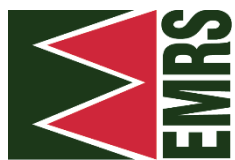


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# **EMRS State Voting Intentions Poll**

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Polling was conducted from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. 1,000 adult Tasmanian residents were interviewed and responses weighted to reflect the Tasmanian adult voting population. A sample of this size provides a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

They were asked the following question:

*If a Tasmanian State Election was held today, who would you vote for?*

**Table 1 – Percentage of Respondents Supporting or Leaning Towards a Party after Excluding Undecided Voters (Percentage of decided voters)\***

Party	% Support in March 2017 (n=914)	% Support in December 2017 (n=905)	% Support in February 2018 (n=924)	Change since December 2017 (% points)	Change since March 2017 (% points)
Liberal	35	34	46	+12	+11
Labor	29	34	34	=	+5
Greens	19	17	12	-5	-7
Independent	10	6	1	-5	-9
JLN	6	8	4	-4	-2
Others	1	1	2	+1	+1

\*Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

After excluding undecided voters, support for the Liberal State Government has increased by 12 points since the last poll was conducted in December 2017 to 46% currently.

Support for the Labor Party showed no change since December, remaining at 34% in the latest poll while The Greens support was down, decreasing by 5 points to 12%.

Among the remaining decided voters, 4% of the overall sample stated they would vote for the Jacqui Lambie Network (JLN), however this option was only included in the relevant electorates.

**Table 2 – Percentage of Respondents Supporting and Leaning Towards a Party Including Undecided from March 2017 to February 2018 (Percentage of entire sample)**

Party	Mar. 2017 (n=1,000)	May 2017 (n=1,000)	Aug. 2017 (n=1,000)	Dec. 2017 (n=1,000)	Feb. 2018 (n=1,000)	Change since Dec. 2017 (% points)	Change since Mar. 2017 (% points)
Liberal	32	34	34	31	43	+12	+11
Labor	27	30	31	30	32	+2	+5
Greens	17	14	15	15	11	-4	-6
Independent	9	6	6	6	1	-5	-8
JLN	-	-	4	7	4	-3	+4
Others	6	4	1	1	2	+1	-4
Undecided	9	12	9	10	7	-3	-2

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## PREFERRED PREMIER

The 1,000 respondents were also asked:

*Who would you prefer to be the Premier of Tasmania: Will Hodgman or Rebecca White?*

**Table 3 – Preferred Premier of Tasmania from March 2017 to February 2018  
(Percentage of entire sample)\*†**

Preferred Premier	Mar. 2017 (n=1,000)	May 2017 (n=1,000)	Aug. 2017 (n=1,000)	Dec. 2017 (n=1,000)	Feb. 2018 (n=1,000)	Change since Dec. 2017 (% points)	Change since Mar. 2017 (% points)
Will Hodgman	52	42	37	35	48	+13	-4
Rebecca White	n/a	39	48	48	41	-7	n/a
Bryan Green	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Unsure / Neither	29	18	15	17	11	-6	-18

\*Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

†This is the fourth EMRS State Voting Intentions Poll conducted since Bryan Green resigned as Labor leader on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Respondents were asked to choose between Premier Will Hodgman and Rebecca White as to who was currently their preferred Premier of Tasmania.

After falling behind in both the August 2017 and December 2017 polls, Premier Will Hodgman received a higher level of support as preferred Premier in the current poll, with 48% of all respondents nominating him as their preferred candidate, up 13 points since December 2017.

Rebecca White was nominated as the preferred option by 41% of those polled, down 7 points from December 2017.

The remaining proportion of respondents were unwilling to nominate either of the two leaders, with 11% currently of the view that neither Premier Will Hodgman nor Rebecca White was their preferred choice as Premier of Tasmania (down 6 points since December 2017).