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Daniel Andrews 'backs a loser' by opposing the East-West Link

Victorian Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews is making a big mistake by pledging to 'tear up the East-West Link tunnel contracts if elected' according to Victorian electors, a special SMS Morgan Poll conducted today with 1,339 Victorian electors' finds.

A clear majority of Victorian electors (63.5%) believe the East-West Link tunnel should proceed regardless of who they plan to vote for in November's Victorian State Election; only 36.5% oppose the multi-billion dollar infrastructure project. There is no difference between Victorians living in Melbourne and those living in country Victoria on the question.

Analysis by Voting Intention

Analysing the results by voting preference shows almost unanimous support for the project to proceed amongst Liberal voters (90% support cf. 10% oppose), and strong support from National voters (78% support cf. 22% oppose).

The issue splits ALP supporters down the middle – a bare majority (51.5%) oppose the project proceeding while only slightly fewer (48.5%) support the project.

However, Andrews' stance finds strong support from Greens voters with 72.5% opposed to the East-West Link compared to only 27.5% supporting the project.

Analysis by Gender

Both genders show strong support for the project – however men are slightly stronger supporters of East-West link proceeding – 66% support cf. 34% oppose, while 61% of women support the project and 39% oppose.

Analysis by Age

Analysing support for the East-West Link by age shows all age groups in support of the project – although support of the project is weakest amongst the young (those aged 18-34). Support is strongest amongst those aged 35-64 while older Victorians (65+) are also strong supporters.

18-24yr olds (56.5% support cf. 43.5% opposed); 25-34yr olds (57.5% support cf. 42.5% opposed); 35-49yr olds (67.5% support cf. 32.5% opposed); 50-64yr olds (67.5% support cf. 32.5% opposed); 65+yr olds (62% support cf. 38% opposed).

Gary Morgan says:

"Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews has made a major blunder in making the East-West Link a key issue for the coming State Election. Most Victorian electors (63.5%) clearly want the East-West Link to proceed regardless of who they plan to vote for."

Finding No. 5797 – This special snap SMS Morgan Poll was conducted with a representative cross-section of 1,339 Victorian electors today, Friday September 12, 2014. They were asked "Regardless of who you intend to vote for at the State Election in November, should the construction of the East-West Tunnel link proceed?"

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Voting Preference

	Total Victoria	Liberal	National	ALP	Greens	Other	Can't say
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	63.5	90	78	48.5	27.5	60	71.5
No	36.5	10	22	51.5	72.5	40	28.5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Age & Gender

	Total Victoria	Gender		Age				
		Men	Women	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	63.5	66	61	56.5	57.5	67.5	67.5	62
No	36.5	34	39	43.5	42.5	32.5	32.5	38
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Region – Country/ City

	Total Victoria	Region	
		Melbourne	Rest of Victoria
	%	%	%
Yes	63.5	63.5	63.5
No	36.5	36.5	36.5
Total	100	100	100

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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. The following table 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. The figures are approximate and for general guidance only, and assume a simple random sample. 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%
500	±4.5	±3.9	±2.7	±1.9
1,000	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4
1,500	±2.6	±2.2	±1.5	±1.1
2,000	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0

Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2007-12)

The Morgan Poll has proven to be consistently the most accurate regular poll in recent Australian Elections — including the 2007 Federal Election, 2010 Federal Election, 2010 Victorian State Election & 2012 Queensland State Election.

The **Morgan Poll** was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2010 Federal Election](#) for the primary vote and clearly second-most accurate for the two-party preferred predictions (sample 1,872 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2007 Federal Election](#) for both primary vote and two-party preferred predictions (sample 2,115 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Queensland Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 604 electors).

The **Morgan Poll** accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Victorian Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 956 electors). The **Morgan Poll** was also the most accurate on the primary vote of the major parties for the Victorian election.

Note: The [discussion on Possum Pollytics](#) regarding Morgan and Newspoll is well worth reading.

The following included comment says it all: “I find it interesting that for the only poll in the last five years for which there is any ‘real’ figure with which to compare, i.e. the polls immediately before the 2004 election, Morgan (45.5%) was closer to the actual Coalition Primary (46.7%) than Newspoll (45%) or Nielsen (49%), and Morgan (38.5%) was also closer to the ALP actual primary (37.6%) than Newspoll (39%), and only marginally further away than Nielsen (37%). Since we have no idea of how far away the ongoing polls are from ‘reality’ (whatever that means), surely we should just go with what we know, that in the most recent testable case, Morgan was better at forecasting the actual primary vote than Newspoll. On what possible basis should we decide that the Newspoll or Nielsen primary vote estimate is ‘better’ than Morgan’s.”

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