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IPA POLL: AUSTRALIANS BACK OUR FLAG

"More than 70 per cent of Australians back our flag and believe it unites us, and almost two-thirds reject the divisive push to hide our national flag and replace it with others such as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags as national symbols," said Daniel Wild, Deputy Executive Director of the Institute of Public Affairs.

Today, the IPA has released new polling data, compiled by independent marketing research firm Dynata, on Australians' attitudes towards our national flag, which shows:

- **71 per cent of Australians believe our National Flag unites us, just 13 per cent disagree.**
- **77 per cent of Australians are proud of our National Flag, 7 per cent disagree.**
- **75 per cent of Australians believe we should keep our National Flag, just 10 per cent disagree.**
- **61 per cent of Australians believe we should have only one National Flag, just 29 per cent believe we should have three, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag.**

"Over 70 per cent of Australians are proud of our National Flag, believe it unites all Australians, and support retaining our current flag. This support was shared among men and women, and across all age groups," Mr Wild said.

In the latest pushback against the woke agenda, the *Herald Sun* reports that Mornington Peninsula Shire councillors have overwhelmingly stood up for our National Flag by voting to ensure that it must be given the "highest position of honour" wherever it is flown connected to the Council.

"The Mornington Peninsula Shire councillors who voted to support our flag should be congratulated for taking this commonsense decision," Mr Wild said.

"Leaders throughout the country should look at this decision as an unmissable opportunity to promote social cohesion and national pride by respecting our flag."

Fewer than a third of Australians believe that Australia should have three national flags, consisting of the Australian flag, as well as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Every age group supported retaining one national flag over three, although support was weakest among those aged 18-24 years old.

"The Australian flag is our most inclusive flag as it represents our entire nation and every Australian, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or gender," Mr Wild said.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags have an important place in our society, but Australia has only one National Flag. Australians have had a gutful of the elites and political class trying to divide us along racial grounds."

In addition to pride in our National Flag, almost three-quarters of Australians believe the national anthem should be sung at school assemblies, with only 8 per cent disagreeing. Again, this view was shared among men and women and across all age groups.

"At a time when social cohesion is disintegrating across the nation, mainstream Australians understand that our symbols are unifying, and should be cherished and celebrated at all times. Afterall, there is far more that unites Australians than divides us," Mr Wild said.

To download the IPA's polling data [click here](#).

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