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## 60% of Victorians want 'State of Emergency' to continue for nine months until December 2021

A clear majority of 60% of Victorians want the 'State of Emergency' extended for a further nine months until December 2021 according to a special Roy Morgan Snap SMS survey conducted with a representative cross-section of 2,098 Victorians aged 18+ since yesterday afternoon.

There is little difference between the two regions of Victoria with 61% of Melburnians and 60% of Country Victorians saying the State of Emergency should be extended for nine months.

A clear majority of men (59%) and women (62%) say the State of Emergency should be extended for nine months until December 2021.

Nearly two thirds of Victorians aged 35-49 (63%) and 50-64 (also 63%) say the State of Emergency should be extended for nine months but support is slightly lower at either end of the age spectrum. 59% of people aged under 35 and 57% of those aged 65+ say the State of Emergency should be extended.

The biggest differences emerge when looking at people's voting intentions. Nearly three-quarters of Greens supporters (73%) say Victoria's State of Emergency should be continued for nine months compared to around two-thirds of ALP supporters (65%) and just over half of L-NP supporters (56%).

Victorians surveyed were asked: "In March 2020 Victoria entered a State of Emergency in response to the serious risk to public health from Coronavirus. Premier Daniel Andrews wants to extend the State of Emergency for nine months until December 2021. Should the State of Emergency be extended or not?"

**This special Roy Morgan Snap SMS survey was conducted with a Victoria-wide cross-section of 2,098 Victorians aged 18+ on Wednesday February 3 – Thursday February 4, 2021. Fewer than 10% of respondents were interviewed after the announcement at 10.30pm on Wednesday night of a case of COVID-19 infection in Melbourne's hotel quarantine program.**

**Michele Levine CEO Roy Morgan, says a majority of Victorians of all political persuasions, ages, genders and regions are in favour of extending the 'State of Emergency' for nine months until December 2021:**

*"A clear majority of 60% of Victorians favour extending the State of Emergency for an additional nine months until December 2021. The news overnight of a COVID-19 infection in a quarantine hotel worker in Melbourne has again highlighted that Victoria is a long way from the end of the pandemic.*

*"COVID-19 vaccines are due to start rolling out around Australia in the next few weeks but Prime Minister Scott Morrison has suggested that it will take until it least October 2021 before any Australian that wants to be vaccinated can be assured they will have the 'jab'.*

*"That time-line suggests we will be dealing with outbreaks for many months to come that require the re-imposition of restrictions on gathering sizes and movement, border controls and even city-wide or targeted lock downs. All these measures are enacted under the State of Emergency currently operating in Victoria and underlie the reasons Premier Daniel Andrews is pushing for an extension.*

*"Although there is agreement amongst Victorians of all ages, genders and regions that the State of Emergency should be extended there is some difference when it comes to people's political alignment.*

*"Nearly three-quarters of Greens supporters (73%) say Victoria's State of Emergency should be extended for nine months but this drops to 65% of ALP supporters and 56% of L-NP supporters."*

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Should the State of Emergency be extended or not?

By Gender & Age

	Victorians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	Under 35	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	60	59	62	59	63	63	57
No	40	41	38	41	37	37	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Should the State of Emergency be extended or not?

By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians 18+	Melbourne	Country Victoria
		%	%
Yes	60	61	60
No	40	39	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Should the State of Emergency be extended or not?

By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian Electors	Party Vote				
		L-NP	ALP	Greens	Ind./Others	Can't say
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	62	56	65	73	58	59
No	38	44	35	27	42	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. Margin of error 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. 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	±3.0	±2.7	±1.9	±1.3
2,000	±2.1	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0