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Popular Premiers Mike Baird & Daniel Andrews have large leads in NSW & Victoria while other States except Tasmania are close

The L-NP leads strongly in NSW: L-NP 57% cf. ALP 43% and the ALP holds the same large lead in Victoria: ALP 57% cf. L-NP 43% on two-party preferred bases in late August, according to this month's SMS Morgan Poll on State voting intention.

State voting intention was conducted in late August with a representative cross-section of 5,079 Australian electors.

NEW SOUTH WALES: L-NP would win an Election easily

2PP: L-NP 57% (up 1% since July 31 – August 2, 2015) cf. ALP 43% (down 1%).

Primary vote: L-NP 49% (down 0.5%), ALP 25% (down 3.5%), Greens 17.5% (up 2%), Christian Democrats 3% (up 1%) and Independents/ Others 5.5% (up 1%).

Better Premier: Premier Mike Baird (Liberal) v Luke Foley (ALP):

Mr. Baird 72% (down 0.5%) cf. Mr. Foley 28% (up 0.5%); Lead to Mr. Baird 44% (down 1%).

New South Wales real unemployment is now 8.7% (down 1.3% since April - May 2015) and under-employment is 8% (up 0.4%). This means total New South Wales unemployment & under-employment is 16.7% (down 0.9%). (Interviewed June - July 2015).

Last New South Wales State Election was held on Saturday March 28, 2015

VICTORIA: ALP would win an Election easily

2PP: ALP 57% (up 0.5% since July 31 – August 2, 2015) cf. L-NP 43% (down 0.5%).

Primary vote: ALP 39% (down 2%), L-NP 35.5% (down 2.5%); Greens 16.5% (up 2.5%), Family First 3% (up 1.5%), Country Alliance 1% (up 0.5%) and Independents/ Others 5% (unchanged).

Better Premier: Premier Daniel Andrews (ALP) v Matthew Guy (Liberal):

Mr. Andrews 61% (down 3%) cf. Mr. Guy 39% (up 3%); Lead to Mr. Andrews 22% (down 6%).

Victorian real unemployment is now 8.3% (down 0.9% since April - May 2015) and under-employment is 7.5% (down 2.1%). This means total Victorian unemployment & under-employment is 15.8% (down 3%). (Interviewed June – July 2015).

Victorian State Election is due to be held in November 2018.

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QUEENSLAND: Election would be too close to call

2PP: ALP 52% (up 1% since July 31 – August 2, 2015) cf. LNP 48% (down 1%). **Female electors:** ALP 56% (up 1.5%) cf. LNP 44% (down 1.5%). **Male electors:** LNP 51.5% (down 1.5%) cf. ALP 48.5% (up 1.5%).

Primary vote electors: LNP 41.5% (up 0.5%), ALP 38.5% (up 2.5%), Greens 12% (down 1%), Katter's Australian Party 3% (down 1%), Family First 0.5% (down 1%), Independents/ Others 4.5% (unchanged).

Female electors: ALP 43.5% (up 4%), LNP 39% (up 3%), Greens 11.5% (down 1.5%), Katter's Australian Party 1.5% (down 2.5%), Family First 1% (down 1.5%), Independents/ Others 3.5% (down 1.5%). **Male electors:** LNP 44% (down 2.5%), ALP 33.5% (up 1.5%), Greens 12% (down 1%), Katter's Australian Party 4.5% (up 0.5%), Family First 0.5% (unchanged), Independents/ Others 5.5% (up 1.5%).

Better Premier: Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk (ALP) v Lawrence Springborg (LNP) electors:

Ms. Palaszczuk 62.5% (down 1.5%) cf. Mr. Springborg 37.5% (up 1.5%); Lead to Ms Palaszczuk 25% (down 3%). **Female electors:** Ms. Palaszczuk 66% (down 7%) cf. Mr. Springborg 34% (up 7%). Lead to Ms. Palaszczuk 32% (down 14%). **Male electors:** Ms. Palaszczuk 58% (up 3%) cf. Mr. Springborg 42% (down 3%). Lead to Ms. Palaszczuk 16% (up 6%).

Queensland real unemployment is now 9% (down 3.7% since April – May 2015) and under-employment is 9.5% (up 0.7%). This means total Queensland unemployment & under-employment is 18.5% (down 3%). (Interviewed June– July 2015).

Queensland State Election is due to be held in early 2018.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Election would be too close to call

2PP: L-NP 50% (up 1.5% since July 31 – August 2, 2015) cf. ALP 50% (down 1.5%).

Primary vote: Liberal 35% (up 0.5%), ALP 34% (up 1%), WA Nationals 7% (up 1.5%), Greens 15% (down 2%), Christians 1.5% (down 1%), and Independents/ Others 7.5% (unchanged).

Better Premier: Premier Colin Barnett (Liberal) v Mark McGowan (ALP):

Mr. McGowan 58% (down 0.5%) cf. Mr. Barnett 42% (up 0.5%); Lead to Mr McGowan 16% (down 1%).

Western Australian real unemployment is now 9.3% (down 0.5% since March - May 2015) and under-employment is 8% (up 1.5%). This means total Western Australian unemployment & under-employment is 17.3% (up 1%). (Interviewed May – July 2015).

Western Australian State Election is due to be held in March 2017.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Election would be too close to call

2PP: ALP 50.5% (down 0.5% since July 31 – August 2, 2015) cf. L-NP 49.5% (up 0.5%).

Primary vote: L-NP 39.5% (unchanged), ALP 33.5% (down 0.5%), Greens 14% (unchanged), Family First 5% (up 0.5%), and Independents/ Others 8% (unchanged).

Better Premier: Premier Jay Weatherill (ALP) v Steven Marshall (Liberal):

Mr. Weatherill 51% (up 4%) cf. Mr. Marshall 49% (down 4%); Lead to Mr Weatherill 2% (up 8%).

South Australian real unemployment is now 11.5% (up 0.5% since March – May 2015) and under-employment is 9.3% (down 1.3%). This means total South Australian unemployment & under-employment is 20.8% (down 0.8%). (Interviewed May – July 2015).

South Australian State Election is due to be held in March 2018.

TASMANIA: ALP would win Election

2PP: ALP 55% (up 5.5% since July 31 – August 2, 2015) cf. Liberals 45% (down 5.5%) Estimate: 2PP vote is not applicable to the Tasmanian lower house which uses the Hare-Clark proportional voting system.

Primary vote: Liberals 38% (down 6%), ALP 35.5% (up 4.5%), Greens 21.5% (up 1.5%) and Independents/Others 5% (unchanged).

Better Premier: Premier Will Hodgman (Liberal) v Bryan Green (ALP):

Mr. Hodgman 57% (down 7%); Mr. Green 43% (up 7%); Lead to Mr Hodgman 14% (down 14%).

Tasmanian real unemployment is now 12% (down 1.8% since March – May 2015) and under-employment is 8.0% (up 1%). This means total Tasmanian unemployment & under-employment is 20.0% (down 0.8%). (Interviewed May - July 2015).

Tasmanian State Election is due to be held before December 31, 2018.

Gary Morgan, Executive Chairman, Roy Morgan Research, says:

*“Today’s special SMS State Morgan Poll conducted around Australia in late August shows **New South Wales** Premier Mike Baird maintains a strong lead with a small increase in support: L-NP 57% (up 1% since late July/early August) cf. ALP 43% (down 1%). Baird’s lead as Australia’s most popular State Premier is down slightly: Baird 72% (down 0.5%) cf. Opposition Leader Luke Foley 28% (up 0.5%).*

*“In **Victoria** the nine-month honeymoon period continues for the Labor Government with the ALP 57% (up 0.5% since late July/early August) still well ahead of the L-NP 43% (down 0.5%). However, Premier Daniel Andrews’ strong lead as ‘Better Premier’ has fallen: Andrews 61% (down 3%) cf. Opposition Leader Matthew Guy 39% (up 3%).*

*“Premier Daniel Andrews was smart to agree that he would support the **China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA)** – ‘The Chinese free trade agreement is good news for Victorian jobs and I support it’ said Andrews. Andrews’ support for ChAFTA helps to negate his poor image amongst business owners after immediately being elected announcing two extra public holidays (**Easter Sunday and Grand Final Day eve**) while Victoria has massive unemployment and under-employment (15.8%) which is causing many families economic hard times. A special telephone Morgan Poll last week shows that more Australians agree the ChAFTA is a good thing (40%) than not (31%).*

*“In **Queensland** the ALP Government still has a narrow lead: ALP 52% (up 1% since late July/early August) cf. LNP 48% (down 1%) while Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk’s lead has slightly decreased as ‘Better Premier’: Ms. Palaszczuk 62.5% (down 1.5%) cf. Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg 37.5% (up 1.5%).*

*“In **Western Australia** the Opposition has lost its small lead with the L-NP 50% (up 1.5% since late July/early August) now level with the ALP 50% (down 1.5%) however Opposition Leader Mark McGowan 58% (down 0.5%) is still clearly regarded as the ‘Better Premier’ in the West over Premier Colin Barnett 42% (up 0.5%).*

*“In **South Australia** the ALP Government has a narrow advantage: ALP 50.5% (down 0.5% since late July/early August) cf. L-NP 49.5% (up 0.5%) and Premier Jay Weatherill 51% (up 4%) has regained his lead as ‘Better Premier’ over Opposition Leader Steven Marshall 49% (down 4%). In **Tasmania** the ALP 55% (up 5.5% since late July/early August) has surged ahead of the Liberal Government 45% (down 5.5%) while support has also dropped substantially for Liberal Premier Will Hodgman 57% (down 7%) cf. Opposition Leader Bryan Green 43% (up 7%) as ‘Better Premier’.”*

For the poll-watchers:

Electors were asked: *“If a State Election for NSW/ Victoria/ Queensland/ WA/ SA/ Tasmania were being held today — which party would receive your first preference?”* Electors were then asked: *“Thinking of (Premier) and (Opposition Leader). In your opinion, who would make the better Premier?”*

The SMS Morgan Poll on State voting intention and preferred Premiers was conducted between August 28-31, 2015 with a cross-section of 5,079 Australian electors including 1,209 New South Wales electors, 1,123 Victorian electors, 877 Queensland electors, 605 Western Australian electors, 625 South Australian electors and 314 Tasmanian electors.

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