

*Table 1.* Party candidates' positions on the use of referendums: Percentage responding that referendums are 'good things'

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<i>Australia 2001</i> <sup>1</sup>	
Liberals	65
Nationals	65
<b>Australian public</b>	<b>66</b>
Labour	71
Democrats	84
Greens	86
One Nation Party	89
<i>Canada 1999/2000</i> <sup>2</sup>	
New Democratic Party	15
Liberal	37
<b>Canadian public</b>	<b>57</b>
Progressive Conservatives	61
Reform Alliance	100
<i>New Zealand 1999</i> <sup>3</sup>	
Labour	28
Alliance	48
National	51
ACT	53
Green	54
<b>New Zealand public</b>	<b>74</b>
New Zealand First	81

Notes: See Online Appendix for details on all measures. <sup>1</sup> Asked of MPs, candidates and the public: 'Overall, do you think that referendums are good things, bad things, or do they make no difference?'. <sup>2</sup> Asked of MPs, MLAs and the public: 'Overall, do you think that referendums are good things, bad things, or do they make no difference?'. <sup>3</sup> Asked of candidates, MPs, and the public: 'Overall, do you think that referendums and citizen initiated referendums are good things, bad things, or do they make no difference?'.  
Sources: 2001 Australian Election Study candidate survey and 2001 Australian Election Study voter survey (Bean et al. 2001); Survey of Canadian candidates conducted in 1999 and 2000, and a 2000 Institute for Research on Public Policy survey; 1999 New Zealand Election Study candidate survey and 1999 New Zealand Election Study (Vowles et al. 1999).

governing centre-right Liberal and National parties and 18 percentage points higher than those of the Australian Labor Party. The candidates closest to those of ON – as we might have expected given the traditional support of such parties for direct democracy – were those of the Greens with 86 per cent. The results from the candidates' survey in Canada were very clear-cut. Support among RP/CA candidates and MPs was more than 60 percentage points greater than among parliamentary candidates and MPs from the governing Liberal Party. Finally, support among NZF candidates and MPs in 1999 was 30 percentage points higher