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# **EMRS State Voting Intentions Poll**

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Polling was conducted from the 29<sup>th</sup> of April to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017. **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 May 2016 (n=891)	% Support in March 2017 (n=914)	% Support in May 2017 (n=890)	Change since March 2017 (% points)	Change since May 2016 (% points)
Liberal	41	35	39	+4	-2
Labor	29	29	34	+5	+5
Greens	21	19	15	-4	-6
Independent	8	10	7	-3	-1
One Nation	-	6	3	-3	+3
Others	1	1	2	+1	+1

After excluding undecided voters, support for the Liberal State Government has increased by 4 points since the last poll was conducted in March 2017 to 39% in May 2017.

Support for the Labor Party also increased in the latest poll, up 5 points from March 2017 to 34%, while Greens support fell by 4 points since March 2017 to 15%.

Among the remaining decided voters, 7% stated they would vote for an independent candidate if a State election was to be held today, while 3% said their vote would go to One Nation. In both cases, these latest results showed a fall in support of 3 points from the previous March 2017 poll.

**Table 2 – Percentage of Respondents Supporting and Leaning Towards a Party Including Undecided from May 2016 to May 2017 (Percentage of entire sample)**

Party	May 2016 (n=1,000)	July 2016 (n=1,000)	Aug. 2016 (n=1,000)	Nov. 2016 (n=1,000)	March 2017 (n=1,000)	May 2017 (n=1,000)	Change since March 2017 (% points)	Change since May 2016 (% points)
Liberal	36	35	36	36	32	34	+2	-2
Labor	25	30	27	26	27	30	+3	+5
Greens	19	16	14	16	17	14	-3	-5
Independent	7	11	10	10	9	6	-3	-1
One Nation	-	0	-	0	5	2	-3	+2
Others	1	1	1	2	1	2	+1	+1
Undecided	12	7	12	10	9	12	+3	=

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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 May 2016 to May 2017  
(Percentage of entire sample)\*†**

Preferred Premier	May 2016 (n=1,000)	July 2016 (n=1,000)	Aug. 2016 (n=1,000)	Nov. 2016 (n=1,000)	March 2017 (n=1,000)	May 2017 (n=1,000)	Change since Mar. 2017 (% points)	Change since May 2016 (% points)
Will Hodgman	51	48	50	50	52	42	-10	-9
Rebecca White	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	39	n/a	n/a
Bryan Green	22	25	25	22	20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Unsure / Neither	26	27	25	28	29	18	-11	-8

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

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

The latest poll was the first to be conducted since the resignation of Bryan Green in March 2017 and the appointment of Rebecca White as the new Labor leader.

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

Premier Will Hodgman continues to have a higher level of support as preferred Premier than the Labor leader. However, there has been a significant decrease in those nominating him as their preferred candidate, down 10 points from the March 2017 poll to 42% currently.

Rebecca White was nominated as the preferred option by 39% of those polled. While this is technically a new polling question due to the change of Labor leader, there was a significant increase in those now nominating the Labor leader (up 19 points from the 20% nominating Bryan Green in March 2017).

The latest poll saw close to one in five people surveyed unwilling to nominate either of the two leaders, with 18% of the view that neither Premier Will Hodgman nor Rebecca White was their preferred choice as Premier of Tasmania.