



State Government Study

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Methodology



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This study was conducted on the Galaxy Online Omnibus between Wednesday 14 May and Friday 16 May 2014.

The sample was 1,050 Australians aged 18 years and older distributed throughout Australia, as follows:

➤ NSW/ACT	325
➤ Victoria/Tasmania	290
➤ Queensland	183
➤ South Australia	124
➤ Western Australia	128

Age, gender and region quotas were applied to the sample.

Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest ABS population estimates.

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Main Findings



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- Opinion is divided on whether the State governments should be abolished. While 39% of the population think they should be, 31% are opposed and 30% undecided.
- Although those in favour of abolishing State governments outnumber those opposed, the large number of those undecided and the tendency for voters to prefer to maintain the status quo means that a referendum on the issue would be unlikely to be carried at the present point in time.
- Those aged 50 years and older (50%) are the most likely to be in favour of the abolition of State governments. In contrast, only 18% of those aged 18-24 years see a need to abolish State governments, with the majority of these young voters (51%) undecided.
- Men (46%) are more likely than women (32%) to support the abolition of State governments.
- These results confirm the need for an education campaign if the push for the abolition of State governments is to be successful. Key targets for the campaign will include young voters and women.

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Questionnaire

SECTION B – ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

- B1. It has been estimated that the abolition of State governments could benefit Australia to the tune of at least \$40 billion per annum. If a referendum were held on the question of whether State governments should be abolished, would you support the abolition of State governments?
- Yes 1
No.....2
Don't know.....3

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Detailed Tabular Findings



Tables

The tables of findings are set out such that they include the following details:

Base Weight Sample (000s):

The number of completed interviews has been weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates. These estimates are shown in thousands (000's). The percentages in the table are based on these weighted figures.

Weights:

This indicates that in order to reflect the latest ABS population estimates the data has been weighted by age, gender and area.

Filters (where applicable):

If the table is based on a subset of respondents then this will be titled as a Filter and accompanied by a description of the sample upon which the table is based.

Respondents:

These figures show the actual sample size, indicating the total number of respondents who were asked the relevant question.



Tables *...continued*

Each question has been analysed by a series of demographic variables as follows:

SEX:

- Male
- Female

AGE:

- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-49 years
- 50 years or older

MARITAL STATUS:

- Married (Married/de facto, living together)
- Not married (Never married, separated, divorced, widowed)

CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME:

- Children aged under eighteen years living in the household
- No Children aged under eighteen years living in the household



Tables *...continued*

WORK STATUS:

- Full time
- Part time
- Not working

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:

- Occupation of the household's main income earner
 - White collar (professional/senior management, upper white collar, lower white collar)
 - Blue collar (upper blue collar, lower blue collar)

LOCATION:

- NSW/ACT
- Victoria/Tasmania
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia

CAPITAL CITY:

- Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide
- Rest of Australia



Tables *...continued*

HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

- Under \$40,000
- \$40,000-\$89,999
- \$90,000 or more

HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING:

- Below Year 12
- Year 12

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TABLE 1 Standard Banner 1 *BY* C1. Support abolition of State governments if a referendum was held

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age				Marital Status		Children		Work Status			S.E.S.	
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Yes	No	Full Time	Part Time	Not Working	White	Blue
RESPONDENTS	1050	525	525	133	200	266	451	659	391	329	721	415	217	418	590	460
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	17755	8668	9087	2101	3227	4924	7503	11083	6672	5576	12179	7069	3763	6923	9970	7785
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C1. Support abolition of State governments if a referendum was held																
Yes	6955	4004	2950	387	1032	1796	3740	4943	2012	2081	4873	2871	1451	2633	4026	2929
	39%	46%	32%	18%	32%	36%	50%	45%	30%	37%	40%	41%	39%	38%	40%	38%
No	5487	2370	3117	639	1221	1651	1976	3046	2441	1696	3790	2455	1120	1911	3216	2270
	31%	27%	34%	30%	38%	34%	26%	27%	37%	30%	31%	35%	30%	28%	32%	29%
Don't know	5314	2294	3020	1075	974	1477	1787	3095	2219	1798	3515	1742	1192	2379	2728	2586
	30%	26%	33%	51%	30%	30%	24%	28%	33%	32%	29%	25%	32%	34%	27%	33%
TOTALS	17755	8668	9087	2101	3227	4924	7503	11083	6672	5576	12179	7069	3763	6923	9970	7785
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 2 Standard Banner 2 *BY* C1. Support abolition of State governments if a referendum was held

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	State				Capital City		Household Income			Schooling		
		NSW Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	< \$40K	\$40K-\$89K	\$90K+	Below Year 12	Year 12	
RESPONDENTS	1050	325	290	183	124	128	697	353	261	328	353	284	766
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	17755	6071	4916	3560	1353	1855	11235	6520	4482	5603	6005	4849	12906
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C1. Support abolition of State governments if a referendum was held													
Yes	6955	2514	1917	1538	421	564	4239	2716	1610	2469	2425	1675	5280
	39%	41%	39%	43%	31%	30%	38%	42%	36%	44%	40%	35%	41%
No	5487	1772	1515	1039	463	698	3726	1761	1324	1655	2088	1392	4095
	31%	29%	31%	29%	34%	38%	33%	27%	30%	30%	35%	29%	32%
Don't know	5314	1785	1484	982	469	593	3270	2043	1548	1479	1492	1782	3531
	30%	29%	30%	28%	35%	32%	29%	31%	35%	26%	25%	37%	27%
TOTALS	17755	6071	4916	3560	1353	1855	11235	6520	4482	5603	6005	4849	12906
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



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