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METHODOLOGY & FUNDING

Sample

- Conducted nationally in Australia by Newspoll Limited among **1,201** respondents (2008) and **1,100** respondents (2010)
- Respondents aged 18 years and over.
- Respondents were selected via a stratified random sample process which included:
 - a quota being set for each capital city and non-capital city area, and within each of these areas, a quota being set for groups of statistical divisions or subdivisions;
 - random selection of household telephone numbers using random digit dialling (RDD);
 - random selection of an individual in each household by a "last birthday" screening question.

Interviewing

- Conducted by telephone over the period of **1-8 May 2008** and **1-14 March 2010** by fully trained and personally briefed interviewers.
- To ensure the sample included those people who tend to spend a lot of time away from home, a system of call backs and appointments was incorporated.

Weighting

- To reflect the population distribution, results were post-weighted to:
 - Australian Bureau of Statistics data on age, highest level of schooling completed, sex and area;
 - Federal voting intention (using the previous two Newspoll voting intention surveys) (2008 only).
- Results presented as weighted, with percentages based on these weighted figures.

Funding

- Funded by the Australian Research Council, Discovery Project DP0666833, led by Griffith University, with Charles Sturt University, University of New England and the University of Melbourne.

Results Release 2 - Questions

EE2. At the moment, the Constitution does not actually mention or officially recognise that **local government** exists in Australia. Which one of the following comes **closest** to your view?

1	The existence of local government should be officially recognised in the Constitution
2	Or , there is no real benefit in making this change to the Constitution
3	[Neither \ don't know]

EE3. Thinking about other things that could be changed in the Constitution. Do you think it is **important, or not important for Australia to have a referendum** about the following things in the next few years. [If important, is that **very** important or **somewhat** important?]

A	A referendum to decide if Australia should become a Republic
B	A referendum to recognise the history and culture of Indigenous Australians in the Constitution
C	A referendum about what levels of government Australia should have
D	A referendum to decide which level of government is responsible for doing what

A FIRST, THEN B-D RANDOMISED, MAINTAINING ORDER C-D

Fig 1. Should **local government** be officially recognised in the Constitution (2008 and 2010)

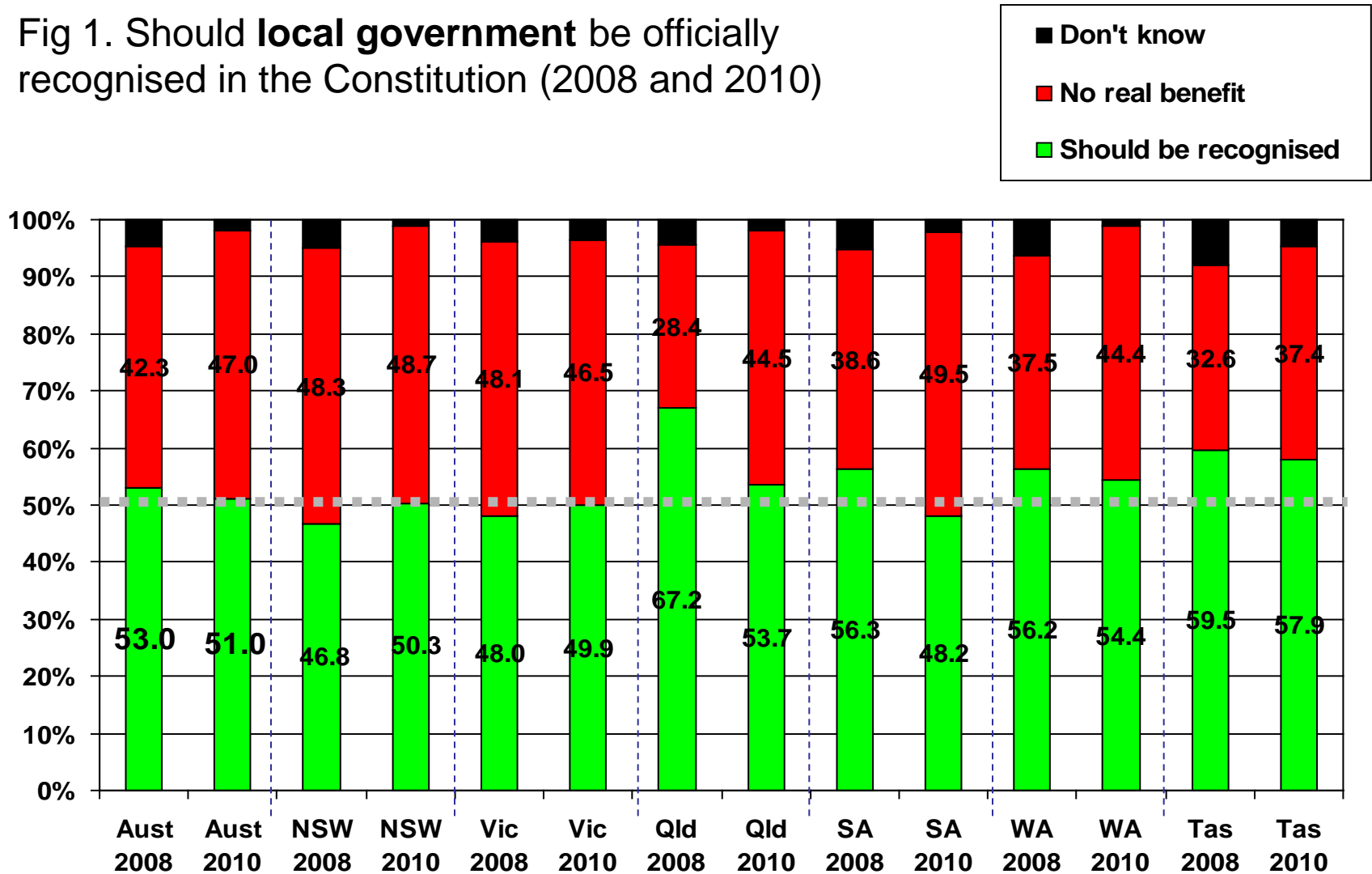


Fig 2. Predicted support for **substantive, reform-driven recognition** of local government (2008)

(If changes state there must always be a system of local government, set rules and standards of accountability, and guarantee a reasonable level of funding for local govt)
 [See A J Brown (2008) UNSW Law Journal Vol 31(2)]

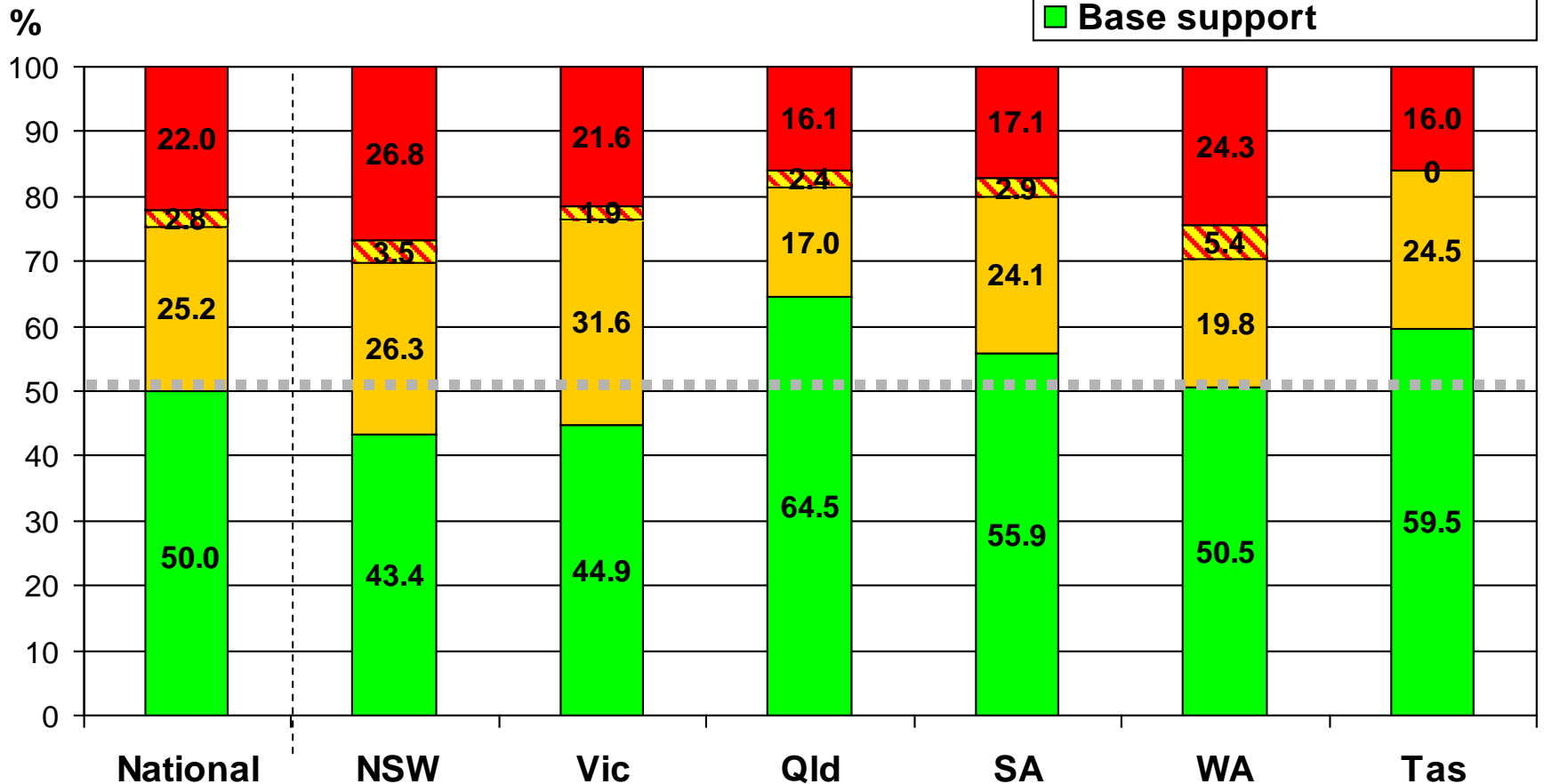


Fig 3. Should **local government** be officially recognised in the Constitution, by **voting preference** (2008 and 2010)

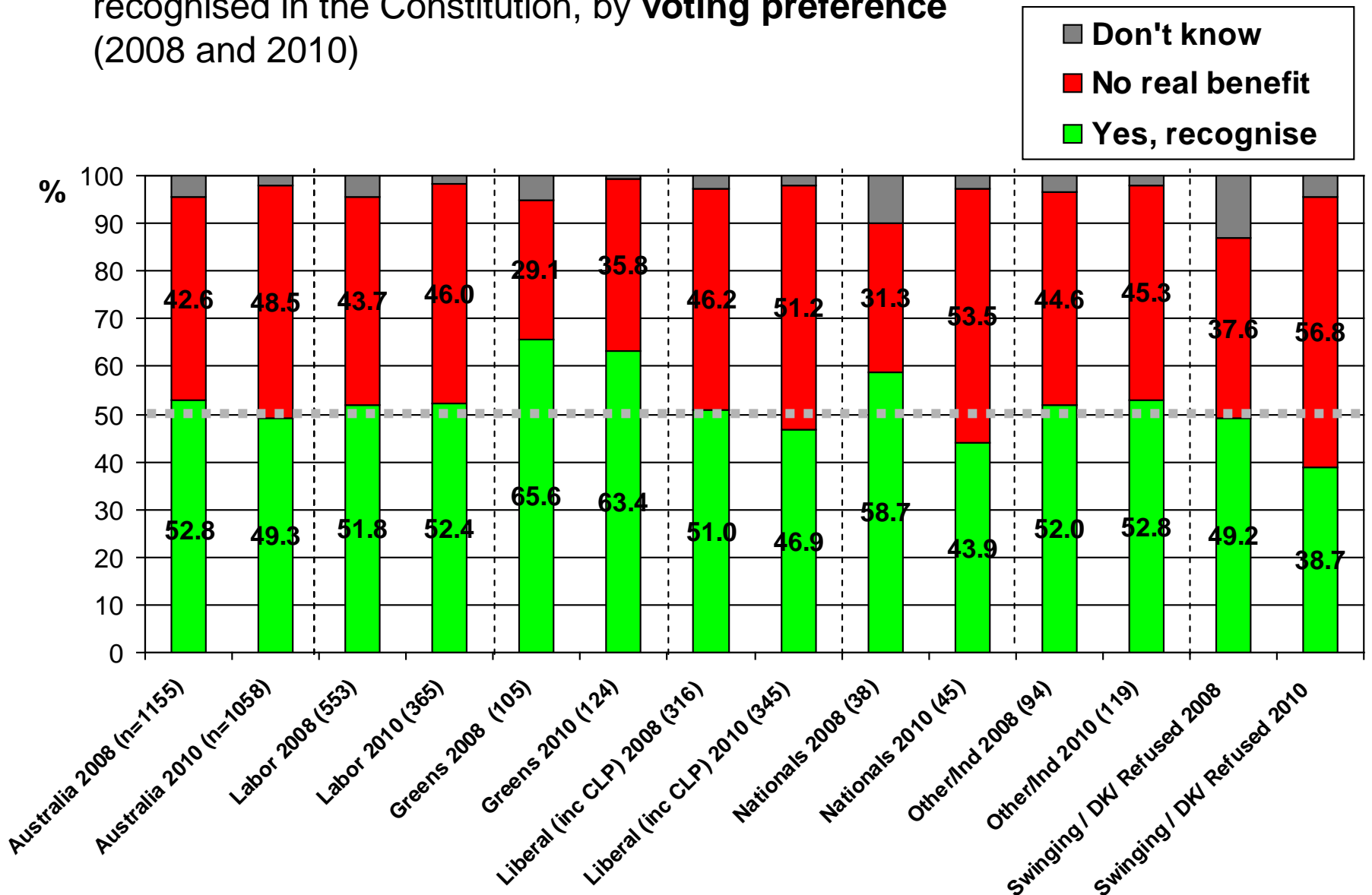


Fig 4. Importance of **holding referendum** in next few years, national (March 2010)

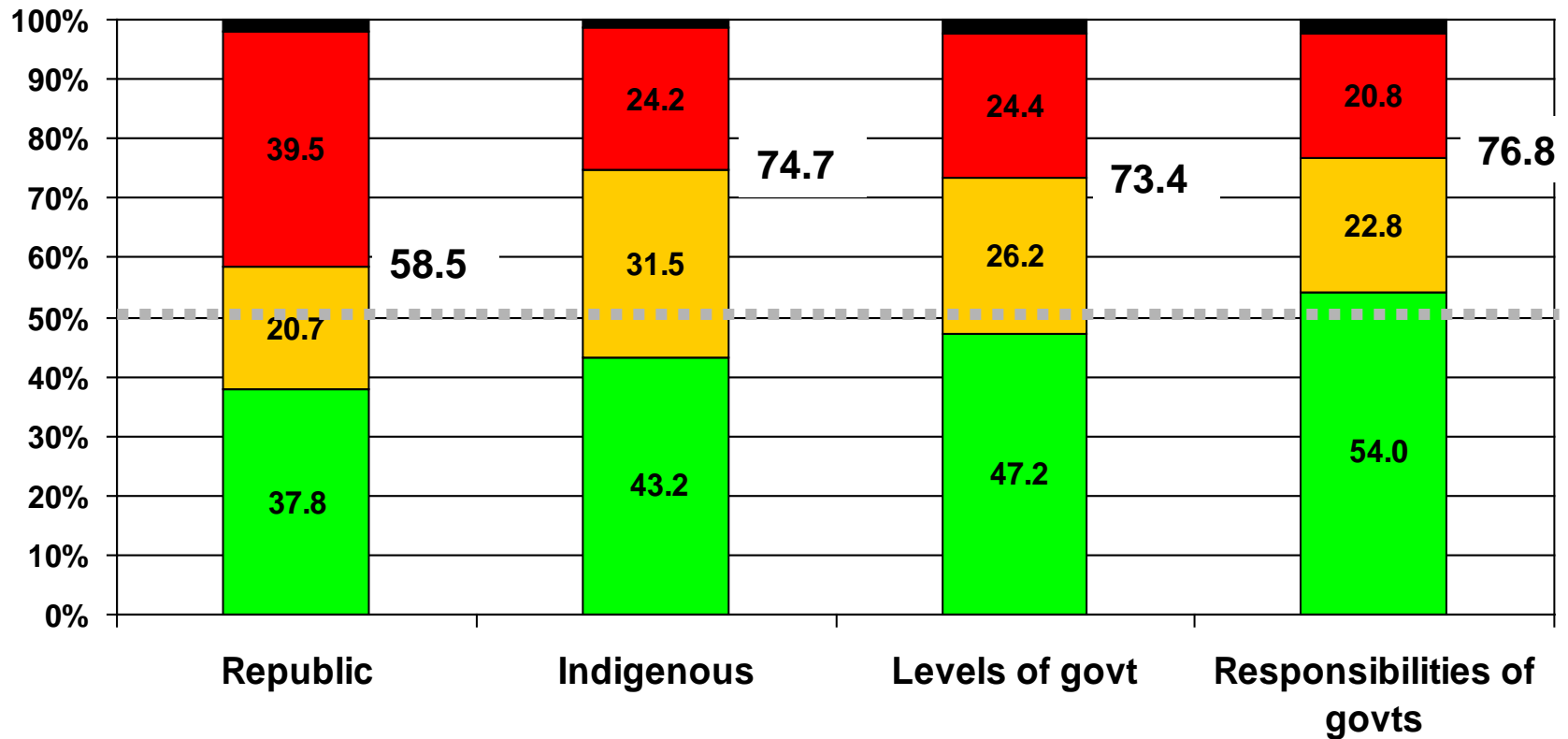
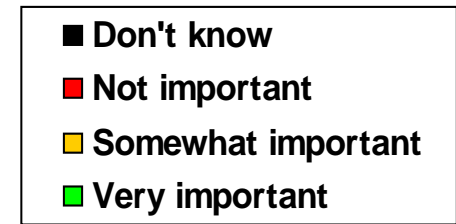


Fig 5. Importance of **holding referendum** in next few years, overall importance, national and by state (March 2010)

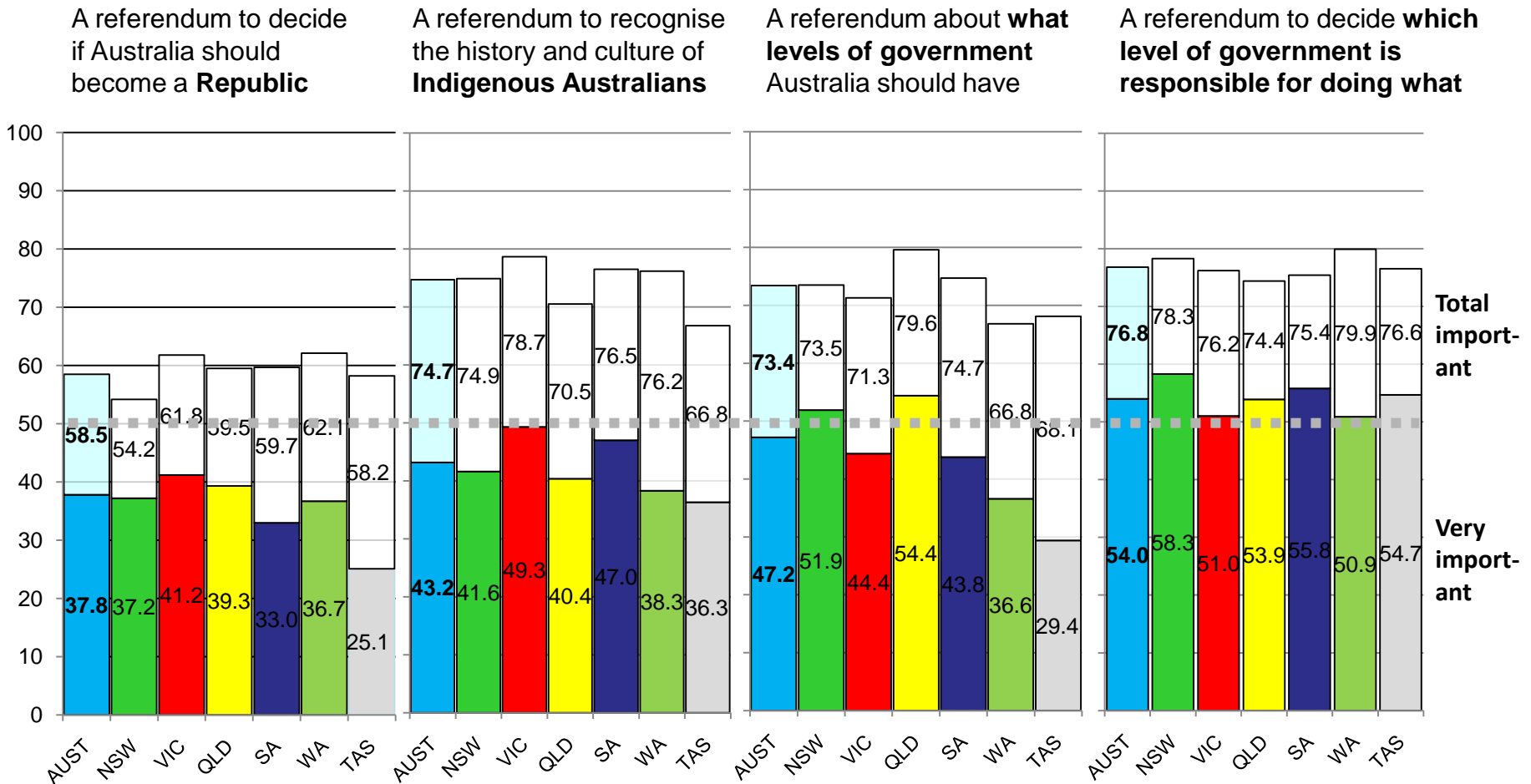


Fig 6. Importance of **holding referendum** in next few years by state (March 2010) (Very important only)

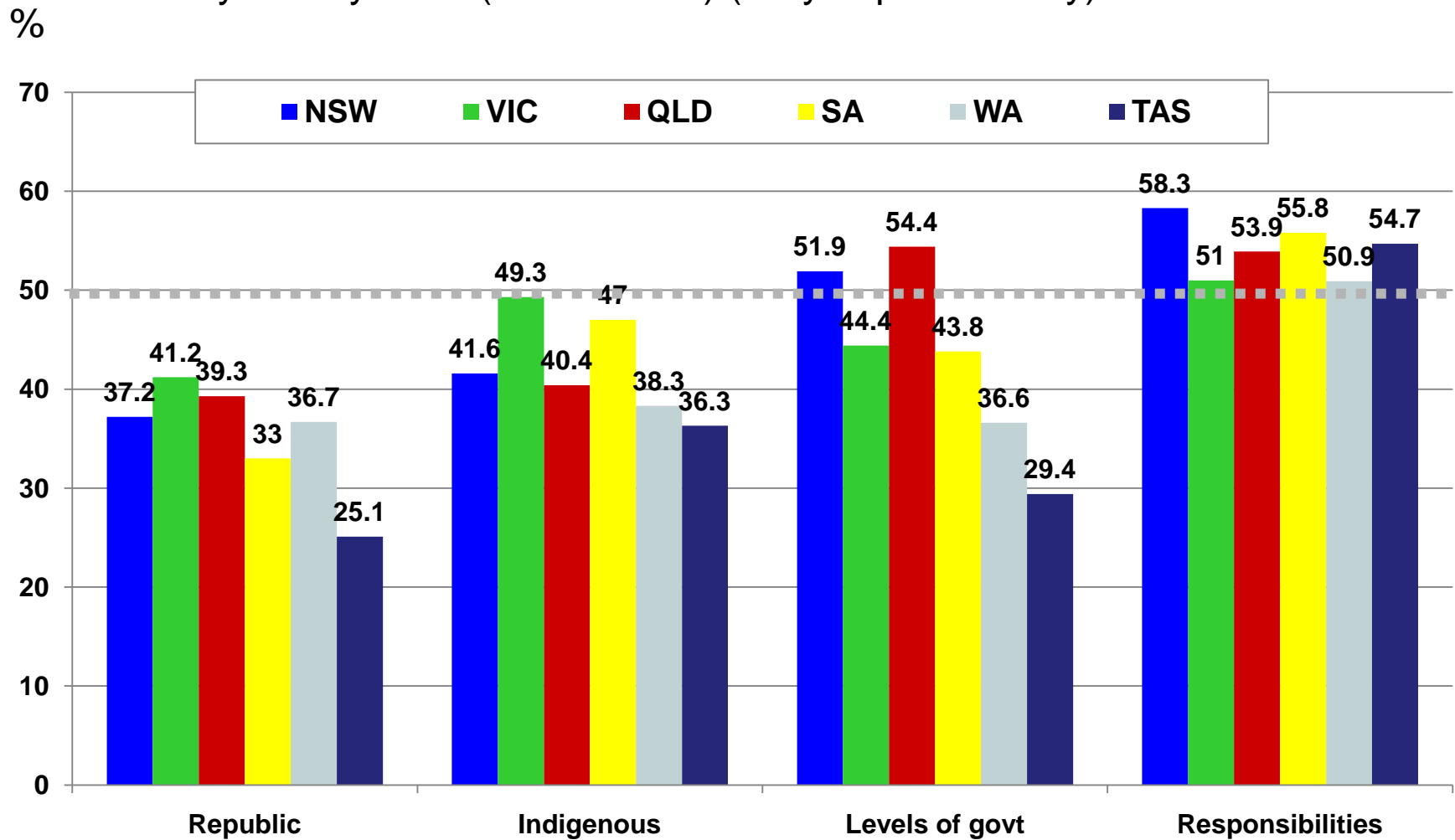


Fig 7. Importance of referendum to recognise **history and culture of Indigenous Australians**, by state (March 2010)

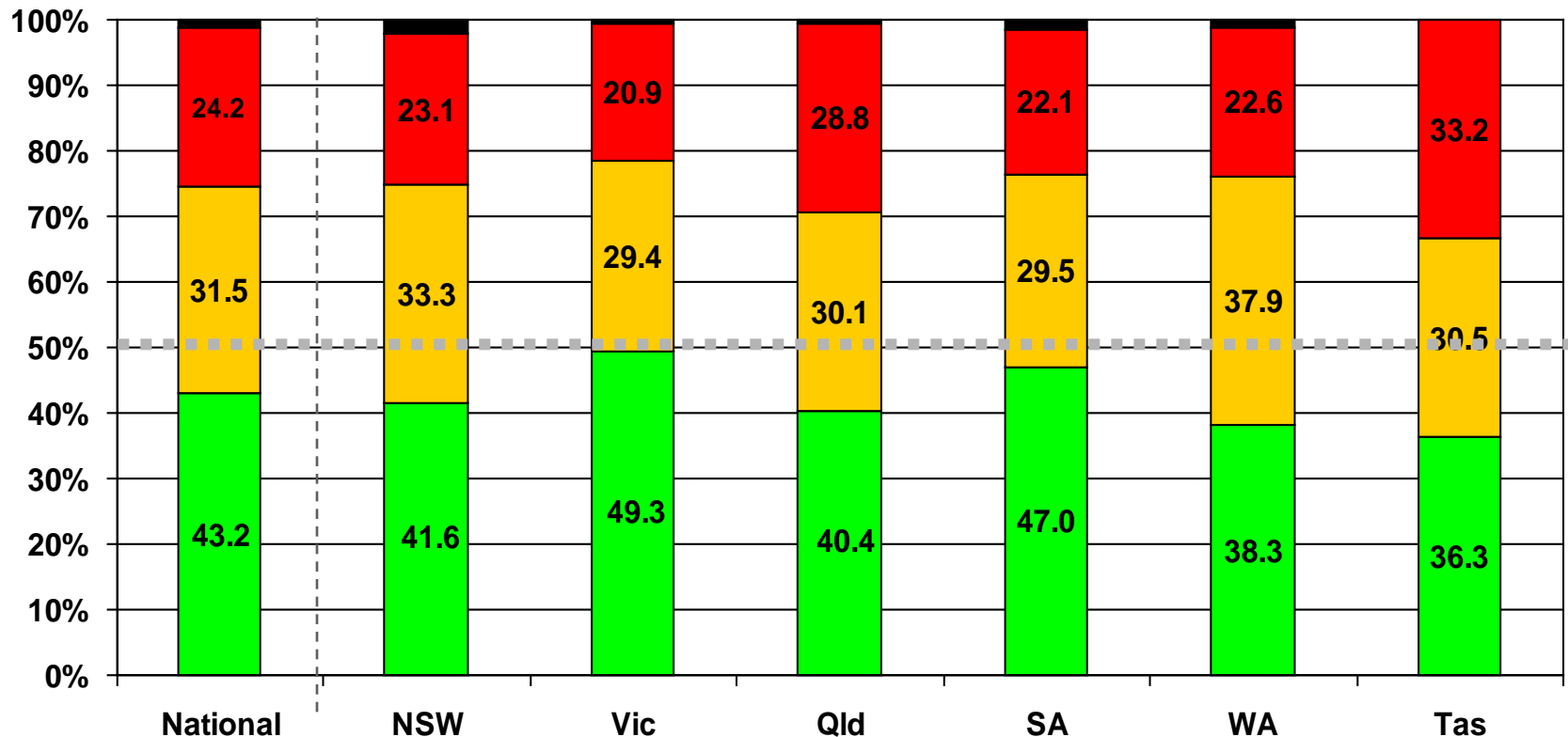
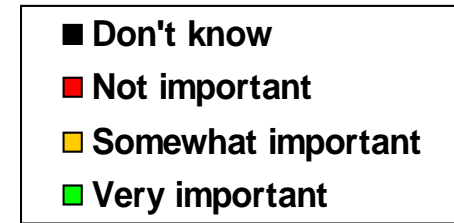
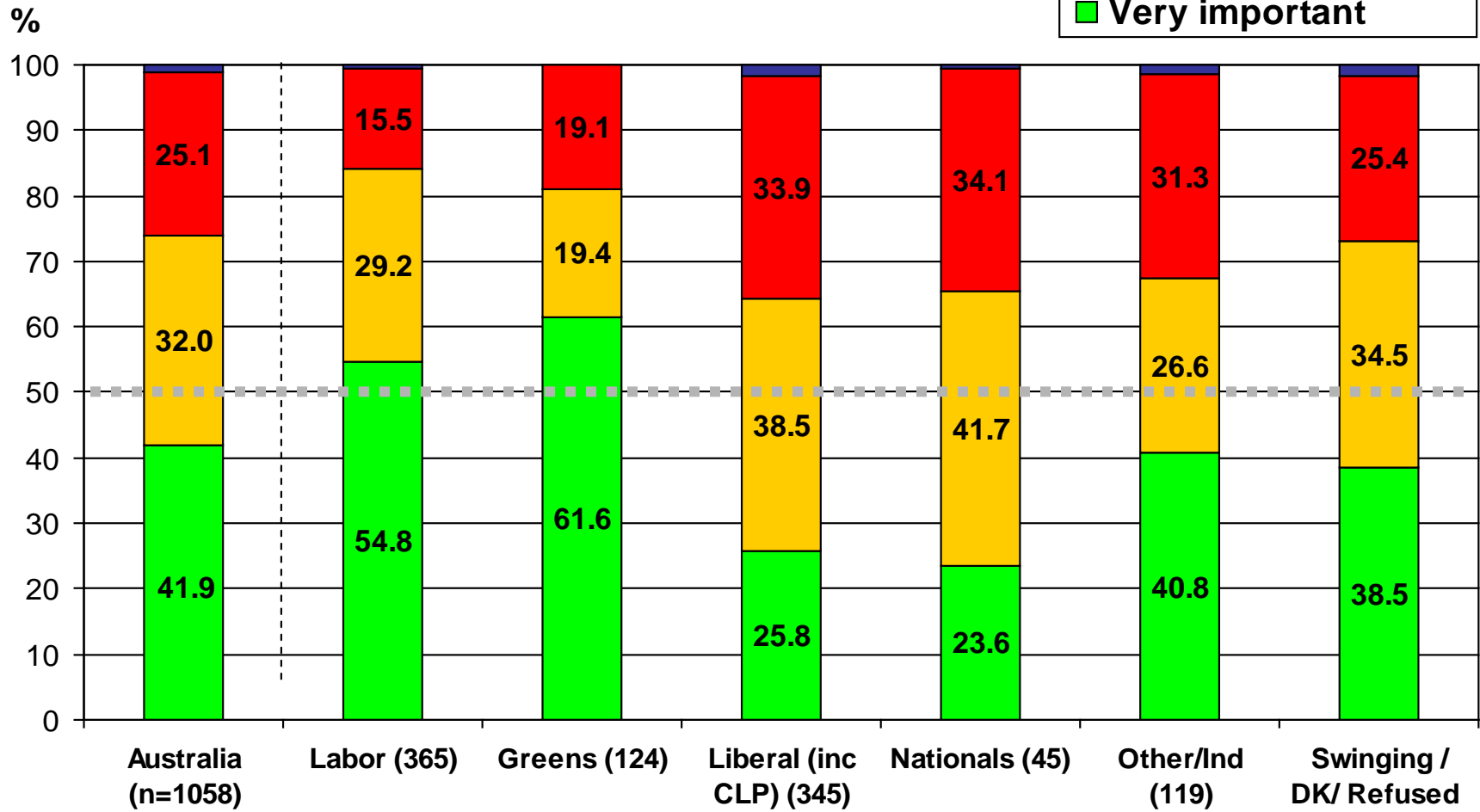
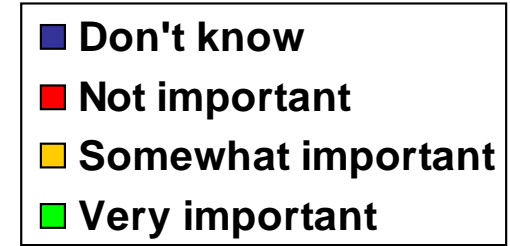
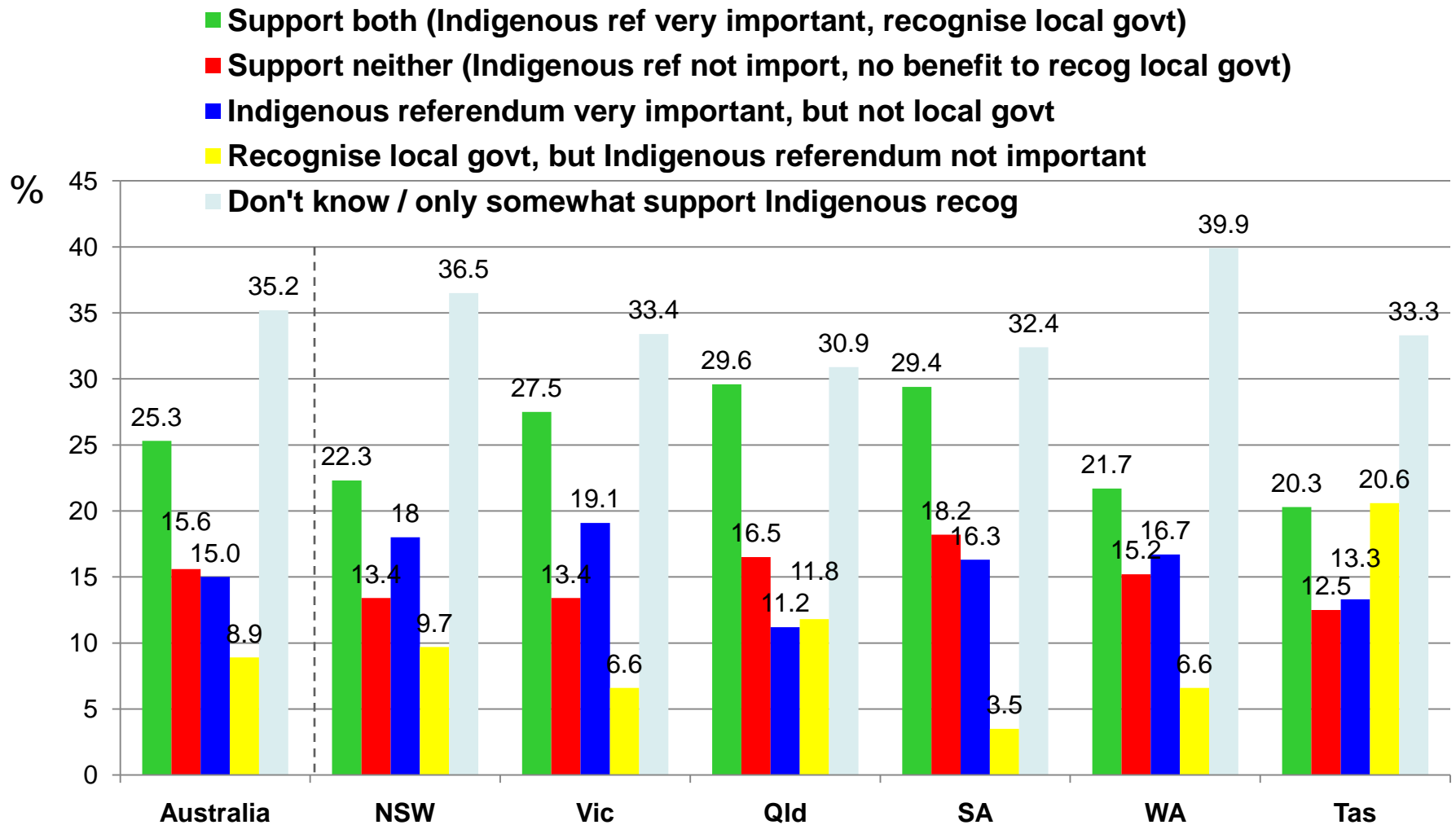


Fig 8. A referendum to recognise **history and culture of Indigenous Australians**, by voting preference



**Fig 9. Both issues combined...
by state (2010)**



**Fig 10. Both issues combined...
by voting preference (2010)**

