

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PLANS TO HOLD A PLEBISCITE ON THE ISSUE OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN ABOUT FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR. THE ALTERNATIVE OPTION IS FOR PARLIAMENT TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE WITHOUT HAVING A PLEBISCITE FIRST. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COME CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEW? (SELECT ONE ANSWER)

Response codes were randomised	-POLITICAL SUPPORT-			-----SEX-----		-----AGE-----			-----HOUSEHOLD INCOME---		
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>LABOR</u>	<u>COALITION</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	UNDER \$50,000	\$50,000-\$89,999	\$90,000 AND OVER
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
The government should hold the plebiscite to ask voters' views on same sex marriage before Parliament votes on the issue	45%	41%	57%	46%	45%	51%	42%	43%	43%	46%	51%
Parliament should just vote on the issue without having a plebiscite first	39%	46%	33%	39%	38%	32%	36%	44%	40%	39%	39%
Neither/ can't say	16%	14%	10%	14%	17%	17%	21%	12%	17%	14%	10%

ASKED OF 518 VOTERS WHO **DO NOT** SUPPORT A PLEBISCITE - IF THE PLEBISCITE COULD BE HELD THIS YEAR, RATHER THAN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, WOULD YOU THEN...? (SELECT ONE ANSWER)

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Support having a plebiscite before Parliament votes on the issue	14%	12%	20%	16%	12%	35%	10%	5%	9%	20%	16%
Or , would you still prefer Parliament to vote without a having plebiscite first	83%	85%	78%	81%	85%	60%	88%	93%	87%	80%	81%
Can't say	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	4%	1%	4%

NOW THINKING ABOUT THE WAY PARLIAMENT WILL WORK IN THE THREE YEARS AHEAD. ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC OR PESSIMISTIC ABOUT WHETHER THE PARLIAMENT CAN OPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL AUSTRALIANS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS? (SELECT ONE ANSWER)

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1 Very optimistic	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%
2	12%	6%	23%	13%	11%	11%	10%	15%	10%	12%	15%
Subtotal 1-2 Optimistic	16%	10%	28%	17%	15%	16%	13%	19%	16%	15%	19%
3	23%	21%	28%	20%	27%	24%	28%	21%	20%	24%	26%
4	26%	25%	23%	26%	26%	32%	24%	22%	23%	29%	28%
5 Very pessimistic	28%	38%	18%	31%	25%	22%	26%	33%	33%	25%	24%
Subtotal 4-5 Pessimistic	54%	62%	41%	57%	51%	54%	49%	56%	56%	54%	52%
Can't say	7%	6%	3%	6%	8%	7%	10%	5%	8%	7%	4%

These surveys were conducted using the OmniPoll Online Omnibus in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. The data have been weighted to reflect the population distribution of people 18+. The survey was conducted on 25-29 August 2016. Questions were asked of 1262 voters.