

Voters support continuation of Rockliff Government

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Voters have expressed support for the continuation of the Jeremy Rockliff Liberal Government, with almost a majority of voters (49 per cent to 35 per cent) opposing tomorrow's proposed No Confidence motion, according to an exclusive survey by Enterprise Marketing and Research Services.

When "undecideds" are removed, the margin blows out to 59 per cent to 41 per cent.

While the question wasn't exactly the same*, the margin two weeks ago was 44-38/54-46.

Comparing surveys, the biggest voter movement has been among Green voters, who have gone from 90-10 per cent in support of a Labor-Green minority government, 73 per cent support and 27 per cent opposing tomorrow's motion.

"These numbers suggest that Mr Rockliff and the Liberals have had the better of the past two weeks' "campaign after the campaign" leading up to tomorrow's resumption of Parliament", EMRS Managing Director Mary Massina said.

EMRS also surveyed four options for preferred Treasurer, with Ruth Forrest the leading contender on 40 per cent, followed by Eric Abetz 25 per cent, Guy Barnett 15 per cent, and Josh Willie 10 per cent.

EMRS also surveyed the community's opinions about various budget repair initiatives:

	TOTAL SUPPORT %	TOTAL OPPOSE %
Hiring Freeze and Efficiencies	61	20
Abandoning Mac Point Stadium	56	33
Increasing taxes	28	54
Cutting Government Services	22	61
Privatising Government Assets	14	66

"When it comes to budget repair, there are no easy answers for whoever is Tasmania's Treasurer after tomorrow", Ms Massina concluded.

The survey was conducted online from 12th-14th August (prior to Sunday's salmon announcement), and saw 503 Tasmanians participate. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 4.37 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

**The No Confidence question was: Labor leader Dean Winter has said there will be a motion of no confidence in Liberal Premier Jeremy Rockliff when Parliament returns on Tuesday 19 August. If successful, this would change the government from Liberal minority to Labor minority. Do you personally support or oppose this motion? (yes/no/unsure).*

The question in our survey released on 1 August was: At the recent state election on the 19th of July, neither major party gained majority with 14 Liberals elected, 10 Labor, 5 Greens and 4 independents, with two seats still undecided. As a result, the major parties are currently negotiating to see who is able to form government. Which of these outcomes do you most prefer? (A minority Liberal Government lead by Jeremy Rockliff supported by some independents/A minority Labor Government lead by Dean Winter supported by the Greens and some independents).

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