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One Nation eats into State Liberal lead

With a polling debut of 14 per cent in the EMRS Quarterly State Political Omnibus, One Nation has taken a chunk out of the Liberal primary vote, reducing the gap between the Liberal Government and Labor Opposition to six points, the closest since last year's election.

The results of this poll sees the Liberal Government at 29 per cent, Labor 23 per cent, the Greens 15 percent, independents 15 per cent, One Nation 14 per cent and other 3 per cent.

Jeremy Rockliff retains a strong 14 per cent gap as preferred Premier over Labor's Josh Willie, leading 40 per cent to 26 per cent, with 31 per cent "unsure."

In the net favourability stakes, Jeremy Rockliff is at +1, Josh Willie at -1, and Rosalie Woodruff -6.

EMRS Managing Director Brad Stansfield said that while a strong debut for One Nation, the results underscored the relative strength of the State Liberal Government, compared to the Federal Liberal brand.

"While impressive, One Nation's 14 per cent is a full ten points behind their result in the concurrent Federal poll we ran", Mr Stansfield said.

"That being said, at 29 per cent the Liberal primary vote is the equal lowest it's been since their pre-election campaign nadir in May last year, and the Government will need to keep a very close eye on One Nation at state level over coming months."

Mr Stansfield noted that [on the recent "Poll Position" podcast](#), Tasmanian One Nation representative Lee Hanson had indicated that the party was "days away" from lodging their application to register at State level.

Mr Stansfield added that since passing the Parliament late last year, the Macquarie Point Stadium has gone from one of the top issues consistently rating in the high-teens, to well behind health, cost of living and housing, with just 5 per cent of respondents nominating it as a top issue.

The survey was conducted from 16-19 February, and saw 1000 Tasmanians participate with a combination of CATI and CAWI surveying. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 3.10 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

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