Party support breakdowns.

Victoria and Tasmania are only States in which more respondents say they will vote 'Yes' to 'The Voice'

It's worth noting that the road to a successful referendum demands not only a majority of people nationally but also a majority of people in a majority of states (at least four out of six).

The results of this Roy Morgan online survey on 'The Voice' show that more people in Victoria and Tasmania say they will vote 'Yes' to 'The Voice' – the only two States with more in favour, although the result in Tasmania is based on a small sample.

The strongest opposition to 'The Voice' is in Queensland in which a clear majority of respondents say they will vote 'No' at the referendum.

In the three other mainland States of New South Wales, Western Australia and South Australia there are pluralities of 43-49% of voters say they will vote 'No' to 'The Voice'.

The 'gender gap' continues with a majority of men opposed and women narrowly in favour

There remains a clear gender split when it comes to support of 'The Voice'. A slim majority of men say they will vote 'No' to 'The Voice' while in comparison there are slightly more women who say they will vote 'Yes' rather than 'No'.

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Australians surveyed were each asked the following question:

- *“Next month’s (Asked from September 25 – 30, 2023)/ This month’s (Asked on October 1, 2023) referendum proposes a law to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. At the referendum to be held on October 14, will you vote yes, no, or are you undecided?”* ‘Yes’ 37% (down 2% points since late September 2023) cf. ‘No’ 46% (up 2% points) cf. ‘Undecided’ 17% (unchanged).
- Previous question asked in December 2022, April 2023 and May 2023 was: *“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?”*

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See below for detailed tables on the results of all four previous surveys on ‘The Voice to Parliament’ conducted in December 2022, April 2023, May 2023 & September 2023.

About Roy Morgan

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. Margin of error gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.0	±2.7	±1.9	±1.3
1,500	±2.5	±2.2	±1.5	±1.1

The Voice Referendum (September 2023) – Australians 18+

“Next month Australia votes in a referendum to propose a law to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration? Yes, No or are you undecided?”

By Gender & Age

	<u>Dec 2022*</u>	<u>April 2023*</u>	<u>May 2023*</u>	<u>Sep 2023</u>	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>			
					<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	53	46	46	39	36	42	47	41	36	33
No	30	39	36	44	52	37	28	43	49	57
Undecided	17	15	18	17	12	21	25	16	15	10
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

#Sample sizes with fewer than 100 respondents should be treated with caution. *The surveys conducted in December 2022, April 2023 and May 2023 were via special Roy Morgan SMS Snap Polls.

By States & City/Country

	<u>Sep 2023</u>	<u>Areas</u>		<u>States</u>					
		<u>Capital Cities</u>	<u>Country Regions</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>TAS#</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	39	41	37	40	46	31	30	36	56
No	44	40	51	42	42	49	46	48	43
Undecided	17	19	12	18	12	20	24	16	1
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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By Party Vote

	<u>Sep 2023</u>	<u>Party Vote</u>						
		<u>ALP</u>	<u>L-NP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>One Nation#</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Other Parties#</u>	<u>Can't Say</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	39	67	12	83	2	42	22	29
No	44	18	76	5	94	42	62	34
Undecided	17	15	12	12	4	16	16	37
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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September 2023: This special Roy Morgan online survey was conducted with an Australia-wide cross-section of 1,511 Australian electors aged 18+ from Monday September 18 - Sunday September 24, 2023.



The Voice Referendum (May 2023) – Australians 18+

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By Gender & Age

	<u>Dec 2022</u>	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>			
				<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	53	46	46	40	51	63	48	40	32
No	30	39	36	42	31	26	33	38	51
Undecided	17	15	18	18	18	11	19	22	17
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By States & City/Country

		<u>Areas</u>		<u>States</u>					
	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Capital Cities</u>	<u>Country Regions</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>TAS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	46	49	40	48	47	39	41	47	42
No	36	34	41	38	32	46	35	32	26
Undecided	18	17	19	14	21	15	24	21	32
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By Party Vote

		<u>Party Vote</u>					
	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>L-NP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>One Nation</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	46	67	10	90	2	49	30
No	36	12	73	3	86	26	50
Undecided	18	21	17	7	12	25	20
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

May 2023: This special Roy Morgan Snap SMS Poll was conducted with an Australia-wide cross-section of 1,833 Australian electors aged 18+ from Friday May 26 - Monday May 29, 2023.



The Voice Referendum (April 2023) – Australians 18+

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By Gender & Age

	<u>Dec 2022</u>	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>			
			<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	53	46	43	50	51	52	41	37
No	30	39	46	31	35	32	42	48
Undecided	17	15	11	19	14	16	17	15
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By States & City/Country

		<u>Areas</u>		<u>States</u>					
	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>Capital Cities</u>	<u>Country Regions</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>TAS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	46	48	43	46	52	41	46	39	38
No	39	36	44	38	31	46	41	50	33
Undecided	15	16	13	16	17	13	13	11	29
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By Party Vote

		<u>Party Vote</u>					
	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>L-NP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>One Nation</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	53	75	6	89	7	40	21
No	31	14	74	5	89	32	50
Undecided	16	11	20	6	4	28	29
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

April 2023: This special Roy Morgan Snap SMS Poll was conducted with an Australia-wide cross-section of 1,181 Australians aged 18+ from Friday April 14 – Tuesday April 18, 2023.



The Voice Referendum (December 2022)

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By Gender & Age

	Australians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	17-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	53	49	57	60	57	52	40
No	30	35	26	22	28	31	47
Undecided	17	16	17	18	15	17	13
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By States & City/Country

	Australians 18+	Areas		States					
		Capital Cities	Country Regions	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	53	54	51	52	55	44	63	54	68
No	30	28	35	29	28	38	26	33	24
Undecided	17	18	14	19	17	18	11	13	8
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

“If a referendum were held today that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament would you vote Yes, No or are you undecided?” By Party Vote

	Electors	Party Vote					
		ALP	L-NP	Greens	One Nation	Independents	Other Parties
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	53	76	15	89	18	54	59
No	31	9	64	2	71	21	25
Undecided	16	15	21	9	11	25	16
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

December 2022: This special Roy Morgan Snap SMS Poll was conducted with an Australia-wide cross-section of 1,499 Australians aged 17+ from Friday December 9 – Monday December 12, 2022.

