

Polling - Voice voting intention - South Australia

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The Australia Institute surveyed a representative sample of 605 South Australians about the upcoming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice referendum.

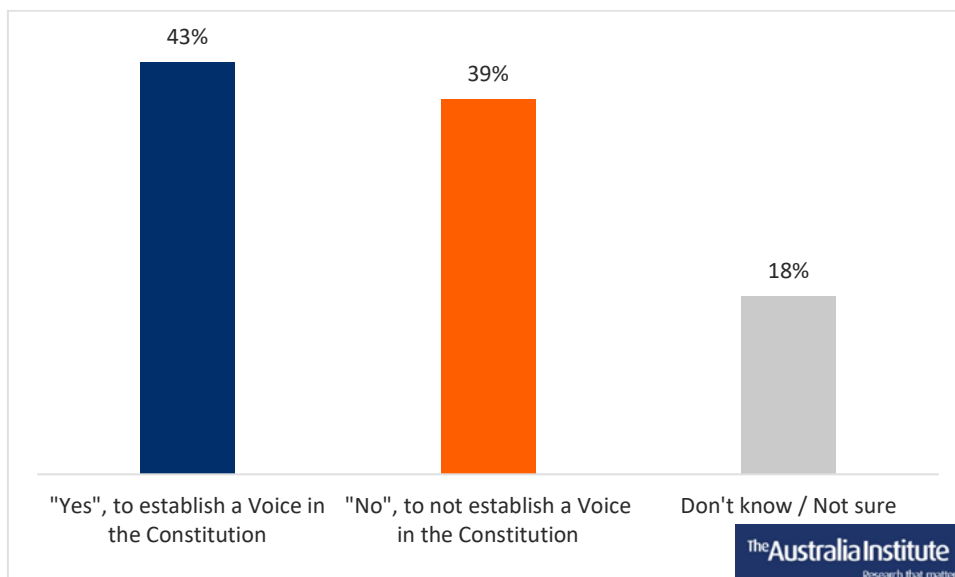
Respondents were told that this year, a referendum will be held on the question of whether to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the Constitution. They were also told the Voice would be able to make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Respondents were then asked whether they will vote “Yes” or “No” to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

The results show that:

- Around two in five South Australians (43%) say they will vote “Yes” at the referendum, with a similar proportion (39%) saying they will vote “No”, and one in five (18%) saying they are unsure.

Figure 1: Voice referendum voting intention, South Australia

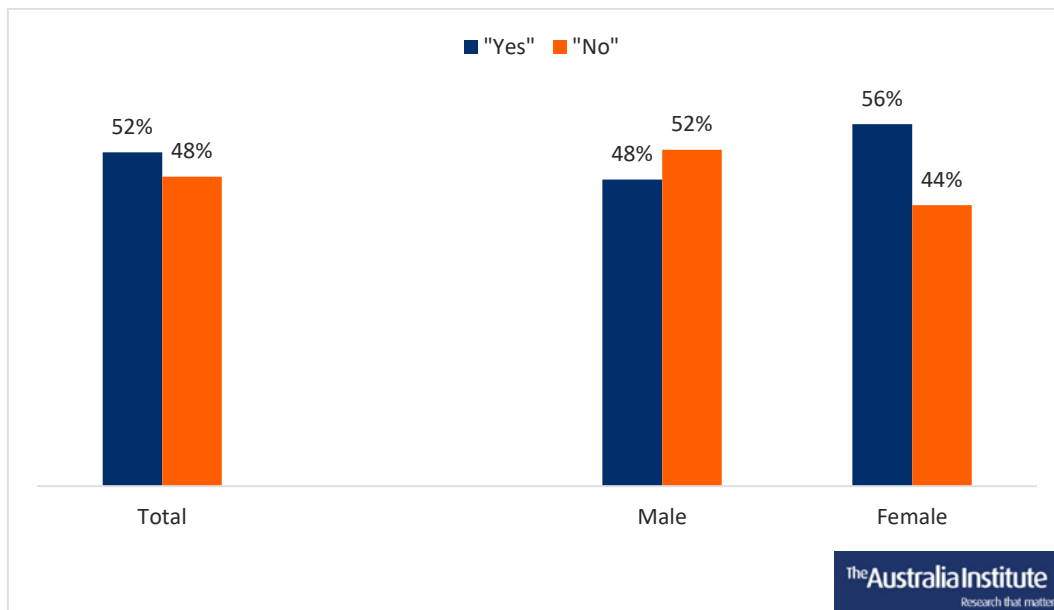


Respondents who answered “Don’t know / Not sure” were then asked a leaning question. Those leanings are included in all figures in the remainder of this polling brief.

The results show that:

- A majority of South Australians (52%) are inclined to vote “Yes” at the referendum.
- A majority of South Australian women (56%) are inclined to vote “Yes”, while a majority of South Australian men (52%) are inclined to vote “No”.

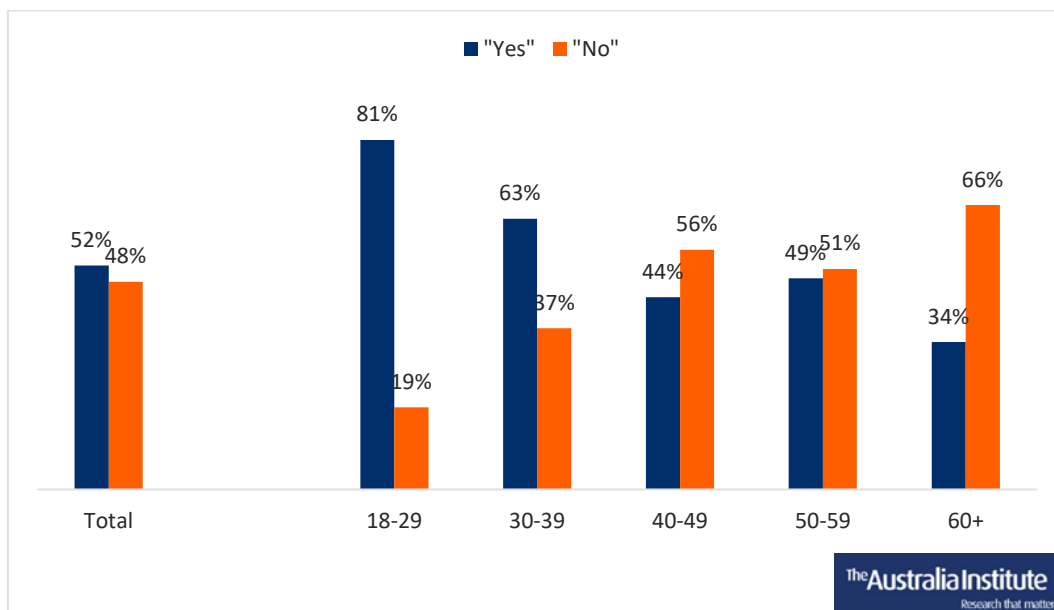
Figure 2: Voice referendum voting intention, South Australia by gender



South Australians under the age of 40 were the most inclined to vote “Yes”, while those aged 60 and over were the most inclined to vote “No”.

- Four in five South Australians aged 18 to 29 (81%) are inclined to vote “Yes”.
- Close to two thirds of South Australians aged 30 to 39 (63%) are inclined to vote “Yes”.
- South Australians aged between 40 and 59 were more evenly split between voting “Yes” and “No”.
- Two in three South Australians aged 60 years and over (66%) are inclined to vote “No”.

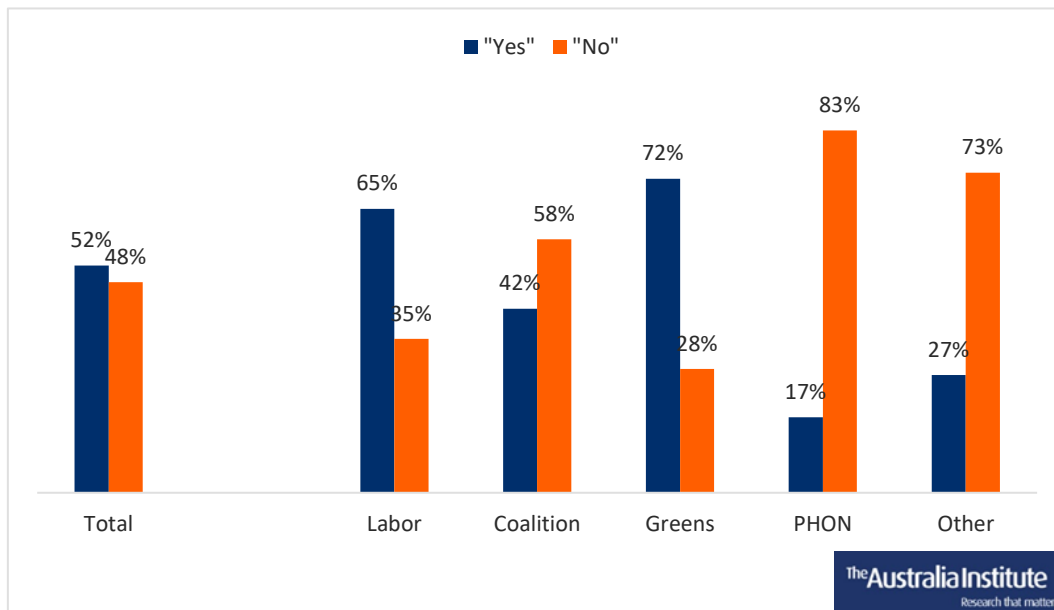
Figure 3: Voice referendum voting intention, South Australia by age



Voting inclination for the referendum was varied across the supporters of different political parties.

- Two in three South Australian Labor voters (65%) are inclined to vote “Yes” while three in five South Australian Coalition voters (58%) are inclined to vote “No”.
- Inclination to vote “Yes” was highest among South Australians Greens voters (72%) and inclination to vote “No” was highest among One Nation voters (83%).

Figure 4: Voice referendum voting intention, South Australia by party support



Method

Between 1 and 7 August 2023, The Australia Institute surveyed 605 adults living in South Australia, online through Dynata’s panel, with representative samples by gender and age group.

Voting crosstabs show voting intentions for the House of Representatives. Those who were undecided were asked which way they were leaning; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs.

The research is compliant with the [Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards](#). The long methodology disclosure statement follows.

Long disclosure statement

The results were weighted by two variables (gender and age group) based on Australian Bureau of Statistics [“National, state and territory population”](#) data, using the raking method. Those who answered the gender identity question as “Non-binary”, “I use a different term”, or “Prefer not to answer” had their responses included with females for the purpose of reporting, due to constraints from weighting data availability. This resulted in an effective sample size of 548.

The margin of error (95% confidence level) for the state-wide results is $\pm 4\%$.

Voting intention questions appeared just after the initial demographic questions, before policy questions. Lower house voting intention was asked first, followed by upper house voting intention. Respondents who answered “Don’t know / Not sure” for voting intention were then asked a leaning question; these leanings are included in voting intention crosstabs. “Coalition” includes separate responses for Liberal and National. “Other” refers to Independent/Other, and minor parties in cases where they were included in the voting intention but represent too small a sample to be reported separately in the crosstabs.



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Detailed results

No preceding questions in the poll are expected to have influenced the results of the questions published here.

This year, a referendum will be held on the question of whether to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the Constitution.

The Voice would be able to make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In the referendum, will you vote “Yes” or “No” to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
"Yes", to establish a Voice in the Constitution	43%	38%	48%	73%	54%	36%	36%	25%
"No", to not establish a Voice in the Constitution	39%	44%	34%	13%	22%	40%	44%	59%
Don't know / Not sure	18%	18%	18%	14%	24%	24%	20%	15%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>PHON</i>	<i>Other</i>
"Yes", to establish a Voice in the Constitution	43%	51%	36%	66%	17%	16%
"No", to not establish a Voice in the Constitution	39%	26%	49%	22%	79%	57%
Don't know / Not sure	18%	23%	15%	12%	3%	26%

If you're not sure, to which of the following do you have a leaning?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>18-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
"Yes", to establish a Voice in the Constitution	50%	54%	46%	55%	36%	34%	66%	59%
"No", to not establish a Voice in the Constitution	50%	46%	54%	45%	64%	66%	34%	41%

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Coalition</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>PHON</i>	<i>Other</i>
"Yes", to establish a Voice in the Constitution	50%	60%	38%	49%	0%	40%
"No", to not establish a Voice in the Constitution	50%	40%	62%	51%	100%	60%