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## Kiwis give thumbs down to Trump's decision on Jerusalem

A special Roy Morgan SMS Survey taken on December 14-15 shows a large 75% of New Zealanders are opposed to US President Donald Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem as the capital of Israel compared to only 25% of New Zealanders that support the decision.

New Zealanders have very similar views to Australians with a large majority of Australians (76%) opposing Donald Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel and only 24% of Australian's supporting Trump's decision.

This special Roy Morgan SMS Survey was conducted over the last two days of December 14-15, 2017 with a cross-section of 960 New Zealanders aged 18+.

### Should Jerusalem be the capital of Israel?

*"Do you support or oppose President Donald Trump's recent decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel?"*

### Analysis by Age & Gender: Women, men & all age groups strongly opposed to Trump's decision

Analysis of the genders shows a majority of both genders opposed to President Trump's decision although clearly more women (83%) than men (65%) are opposed.

Analysing by age groups shows at least 70% of respondents of all age groups in New Zealand are opposed to Donald Trump's decision and it those aged 35-49yrs old who are most opposed at 79%.

	Total NZ	Gender		Age					Total Australia
		Men	Women	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	25	35	17	26	28	21	27	25	26
Oppose	75	65	83	74	72	79	73	75	74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### Analysis by Area shows Wellington is more opposed than Auckland

Analysing by areas shows a greater proportion of respondents from Wellington (83%) oppose Donald Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel than anywhere else in New Zealand closely followed by Canterbury with 80% opposed.

	Total NZ	Areas					Total Australia
		Auckland	Wellington	Other Northern	Canterbury	Other Southern	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	25	23	17	31	20	30	26
Oppose	75	77	83	69	80	70	74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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## Analysis by National Voting Intention: Labour & Greens opposed but NZ First supporters split

Analysing responses by voting intention show many more supporters of coalition partners Labour (88%) and the Greens (90%) are opposed to President Trump's decision than in support of it and a healthy majority of 67% of supporters of National are also opposed. Supporters of NZ First were divided with those opposed to the decision (51%) only slightly ahead of those who supported it (49%).

	Total NZ	Electors	National	Labour	Greens	NZ First	Other	Can't say	Non electors	Total Australia
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	25	24	33	12	10	49	72	17	40	26
Oppose	75	76	67	88	90	51	28	83	60	74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### Michele Levine, Chief Executive Officer, Roy Morgan, says:

*"New Zealanders have given resounding 'thumbs down' to US President Donald Trump's decision earlier this week to declare that the US believes Jerusalem is the capital of Israel with 75% of New Zealanders opposing Trump's decision and only 25% in support.*

*"The level of opposition in New Zealand is almost identical to the result in neighbours Australia where 76% of Australians oppose Trump's decision. Opposition in New Zealand is strongest amongst supporters of governing coalition partners Labour (88%) and the Greens (90%) although interestingly it is supporters of the third governing partner that are most in favour of Trump's call – 49% support Trump's decision cf. 51% oppose.*

*"A greater majority of women (83%) than men (65%) oppose Trump's decision and clear majorities of all age groups and regions are also in clear opposition to the decision. Interestingly, it is those in the capital city of Wellington (83%) that are most opposed on a regional basis ahead of Canterbury (80%) and Auckland (77%)."*

*Finding No. 7445 – This special Roy Morgan SMS Survey was conducted with a representative cross-section of 960 New Zealanders on December 14-15, 2017. They were asked "Do you support or oppose President Donald Trump's recent decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel?"*

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## Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2006 – 2016)

The Morgan Poll has proven to be consistently the most accurate regular poll in recent Australian Elections — including the 2013 Federal Election, 2010 Federal Election, 2007 Federal Election, 2010 Victorian State Election & 2012 Queensland State Election.

The Morgan Poll was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2013 Federal Election](#) for the two-party preferred vote (L-NP: 53.5% cf. ALP 46.5%) (sample 4,937 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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### 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%
1,000	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4