

# Constitutional referendums 1901–1999

Since Federation there have been 44 proposals for constitutional change put to Australian electors. Only 8 have been approved.

| SUBJECT                                       | DATE OF REFERENDUMS | STATES IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS VOTED IN FAVOUR | PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS IN FAVOUR |
|---|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Senate Elections                              | 12.12.1906          | All  | 82.65                          |
| Finance                                       | 13.4.1910           | Qld, WA, Tas   | 49.04                          |
| State Debts                                   | 13.4.1910           | All but NSW  | 54.95                          |
| Legislative Powers                            | 26.4.1911           | WA   | 39.42                          |
| Monopolies                                    | 26.4.1911           | WA   | 39.89                          |
| Trade and Commerce                            | 31.5.1913           | Qld, SA, WA  | 49.38                          |
| Corporations                                  | 31.5.1913           | Qld, SA, WA  | 49.33                          |
| Industrial Matters                            | 31.5.1913           | Qld, SA, WA  | 49.33                          |
| Railway Disputes                              | 31.5.1913           | Qld, SA, WA  | 49.13                          |
| Trusts  | 31.5.1913           | Qld, SA, WA  | 49.78                          |
| Nationalisation of Monopolies                 | 31.5.1913           | Qld, SA, WA  | 49.33                          |
| Legislative Powers                            | 13.12.1919          | Vic, Qld, WA   | 49.65                          |
| Nationalisation of Monopolies                 | 13.12.1919          | Vic, Qld, WA   | 48.64                          |
| Industry and Commerce                         | 4.9.1926            | NSW, Qld   | 43.50                          |
| Essential Services                            | 4.9.1926            | NSW, Qld   | 42.80                          |
| State Debts                                   | 17.11.1928          | All  | 74.30                          |
| Aviation                                      | 6.3.1937            | Vic, Qld   | 53.56                          |
| Marketing                                     | 6.3.1937            | None   | 36.26                          |
| Post-War Reconstruction and Democratic Rights | 19.8.1944           | SA, WA   | 45.99                          |
| Social Services                               | 28.9.1946           | All  | 54.39                          |
| Organised Marketing of Primary Products       | 28.9.1946           | NSW, Vic, WA   | 50.57                          |
| Industrial Employment                         | 28.9.1946           | NSW, Vic, WA   | 50.30                          |
| Rent and Prices                               | 29.5.1948           | None   | 40.66                          |
| Power to deal with Communists and Communism   | 22.9.1951           | Qld, WA, Tas   | 49.44                          |
| Parliament                                    | 27.5.1967           | NSW  | 40.25                          |
| Aborigines                                    | 27.5.1967           | All  | 90.77                          |
| Prices  | 8.12.1973           | None   | 43.81                          |
| Incomes                                       | 8.12.1973           | None   | 34.42                          |
| Simultaneous Elections                        | 18.5.1974           | NSW  | 48.30                          |
| Mode of Altering the Constitution             | 18.5.1974           | NSW  | 47.99                          |
| Democratic Elections                          | 18.5.1974           | NSW  | 47.20                          |
| Local Government Bodies                       | 18.5.1974           | NSW  | 46.85                          |
| Simultaneous Elections                        | 21.5.1977           | NSW, Vic, SA   | 62.20                          |
| Senate Casual Vacancies                       | 21.5.1977           | All  | 73.32                          |
| Territory Voting in Referendums               | 21.5.1977           | All  | 77.72                          |
| Retirement of Judges                          | 21.5.1977           | All  | 80.10                          |
| Terms of Senators                             | 1.12.1984           | NSW, Vic   | 50.64                          |
| Interchange of Powers                         | 1.12.1984           | None   | 47.06                          |
| Parliamentary Terms                           | 3.9.1988            | None   | 32.91                          |
| Fair Elections                                | 3.9.1988            | None   | 37.59                          |
| Local Government                              | 3.9.1988            | None   | 33.61                          |
| Rights and Freedoms                           | 3.9.1988            | None   | 30.79                          |
| Republic                                      | 6.11.1999           | None   | 45.13                          |
| Preamble                                      | 6.11.1999           | None   | 39.34                          |