



Plebiscite for SSM –Wave Two

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Methodology




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- This study was conducted on the Galaxy Online Omnibus between Thursday 4 August and Sunday 7 August 2016.
- The sample was 1,000 Australians aged 18 years and over, distributed throughout Australia, as follows:

> NSW/ACT	323
> Victoria/Tasmania	278
> Queensland	203
> South Australia	98
> Western Australia	98
- Age, gender and region quotas were applied to the sample.
- Interviews were conducted using an online permission-based panel with invitations sent out in proportion to age and gender within state.
- Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest ABS population estimates using the 2011 Census.

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Main Findings



Would they like it if they had to rely on a national vote before marrying

“Would you be happy if you had to rely on millions of Australians to provide their approval through a national vote before you could get married?” (QB3)

- Three quarters (76%) of Australians would not be happy if they had to rely on approval through a national vote before they could get married.
- 11% don't know and only 13% say yes (it would be okay).



Do Australians support a plebiscite

“The Australian public may be asked to vote in a national plebiscite on whether or not same-sex couples should be allowed to get married in this country. Regardless of your views on same-sex marriage, to what extent do you support or oppose having the public vote on this issue through a plebiscite?” **(QC2)**

- This question was also asked in July 2016. Then, almost half (48%) of Australians supported a plebiscite on same-sex marriage.
- Now, one month later in August 36% of Australians support a plebiscite on same-sex marriage.
- 35% oppose a plebiscite (29% in July). 29% are undecided.
- The difference is attributed to the preceding question in this survey which raised some of the implications and effects of having a plebiscite. Therefore this latest figure should only be used in this broader context.
- When people are made more aware of just some of the implications and ramifications of having a plebiscite, then the proportion of Australians wanting a plebiscite declines to one in three (36%) (and would drop further if all were aware of the costs, and that a plebiscite still needs to pass a vote in parliament).

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Questionnaire

SECTION C – ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

C1. Some questions now about marriage in Australia. Would you be happy if you had to rely on millions of Australians to provide their approval through a national vote before you could get married? **ROTATE 1-3**

Yes 1
No..... 2
Don't know.. 3

C2. The Australian public may be asked to vote in a national plebiscite on whether or not same-sex couples should be allowed to get married in this country. Regardless of your views on same-sex marriage, to what extent do you support or oppose having the public vote on this issue through a plebiscite? **Random Flip Order**

Strongly support a plebiscite..... 1
Moderately support a plebiscite 2
I am undecided 3
Moderately oppose a plebiscite 4
Strongly oppose a plebiscite 5

Please select one option only

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Detailed Tabular Findings



Tables

The tables of findings are set out such that they include the following details:

> **Base Weight Sample (000s):**

>The number of completed interviews has been weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates. These estimates are shown in thousands (000's). The percentages in the table are based on these weighted figures.

> **Weights:**

>This indicates that in order to reflect the latest ABS population estimates the data has been weighted by age, gender and area.

> **Filters (where applicable):**

>If the table is based on a subset of respondents then this will be titled as a Filter and accompanied by a description of the sample upon which the table is based.

> **Respondents:**

>These figures show the actual sample size, indicating the total number of respondents who were asked the relevant question.



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Each question has been analysed by a series of demographic variables as follows:

- **SEX:**
 - > Male
 - > Female

- **AGE:**
 - > 18-24 year
 - > 25-34 years
 - > 35-49 years
 - > 50+ years

- **MAIN GROCERY BUYER:**
 - > Main or shared
 - > No

- **MARITAL STATUS:**
 - > Married (Married/de facto, living together)
 - > Not married (Never married, separated, divorced, widowed)

- **CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME:**
 - > Children aged under eighteen years living in the household
 - > No Children aged under eighteen years living in the household



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- **WORK STATUS :**
 - > Full time
 - > Part time
 - > Not working

- **LOCATION :**
 - > NSW/ACT
 - > Victoria/Tasmania
 - > Queensland
 - > West Australia
 - > South Australia

- **CAPITAL CITY:**
 - > Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide
 - > Rest of Australia

- **HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**
 - > Under \$50,000
 - > \$50,000 -\$99,999
 - > \$100,000 or above

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National Tables

GALAXY RESEARCH
TABLE 1

Standard Banner 1

BY C1. Happy if you had to rely on millions of Australians to provide their approval through a national vote before you could get married

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age				Grocery Buyer		Marital Status		Children		Work Status		
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+	Yes	No	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Yes	No	Full Time	Part Time	Not Working
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	116	183	284	417	725	275	599	401	322	678	341	226	433
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	18228	8901	9327	2230	3263	5033	7702	13213	5015	10919	7309	5895	12333	6083	4177	7968
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C1. Happy if you had to rely on millions of Australians to provide their approval through a national vote before you could get married																
Yes	2427 13%	1554 17%	873 9%	231 10%	540 17%	624 12%	1031 13%	1848 14%	579 12%	1643 15%	784 11%	859 15%	1568 13%	971 16%	528 13%	928 12%
No	13870 76%	6500 73%	7371 79%	1757 79%	2356 72%	3712 74%	6046 78%	10010 76%	3860 77%	8171 75%	5699 78%	4441 75%	9430 76%	4320 71%	3280 79%	6271 79%
Don't know	1931 11%	847 10%	1083 12%	242 11%	367 11%	697 14%	625 8%	1355 10%	576 11%	1105 10%	826 11%	596 10%	1335 11%	792 13%	369 9%	769 10%
TOTALS	18228 100%	8901 100%	9327 100%	2230 100%	3263 100%	5033 100%	7702 100%	13213 100%	5015 100%	10919 100%	7309 100%	5895 100%	12333 100%	6083 100%	4177 100%	7968 100%

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TABLE 2

Standard Banner 2

BY C1. Happy if you had to rely on millions of Australians to provide their approval through a national vote before you could get married

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	State					Capital City		Household Income		
		NSW	Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	< \$50K	\$50K-\$99K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	323	278	203	98	98	662	338	355	303	225
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	18228	6233	5049	3652	1389	1905	11529	6699	6520	5470	4106
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C1. Happy if you had to rely on millions of Australians to provide their approval through a national vote before you could get married											
Yes	2427	806	782	343	218	277	1743	684	800	920	488
	13%	13%	15%	9%	16%	15%	15%	10%	12%	17%	12%
No	13870	4783	3710	2917	989	1471	8544	5326	5084	3906	3302
	76%	77%	73%	80%	71%	77%	74%	80%	78%	71%	80%
Don't know	1931	644	557	392	182	156	1242	689	637	644	316
	11%	10%	11%	11%	13%	8%	11%	10%	10%	12%	8%
TOTALS	18228	6233	5049	3652	1389	1905	11529	6699	6520	5470	4106
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 3 Standard Banner 1 *BY* C2. Support / oppose same-sex marriage plebiscite

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age				Grocery Buyer		Marital Status		Children		Work Status		
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+	Yes	No	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Yes	No	Full Time	Part Time	Not Working
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	116	183	284	417	725	275	599	401	322	678	341	226	433
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	18228	8901	9327	2230	3263	5033	7702	13213	5015	10919	7309	5895	12333	6083	4177	7968
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C2. Support / oppose same-sex marriage plebiscite																
TOTAL SUPPORT PLEBISCITE																
Strongly support a plebiscite	3909 21%	2092 24%	1817 19%	620 28%	574 18%	1029 20%	1686 22%	2992 23%	916 18%	2342 21%	1567 21%	1116 19%	2793 23%	1248 21%	933 22%	1728 22%
Moderately support a plebiscite	2627 14%	1346 15%	1282 14%	284 13%	610 19%	533 11%	1200 16%	1926 15%	701 14%	1605 15%	1022 14%	993 17%	1634 13%	828 14%	748 18%	1052 13%
**SUBTOTALS	6536 36%	3437 39%	3099 33%	904 41%	1183 36%	1563 31%	2886 37%	4918 37%	1618 32%	3946 36%	2590 35%	2109 36%	4427 36%	2076 34%	1680 40%	2780 35%
I am undecided	5339 29%	2520 28%	2819 30%	801 36%	987 30%	1764 35%	1787 23%	3681 28%	1658 33%	3169 29%	2170 30%	1796 30%	3543 29%	2045 34%	1193 29%	2100 26%
TOTAL OPPOSE PLEBISCITE																
Moderately oppose a plebiscite	2022 11%	898 10%	1123 12%	188 8%	421 13%	582 12%	831 11%	1395 11%	627 12%	1198 11%	824 11%	710 12%	1312 11%	721 12%	438 10%	863 11%
Strongly oppose a plebiscite	4331 24%	2045 23%	2286 25%	337 15%	672 21%	1124 22%	2198 29%	3219 24%	1112 22%	2606 24%	1725 24%	1280 22%	3052 25%	1241 20%	866 21%	2225 28%
**SUBTOTALS	6353 35%	2944 33%	3409 37%	525 24%	1093 33%	1706 34%	3029 39%	4614 35%	1739 35%	3804 35%	2549 35%	1990 34%	4363 35%	1962 32%	1303 31%	3088 39%
TOTALS	18228 100%	8901 100%	9327 100%	2230 100%	3263 100%	5033 100%	7702 100%	13213 100%	5015 100%	10919 100%	7309 100%	5895 100%	12333 100%	6083 100%	4177 100%	7968 100%

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TABLE 4 Standard Banner 2 *BY* C2. Support / oppose same-sex marriage plebiscite

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WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

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C2. Support / oppose same-sex marriage plebiscite											
TOTAL SUPPORT PLEBISCITE											
Strongly support a plebiscite	3909 21%	1352 22%	932 18%	986 27%	361 26%	277 15%	2520 22%	1389 21%	1471 23%	1274 23%	846 21%
Moderately support a plebiscite	2627 14%	686 11%	946 19%	462 13%	277 20%	258 14%	1622 14%	1005 15%	978 15%	877 16%	497 12%
**SUBTOTALS	6536 36%	2038 33%	1878 37%	1448 40%	638 46%	535 28%	4143 36%	2393 36%	2449 38%	2151 39%	1342 33%
I am undecided	5339 29%	1950 31%	1536 30%	849 23%	270 19%	733 38%	3636 32%	1702 25%	1775 27%	1517 28%	1132 28%
TOTAL OPPOSE PLEBISCITE											
Moderately oppose a plebiscite	2022 11%	625 10%	530 10%	455 12%	125 9%	287 15%	1301 11%	721 11%	646 10%	621 11%	581 14%
Strongly oppose a plebiscite	4331 24%	1620 26%	1105 22%	900 25%	355 26%	350 18%	2449 21%	1882 28%	1651 25%	1181 22%	1051 26%
**SUBTOTALS	6353 35%	2245 36%	1635 32%	1355 37%	481 35%	637 33%	3750 33%	2603 39%	2296 35%	1803 33%	1631 40%
TOTALS	18228 100%	6233 100%	5049 100%	3652 100%	1389 100%	1905 100%	11529 100%	6699 100%	6520 100%	5470 100%	4106 100%



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