

## 2006 STATEHOOD SURVEY RESULTS

### TOTAL NUMBER SURVEYED = 1012

*Survey conducted online and face to face at shows and presentations between 1 March 2006 and 31 October 2006.*

#### 1. House of Representatives

All existing Australian states have the least five representatives each, the Northern Territory is allowed two, would you agree to Statehood if the Northern Territory had to accept less representation than the original States ?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>(35%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>(51%)</b>
<b>Don't Care</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
<b>Need More Information</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>(10%)</b>

#### 2. Territory Senators

The Northern Territory is allowed two Senators; all existing Australian States have an equal number (currently 12 each). Would you agree to Statehood if the Territory was to have less than an equal number of Senators?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>(38%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>(50%)</b>
<b>Don't Care</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>(3%)</b>
<b>Need more Information</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>(9%)</b>

#### 3. Two Houses for the Territory Parliament?

All States except Queensland have an upper house of Parliament. Do you think the Northern Territory Parliament needs an upper house?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>(37%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>(45%)</b>
<b>Don't Care</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>(5.5%)</b>
<b>Need more Information</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>(12.5%)</b>

#### 4. The Governor of a New State

All State Governors exercise the powers of the Queen on the advice of a State Premier. Would you like the same to apply in the Northern Territory on Statehood?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>(66%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>(17%)</b>
<b>Don't Care</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>(8.5%)</b>
<b>Need more Information</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>(8.5%)</b>

#### 5. Terms and Conditions of Becoming a State

The Commonwealth has said there will be terms and conditions of Statehood. Is it important that you understand what those terms and conditions are before you decide about supporting Statehood?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>(85%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>(3%)</b>
<b>Don't Care</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>(2%)</b>
<b>Need more Information</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>(10%)</b>

## **6. An Equal State**

Should the Commonwealth make the Northern Territory equal to the existing states?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>(84%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>(6%)</b>
<b>Don't Care</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>(3%)</b>
<b>Need more Information</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>(7%)</b>

## **7. Is Statehood Important?**

Do You Support a continued move toward Statehood for the Northern Territory?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>(82%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>(7%)</b>
<b>Don't Care</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
<b>Need more Information</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>(7%)</b>

## **NOTES**

The 2006 Surveys were conducted online and at: Alice Springs Expo, Freds Pass Show, Barunga Festival, Palmerston Festival, Alice Springs Show, Tennant Creek Show, Darwin Show, Garma Festival, Kalkaringi Freedom Day Festival as well as Statehood presentation audiences at service clubs, schools and professional organisations.

Some of the 'no' responses to question 4 included notations the respondent is a republican and had a philosophical objection to a governor.

Question 6 deliberately asks a question that may have caused those surveyed to contradict or in some cases re-consider their answers to questions one and two. The concept of the survey is to engage people in thinking about Statehood and what sort of Statehood they want to discuss as well as to gauge a general level of support for the major components of the Statehood Steering Committee's discussion and consultation process.

The 'no' result for questions 6 and 7 are similar maybe reflecting a core 'no' view on Statehood.

For more information on Statehood and this survey contact the Office of the Chairman, Statehood Steering Committee on (08) 8946 1418