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LABOR VOTE HOLDS UP DESPITE SLIP IN SATISFACTION WITH RUDD

Voter support for Labor and The Coalition has remained steady despite a sharp fall in voter satisfaction with Mr Kevin Rudd. While satisfaction with Dr Brendan Nelson's performance is unchanged, he has made a clear advance on Mr Rudd on the question of who would make the better Prime Minister.

These are the findings of a NEWSPOLL conducted exclusively for THE AUSTRALIAN last weekend.

Primary support for all parties again remains stable, with Labor on 46 per cent, the Coalition on 37 per cent, Greens on 10 per cent and combined support for other minor parties and independents on 7 per cent. Likewise, on a two party preferred basis, Labor (57 per cent) remains comfortably ahead of the Coalition (43 per cent).

Mr Rudd has recorded a drop in satisfaction levels, with the proportion of voters satisfied falling by 7 points to 56 per cent, the equal lowest level in his tenure as Prime Minister. Dissatisfaction has risen by 7 points to 30 per cent, the highest level recorded by Mr Rudd on this measure.

However, Dr Nelson's satisfaction levels remain steady, with 36 per cent satisfied, and slightly more, 40 per cent, dissatisfied. A quarter (24 per cent) remain uncommitted.

On the question of who would make the better Prime Minister, Mr Rudd (66 per cent) has seen his previous margin over Dr Nelson (17 per cent) slip from 58 points to a current 49 point margin. Seventeen per cent are uncommitted on this question.

IF A FEDERAL ELECTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS HELD TODAY, WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD YOU VOTE FOR? IF "UNCOMMITTED", TO WHICH ONE OF THESE DO YOU HAVE A LEANING?

<u>PRIMARY VOTE+</u>	<u>LIBERAL</u>	<u>NATIONALS</u>	<u>COALITION</u>	<u>LABOR</u>	<u>GREENS</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Election 24 November 2007	36.6	5.5	42.1	43.3	7.8	6.8
Newspoll 14-16 March 2008	31	4	35	47	11	7
Newspoll 4-6 April 2008	32	3	35	48	10	7
Newspoll 18-20 April 2008	30	4	34	51	9	6
Newspoll 2-4 May 2008	33	4	37	47	9	7
Newspoll 16-18 May 2008	34	3	37	47	9	7
Newspoll 30 May - 1 June 2008*	33	4	37	46	10	7

*3 per cent "uncommitted" and 1 per cent "refused" excluded.

TWO PARTY PREFERRED+

Based on preference flow at November 2007 Federal election

	<u>COALITION</u>	<u>LABOR</u>
	%	%
Election 24 November 2007	47.3	52.7
Newspoll 14-16 March 2008	41	59
Newspoll 4-6 April 2008	41	59
Newspoll 18-20 April 2008	39	61
Newspoll 2-4 May 2008	43	57
Newspoll 16-18 May 2008	43	57
Newspoll 30 May - 1 June 2008	43	57

+ Excludes Northern Territory.

ARE YOU SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY MR KEVIN RUDD IS DOING HIS JOB AS PRIME MINISTER?

	<u>SATISFIED</u>	<u>DISSATISFIED</u>	<u>UNCOMMITTED</u>
	%	%	%
March 14-16 2008	65	17	18
April 4-6 2008	69	13	18
April 18-20 2008	71	15	14
May 2-4 2008	68	17	15
May 16-18 2008	63	23	14
May 30 - June 1 2008	56	30	14

ARE YOU SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY DR BRENDAN NELSON IS DOING HIS JOB AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION?

	<u>SATISFIED</u>	<u>DISSATISFIED</u>	<u>UNCOMMITTED</u>
	%	%	%
March 14-16 2008	35	37	28
April 4-6 2008	36	38	26
April 18-20 2008	38	36	26
May 2-4 2008	36	40	24
May 16-18 2008	37	39	24
May 30 - June 1 2008	36	40	24

WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD MAKE THE BETTER PRIME MINISTER?

	MR KEVIN <u>RUDD</u> %	DR BRENDAN <u>NELSON</u> %	<u>UNCOMMITTED</u> %
March 14-16 2008	70	10	20
April 4-6 2008	73	9	18
April 18-20 2008	71	10	19
May 2-4 2008	72	9	19
May 16-18 2008	70	12	18
May 30 - June 1 2008	66	17	17

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. The latest survey is based on 1,140 interviews among electors. The maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL. More poll information available at www.newspoll.com.au