

The 8 Successful Constitutional Referendums



1906

Senate Elections

To enable elections for both House of Representatives and the Senate to be held at the same time.

82.65% in favour

1910

State Debts

To give the Federal Government unrestricted power to take over State Government debts.

54.95% in favour

1928

State Debts

To end the system of per capita payments made by the Commonwealth to the State Governments.
To have a loan council to control the borrowing of each State for its own development.

74.30 % in favour

1946

Social Services

To allow the Commonwealth the power to legislate on a wide range of social services.

54.39% in favour

1977

Referendums

All allow electors in the Territories to vote in Constitutional referendums and have their vote count towards the national majority.

77.72% in favour

1967

Aboriginal People

To give the Federal Government the power to enact laws for Aboriginal people.
To allow Aboriginal people to be counted in the Federal and State Census.

90.77 % in favour

1977

Senate Casual Vacancies

To allow a person of the same political party (as chosen by the people) to fill a position in the Senate if a position becomes available. The person is also able to hold the position for the balance of the term.

73.32% in favour

1977

Retirement of Judges

To include a required retirement age for Judges sitting in Federal courts.

80.10 % in favour

References

Information retrieved from: https://www.aec.gov.au/Elections/referendums/Referendum_Dates_and_Results.htm



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