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**ABS SURVEY RESULTS CONFIRM RACE STILL WIDE OPEN;
1 IN EVERY 3 AUSTRALIANS STILL YET TO VOTE**

The increase in return of same-sex marriage surveys is consistent with the overwhelming number of calls and emails from people all over Australia who have felt ignored for too long, the Coalition for Marriage said today.

“It is encouraging to see so many Australians choosing to have their say. The Australian public understand the gravity of the decision before us, and they know it has consequences for everyone,” said Coalition for Marriage spokesman Lyle Shelton.

“However, with 6 million Australians still yet to cast their ballot, there are a lot of people we need to reach. A change to the definition of marriage will affect everyone, including those who might not vote, and our wonderful team of volunteers are committed to make sure all Australians know the consequences of a change, and how it will impact education, free speech and freedom of religion.

“The energy levels and spirits of our volunteers remain high.

“This result pours a bucket of cold water on the widely heralded polls that claimed that 80% of the country had voted and it was all over. They were wrong then, they are wrong now.

“Our campaign will continue at full speed until the final person casts their vote and the ballot closes,” he concluded.

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