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

The L-NP leads strongly in NSW: L-NP 60.5% cf. ALP 39.5% and the ALP holds a similar large lead in Victoria: ALP 55.5% cf. L-NP 44.5% on two-party preferred bases in October, according to this month's SMS Morgan Poll on State voting intention.

State voting intention was conducted in mid-October with a representative cross-section of 4,145 Australian electors.

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

2PP: L-NP 60.5% (up 3.5% since August 28-31, 2015) cf. ALP 39.5% (down 3.5%).

Primary vote: L-NP 54% (up 5%), ALP 24.5% (down 0.5%), Greens 13.5% (down 4%), Christian Democrats 2.5% (down 0.5%) and Independents/ Others 5.5% (unchanged).

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

Mr. Baird 74.5% (up 2.5%) cf. Mr. Foley 25.5% (down 2.5%); Lead to Mr. Baird 49% (up 5%).

New South Wales real unemployment is now 8.6% (down 0.1% since July – August 2015) and under-employment is 7.5% (down 0.5%). This means total New South Wales unemployment & under-employment is 16.1% (down 0.6%). (Interviewed August – September 2015).

New South Wales State Election is due to be held in March 2019.

VICTORIA: ALP would win an Election easily

2PP: ALP 55.5% (down 1.5% since August 28-31, 2015) cf. L-NP 44.5% (up 1.5%).

Primary vote: ALP 40% (up 1%), L-NP 39% (up 3.5%), Greens 14.5% (down 2%), Family First 2% (down 1%), Country Alliance 0.5% (down 0.5%) and Independents/ Others 4% (down 1%).

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

Mr. Andrews 63.5% (up 2.5%) cf. Mr. Guy 36.5% (down 2.5%); Lead to Mr. Andrews 27% (up 5%).

Victorian real unemployment is now 6.3% (down 2% since July – August 2015) and under-employment is 8.3% (up 0.8%). This means total Victorian unemployment & under-employment is 14.6% (down 1.2%). (Interviewed August – September 2015).

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

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Election would be too close to call

2PP: L-NP 51.5% (up 1.5% since August 28-31, 2015) cf. ALP 48.5% (down 1.5%).

Primary vote: Liberal 37.5% (up 2.5%), ALP 32% (down 2%), WA Nationals 4.5% (down 2.5%), Greens 13% (down 2%), Christians 3% (up 1.5%), and Independents/ Others 10% (up 2.5%).

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

Mr. McGowan 59% (up 1%) cf. Mr. Barnett 41% (down 1%); Lead to Mr McGowan 18% (up 2%).

Western Australian real unemployment is now 10.5% (up 1.2% since June-August 2015) and under-employment is 6.3% (down 1.7%). This means total Western Australian unemployment & under-employment is 16.8% (down 0.5%). (Interviewed July – September 2015).

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

QUEENSLAND: Election would be too close to call

2PP: LNP 51% (up 3%) cf. ALP 49% (down 3% since August 28-31, 2015). **Female electors:** ALP 52% (down 4%) cf. LNP 48% (up 4%). **Male electors:** LNP 54% (up 2.5%) cf. ALP 46% (down 2.5%).

Primary vote electors: LNP 42% (up 0.5%), ALP 34.5% (down 4%), Greens 11.5% (down 0.5%), Katter's Australian Party 4% (up 1%), Family First 3.5% (up 3%), Independents/ Others 4.5% (unchanged). **Female electors:** LNP 38.5% (down 0.5%), ALP 38% (down 5.5%), Greens 11% (down 0.5%), Katter's Australian Party 3.5% (up 2%), Family First 4.5% (up 3.5%), Independents/ Others 4.5% (up 1%). **Male electors:** LNP 45.5% (up 1.5%), ALP 30.5% (down 3%), Greens 12% (unchanged), Katter's Australian Party 5% (up 0.5%), Family First 3% (up 2.5%), Independents/ Others 4% (down 1.5%).

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

Ms. Palaszczuk 59.5% (down 3%) cf. Mr. Springborg 40.5% (up 3%); Lead to Ms Palaszczuk 19% (down 6%). **Female electors:** Ms. Palaszczuk 64% (down 2%) cf. Mr. Springborg 36% (up 2%). Lead to Ms. Palaszczuk 28% (down 4%). **Male electors:** Ms. Palaszczuk 54.5% (down 3.5%) cf. Mr. Springborg 45.5% (up 3.5%). Lead to Ms. Palaszczuk 9% (down 7%).

Queensland real unemployment is now 9.8% (up 0.8% since July – August 2015) and under-employment is 7.3% (down 2.2%). This means total Queensland unemployment & under-employment is 17.1% (down 1.4%). (Interviewed August – September 2015).

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Election would be too close to call

2PP: L-NP 51% (up 1.5%) cf. ALP 49% (down 1.5% since August 28-31, 2015)

Primary vote: L-NP 41.5% (up 2%), ALP 33.5% (unchanged), Greens 12.5% (down 1.5%), Family First 5% (unchanged), and Independents/ Others 7.5% (down 0.5%).

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

Mr. Weatherill 59.5% (up 8.5%) cf. Mr. Marshall 40.5% (down 8.5%); Lead to Mr Weatherill 19% (up 17%).

South Australian real unemployment is now 9.6% (down 1.9% since June – August 2015) and under-employment is 7.2% (down 2.1%). This means total South Australian unemployment & under-employment is 16.8% (down 4.0%). (Interviewed July – September 2015).

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

TASMANIA: Election would be too close to call

2PP: ALP 50.5% (down 4.5% since August 28-31, 2015) cf. Liberals 49.5% (up 4.5%). Estimate: 2PP vote is not applicable to the Tasmanian lower house which uses the Hare-Clark proportional voting system.

Primary vote: Liberals 42% (up 4%), ALP 29.5% (down 6%), Greens 23.5% (up 2%) and Independents/ Others 5% (unchanged).

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

Mr. Hodgman 66.5% (up 9.5%); Mr. Green 33.5% (down 9.5%); Lead to Mr Hodgman 33% (up 19%).

Tasmanian real unemployment is now 12.2% (up 0.2% since June – August 2015) and under-employment is 11.6% (up 3.6%). This means total Tasmanian unemployment & under-employment is 23.8% (up 3.8%). (Interviewed July – September 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 mid-October shows **New South Wales** Premier Mike Baird has increased his strong lead with the L-NP 60.5% (up 3.5% since late August) cf. ALP 39.5% (down 3.5%). Baird has also increased his lead as Australia’s most popular State Premier: Baird 74.5% (up 2.5%) cf. Opposition Leader Luke Foley 25.5% (down 2.5%).*

*“In **Victoria** the ten-month honeymoon period continues for the Andrews Labor Government with the ALP 55.5% (down 1.5% since late August) still well ahead of the L-NP 44.5% (up 1.5%). However, Premier Daniel Andrews’ has also increased his lead as ‘Better Premier’: Andrews 63.5% (up 2.5%) cf. Opposition Leader Matthew Guy 36.5% (down 2.5%).*

*“In **Western Australia**, the next Australian State to face an election in around 18 months’ time, the Barnett Liberal Government has regained a slight lead over the Opposition with the L-NP 51.5% (up 1.5% since late August) now just ahead of the ALP 48.5% (down 1.5%) however Opposition Leader Mark McGowan 59% (up 1%) is still clearly regarded as the ‘Better Premier’ in the West over Premier Colin Barnett 41% (down 1%).*

*“In **Queensland** the L-NP Opposition has regained the advantage with the L-NP 51% (up 3% since late August) now ahead of the ALP 49% (down 3%) although Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk is still preferred as ‘Better Premier’ despite a drop in support for Australia’s only female Premier: Ms. Palaszczuk 59.5% (down 3%) cf. Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg 40.5% (up 3%).*

*“In **South Australia** the L-NP Opposition has regained a narrow advantage: L-NP 51% (up 1.5% since late August) cf. ALP 49% (down 1.5%) despite a strong few weeks for Premier Jay Weatherill 59.5% (up 8.5%) now with a strong lead as ‘Better Premier’ over Opposition Leader Steven Marshall 40.5% (down 8.5%). In **Tasmania** the Opposition ALP 50.5% (down 4.5% since late August) is virtually neck-and-neck with the Liberal Government 49.5% (up 4.5%) while support has also surged for Liberal Premier Will Hodgman 66.5% (up 9.5%) cf. Opposition Leader Bryan Green 33.5% (down 9.5%) 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 October 9-15, 2015 with a cross-section of 4,145 Australian electors including 995 New South Wales electors, 918 Victorian electors, 773 Queensland electors, 519 South Australian electors, 469 Western Australian electors and 228 Tasmanian electors.