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Australians oppose Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem Israeli capital

A special Roy Morgan SMS Survey taken on December 14-15 shows a large 76% of Australians opposed to US President Donald Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel with only 24% of Australians expressing support for Trump's decision earlier this week.

Australian's have similar views to New Zealanders with a large majority of 75% of New Zealanders also opposing Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel while 25% of New Zealanders supported the decision.

This special Roy Morgan SMS Survey was conducted on December 14-15, with a cross-section of 1,153 Australians aged 18+.

Should Jerusalem be the capital of Israel?

"Do you support or oppose President Trump's recent decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel?"

Analysis by Age & Gender: Women more opposed than men to Jerusalem as Israeli capital

Many more women (82%) than men (69%) oppose US President Donald Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel. Only 18% of women and 31% of men support the decision.

Analysing by age group shows respondents of all age groups strongly oppose Trump's decision. 83% of 18-24 year olds, 75% of 25-34yr olds, 78% of 35-49yr olds, 76% of 50-64yr olds and 68% of those aged 65+ oppose the decision.

	Total Australia	Gender		Age					Total NZ
		Men	Women	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	24	31	18	17	25	22	24	32	25
Oppose	76	69	82	83	75	78	76	68	75
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Analysis by States & Regions: Southern States (Vic, SA, Tas) more opposed than others

Analysing by States shows residents of the southern States of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania are more likely to oppose Donald Trump's decision (all 83%) than the other states. The other States, New South Wales (74%), Queensland (69%) and Western Australia (68%) opposed the decision also.

	Total Australia	States						City/ Country		Total NZ
		NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	City	Country	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	24	26	17	31	32	17	17	23	27	25
Oppose	76	74	83	69	68	83	83	77	73	75
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Analysis by Fed. Voting Intention: Greens & Labor supporters more opposed than L-NP supporters

Analysing responses by federal voting intention shows supporters of the Greens (96%) and Labor (88%) are far more likely to oppose Donald Trump's decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel than supporters of the L-NP 59%. L-NP support for the decision is 41% which is more than double supporters of Labour and the Greens.

	Total Australia	Electors	L-NP	Labor	Greens	Other	Can't say	Non electors	Total NZ
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support	24	23	41	12	4	21	12	28	25
Oppose	76	77	59	88	96	79	88	72	75
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Michele Levine, Chief Executive Officer, Roy Morgan, says:

"Australians have comprehensively rejected US President Donald Trump's decision earlier this week to declare that the US recognises Jerusalem as Israel's capital city with over three-quarters of Australians, equal to 76% of respondents, indicating they oppose Trump's controversial decision and only 24% in support.

"As one might expect L-NP supporters are the most evenly split on the issue – although there is still a clear majority of 59% of L-NP supporters who oppose Trump's decision, but this is well behind the 88% of Labor supporters and 96% of Greens supporters that oppose.

"Opposition to Trump's decision is unanimous across all age groups – although the strongest opposition comes from those aged 18-24 at 83%, opposed clearly by both genders and in every Australian State. Trump's decision is also opposed in almost equal measure across the Tasman with 75% of New Zealanders indicating their opposition."

Finding No. 7446 – This special Roy Morgan SMS Survey was conducted with a representative cross-section of 1,153 Australians on December 14-15, 2017. They were asked "Do you support or oppose President Trump's recent decision to declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel?"

Results analysed by Roy Morgan Helix Personas are available on a subscription basis.

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Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2006 – 2016)

The Morgan Poll has proven to be consistently the most accurate regular poll in recent Australian Elections — including the 2013 Federal Election, 2010 Federal Election, 2007 Federal Election, 2010 Victorian State Election & 2012 Queensland State Election.

The Morgan Poll was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2013 Federal Election](#) for the two-party preferred vote (L-NP: 53.5% cf. ALP 46.5%) (sample 4,937 electors).

The Morgan Poll was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2007 Federal Election](#) for both primary vote and two-party preferred predictions (sample 2,115 electors).

The Morgan Poll accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Queensland Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 604 electors).

The Morgan Poll accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Victorian Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 956 electors). The Morgan Poll was also the most accurate on the primary vote of the major parties for the Victorian election.

Note: The [discussion on Possum Pollytics](#) regarding Morgan and Newspoll is well worth reading.

The following included comment says it all: “I find it interesting that for the only poll in the last five years for which there is any ‘real’ figure with which to compare, i.e. the polls immediately before the 2004 election, Morgan (45.5%) was closer to the actual Coalition Primary (46.7%) than Newspoll (45%) or Nielsen (49%), and Morgan (38.5%) was also closer to the ALP actual primary (37.6%) than Newspoll (39%), and only marginally further away than Nielsen (37%). Since we have no idea of how far away the ongoing polls are from ‘reality’ (whatever that means), surely we should just go with what we know, that in the most recent testable case, Morgan was better at forecasting the actual primary vote than Newspoll. On what possible basis should we decide that the Newspoll or Nielsen primary vote estimate is ‘better’ than Morgan’s.”

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. The following table 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. The figures are approximate and for general guidance only, and assume a simple random sample. 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	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4