

SECULAR ASSOCIATION OF NSW

YouGov Survey results of 6-7 February 2023

The question was:

Australia has no formal recognition of government and religion. Would you approve or disapprove of a constitutional amendment to formally separate government and religion?

The results were:

NSW

Approve: 56 per cent

Disapprove: 10 per cent

Don't Know: 34 per cent

VIC

Approve: 50 per cent

Disapprove: 11 per cent

Don't know: 39 per cent

QLD

Approve: 52 per cent

Disapprove: 15 per cent

Don't know: 33 per cent

SA

Approve: 50 per cent

Disapprove: 11 per cent

Don't know: 39 per cent

WA

Approve: 46 per cent

Disapprove: 14 per cent

Don't know: 40 per cent

The survey did not include Tasmania or the Territories.

Other data that came from the survey is that men were more likely than women to approve of a constitutional amendment (59-47 per cent).

All age groups with the exception of the over 65s (43 per cent) approved.

All income groups except those earning less than \$K59 approved (49 per cent).

Those with no tertiary had the lowest approval rate at 45 per cent; those with TAFE qualifications had a 50 per cent approval rate; those with university qualifications had a high 69 per cent approval rate.

CONCLUSION: Allowing for a degree of survey error of up to 3 per cent, it very likely that if citizens were given the opportunity they would vote for a separation of government and religion in Australia.