

## Appendix 14

### REFERENDUMS TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION

| <i>Subject<br/>(bold type indicates referendum carried)</i> | <i>Date of<br/>referendum</i> | <i>States in which<br/>majority of electors<br/>voted in favour</i> | <i>Percentage of<br/>formal votes in<br/>favour</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Senate Elections</b>                                     | 12.12.06                      | All                                                                 | 82.65                                               |
| Finance                                                     | 13.4.10                       | Qld, WA, Tas.                                                       | 49.04                                               |
| <b>State Debts</b>                                          | 13.4.10                       | All except NSW                                                      | 54.95                                               |
| Legislative Powers                                          | 26.4.11                       | WA                                                                  | 39.42                                               |
| Monopolies                                                  | 26.4.11                       | WA                                                                  | 39.89                                               |
| Trade and Commerce                                          | 31.5.13                       | Qld, SA, WA                                                         | 49.38                                               |
| Corporations                                                | 31.5.13                       | Qld, SA, WA                                                         | 49.33                                               |
| Industrial Matters                                          | 31.5.13                       | Qld, SA, WA                                                         | 49.33                                               |
| Railway Disputes                                            | 31.5.13                       | Qld, SA, WA                                                         | 49.13                                               |
| Trusts                                                      | 31.5.13                       | Qld, SA, WA                                                         | 49.78                                               |
| Nationalization of Monopolies                               | 31.5.13                       | Qld, SA, WA                                                         | 49.33                                               |
| Legislative Powers                                          | 13.12.19                      | Vic., Qld, WA                                                       | 49.65                                               |
| Nationalization of Monopolies                               | 13.12.19                      | Vic., Qld, WA                                                       | 48.64                                               |
| Industry and Commerce                                       | 4.9.26                        | NSW, Qld                                                            | 43.50                                               |
| Essential Services                                          | 4.9.26                        | NSW, Qld                                                            | 42.80                                               |
| <b>State Debts</b>                                          | 17.11.28                      | All                                                                 | 74.30                                               |
| Aviation                                                    | 6.3.37                        | Vic., Qld                                                           | 53.56                                               |
| Marketing                                                   | 6.3.37                        | None                                                                | 36.26                                               |
| Post-war Reconstruction and Democratic Rights               | 19.8.44                       | SA, WA                                                              | 45.99                                               |
| <b>Social Services</b>                                      | 28.9.46                       | All                                                                 | 54.39                                               |
| Organized Marketing of Primary Products                     | 28.9.46                       | NSW, Vic., WA                                                       | 50.57                                               |
| Industrial Employment                                       | 28.9.46                       | NSW, Vic., WA                                                       | 50.30                                               |
| Rents and Prices                                            | 29.5.48                       | None                                                                | 40.66                                               |
| Powers to Deal with Communists and Communism                | 22.9.51                       | Qld, WA, Tas.                                                       | 49.44                                               |
| Parliament                                                  | 27.5.67                       | NSW                                                                 | 40.25                                               |
| <b>Aboriginals</b>                                          | 27.5.67                       | All                                                                 | 90.77                                               |
| Prices                                                      | 8.12.73                       | None                                                                | 43.81                                               |
| Incomes                                                     | 8.12.73                       | None                                                                | 34.42                                               |
| Simultaneous Elections                                      | 18.5.74                       | NSW                                                                 | 48.30                                               |
| Mode of Altering the Constitution                           | 18.5.74                       | NSW                                                                 | 47.99                                               |
| Democratic Elections                                        | 18.5.74                       | NSW                                                                 | 47.20                                               |
| Local Government Bodies                                     | 18.5.74                       | NSW                                                                 | 46.85                                               |
| Simultaneous Elections                                      | 21.5.77                       | NSW, Vic., SA                                                       | 62.22                                               |
| <b>Senate Casual Vacancies</b>                              | 21.5.77                       | All                                                                 | 73.32                                               |
| <b>Referendums</b>                                          | 21.5.77                       | All                                                                 | 77.72                                               |
| <b>Retirement of Judges</b>                                 | 21.5.77                       | All                                                                 | 80.10                                               |
| Terms of Senators                                           | 1.12.84                       | NSW, Vic.                                                           | 50.64                                               |
| Interchange of Powers                                       | 1.12.84                       | None                                                                | 47.06                                               |
| Fair Elections                                              | 3.9.88                        | ACT                                                                 | 37.60                                               |
| Local Government                                            | 3.9.88                        | None                                                                | 33.62                                               |
| Parliamentary Terms                                         | 3.9.88                        | None                                                                | 32.92                                               |
| Rights and Freedoms                                         | 3.9.88                        | None                                                                | 30.79                                               |
| Republic                                                    | 6.11.99                       | ACT                                                                 | 45.13                                               |
| Preamble to Constitution                                    | 6.11.99                       | None                                                                | 39.34                                               |

NB Referendums have been held for purposes other than alterations to the Constitution—i.e. referendums held in 1916 and 1917 relating to compulsory military service (both rejected).