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# **WoolPoll 2006 Results & Analysis**

**7 November, 2006**

This document has been prepared for the WoolPoll 2006 Panel Members and certified by the Returning Officer for WoolPoll 2006, Mr Leigh Bull.

#### TIMELINE

DATE	ACTIVITY
18 August 2006	Voting entitlement notification mailed to all eligible WoolPoll voters – 48,203 voters
8 September 2006	Voting entitlements cut-off for WoolPoll 2006
14 September 2006	WoolPoll voting papers mailed to all eligible voters
3 November 2006	WoolPoll ballot closes
7 November 2006	Results of WoolPoll Ballot presented.

#### VOTER INFORMATION

	Voting Papers	Votes
Voting Papers mailed to eligible Levy Payers	48,203	1,136,999
Valid Voting Papers returned	16,190	586,317
Percentage Returns	33.59%	51.57%

## ANALYSIS OF RETURNS

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	UNKNOWN*
Voting Papers mailed to eligible Levy Payers	17,857	11,449	1,642	7,545	8,091	1,574	7	38
Voting Papers returned - VALID**	5,965	3,672	652	2,368	3,077	456	-	-
Voting Papers returned - INVALID***	2	1		1				
Percentage of Voting papers returned	33%	32%	40%	31%	38%	29%	0%	0%

\* A number of levy-payers on the register have an unknown domicile. This is a result of DAFF not registering a postcode against the Wool Tax paid. This means all these voting packs are undeliverable. The unknown domicile levy payers hold 174 votes in total.

\*\* The "VALID" figures include 71 Voting papers returned either completely blank with the signature field completed, or blank in the preferential voting area only (the supplementary questions were completed). These blank forms represent 1,312 possible votes.

\*\*\* 4 Voting papers were returned but considered invalid as they were unsigned; these invalid forms represent 56 votes in total.

Both the above categories have been included in the return rates but not in determining the outcome.

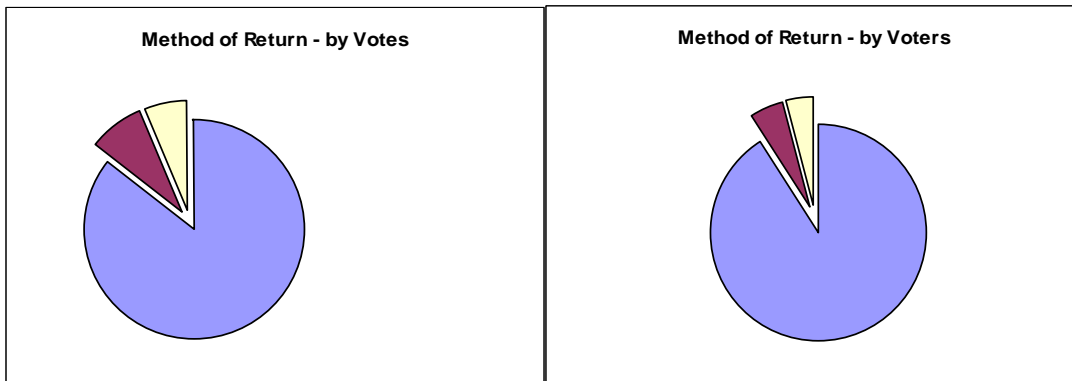
## LOST LEVY-PAYERS

The AWIU register held 2,999 levy payers with a 'return mail' flag at the time of mailing. These levy payers were mailed to. As a result of the WoolPoll mailing, a further 53 levy payers were marked with a return mail flag.

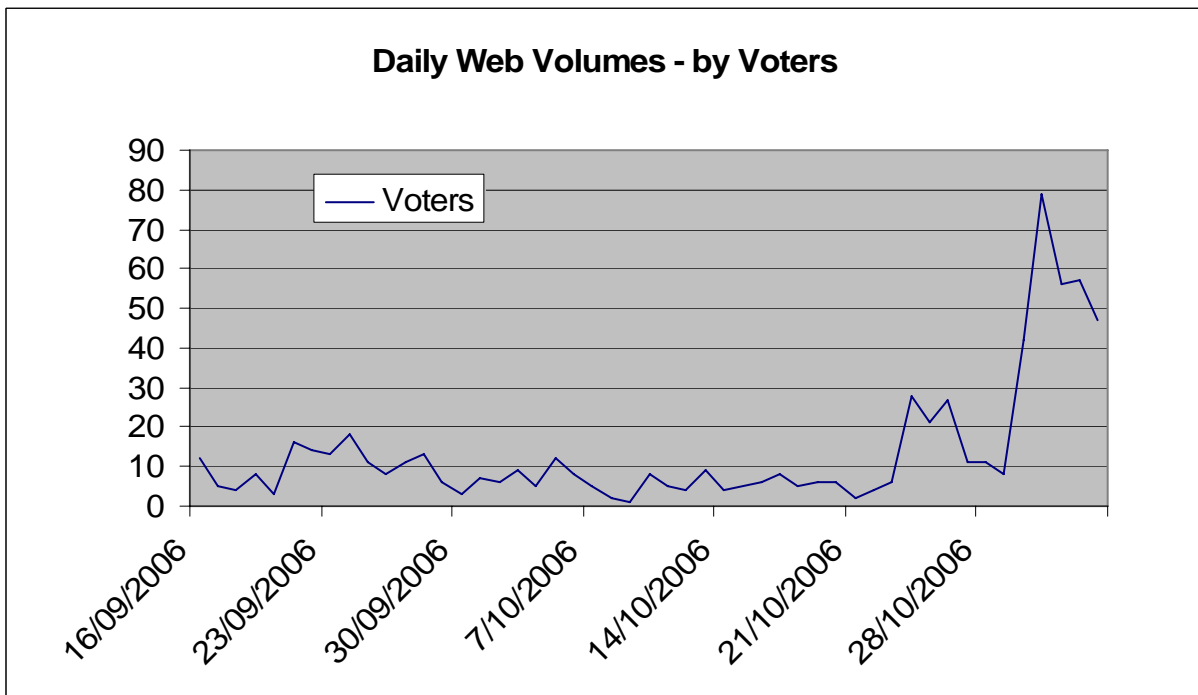
The below table sets out the method of returns

METHOD OF RECEIPT		
	Number of Voters	Number of Votes
Forms received via POST	14,637	501,551
Forms received via FAX	822	48,969
Forms received via INTERNET	660	35,797
<b>TOTAL FORMS RECEIVED</b>	<b>16,119</b>	<b>586,317</b>

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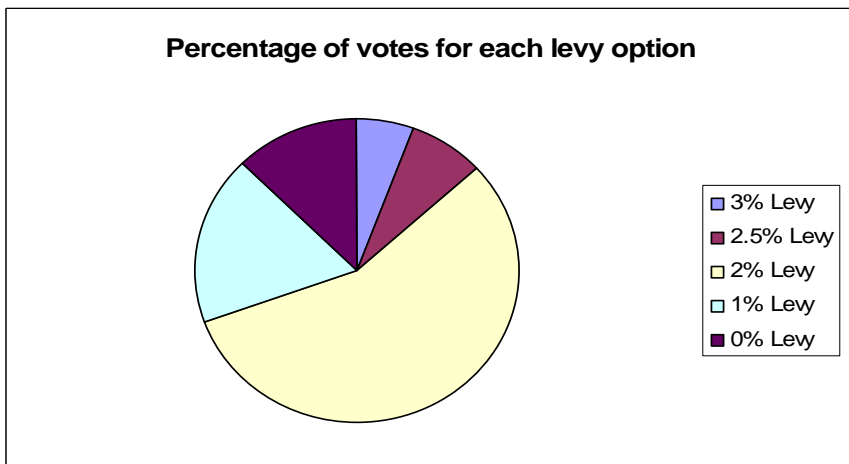
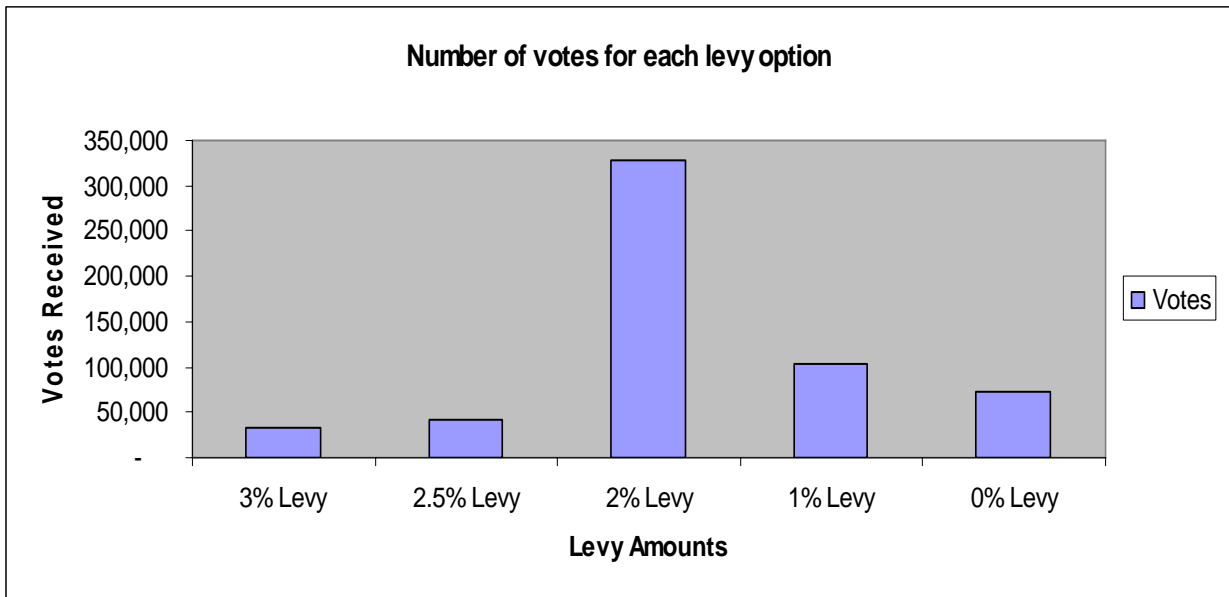


The statistics below give a further breakdown of the use of the online voting system:



ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

Levy Amounts	Votes	Percentage
3% Levy	34,091	5.81%
2.5% Levy	44,275	7.55%
2% Levy	329,175	56.14%
1% Levy	105,082	17.92%
0% Levy	73,694	12.57%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>586,317</b>	



HIGHEST VOTED LEVY AMOUNT AS DECIDED BY FIRST PREFERENCES -

**2% Levy**

As one levy amount received over 50% of the vote, no preferential voting scenario was used.

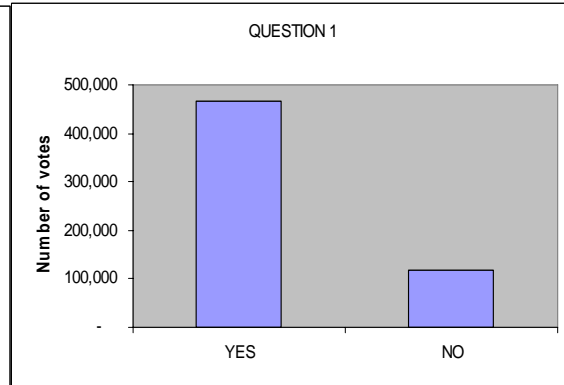
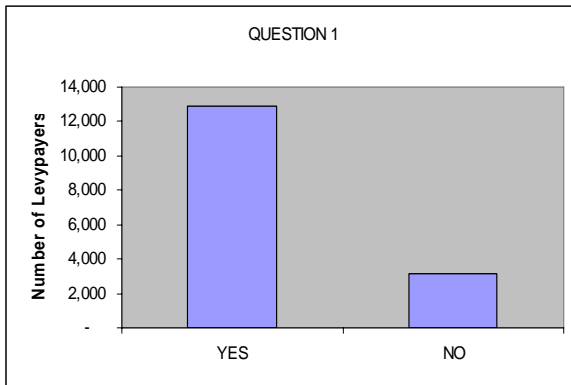
ANALYSIS OF SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Question 1:

Do you support an amendment to the Statutory Funding Agreement to give AWI more flexibility to address emerging issues so long as this is for the benefit of Australian Woolgrowers?

The table below shows the outcome to Supplementary Question No. 1 by voter and votes:

QUESTION 1			
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Number of Levy Payers	12,876	3,177	16,053
Number of Votes	465,891	117,398	583,289

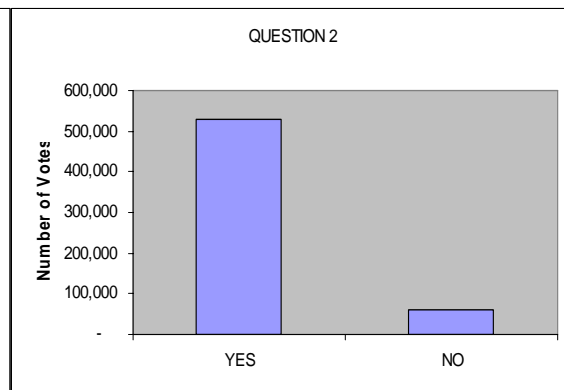
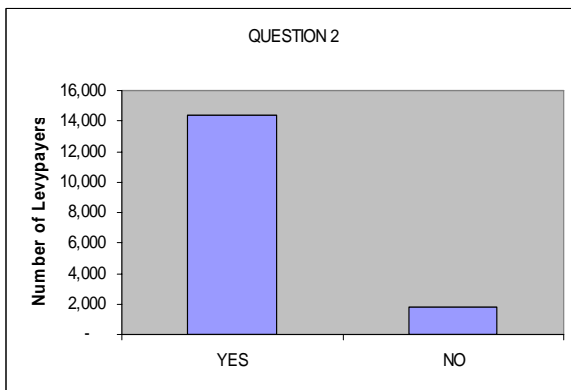


Question 2:

Do you support a change to regulations to provide that all wool, no matter how it is harvested, is subject to the wool levy?

The table below shows the outcome to Supplementary Question No. 2 by voter and votes:

QUESTION 2			
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Number of Levy Payers	14,402	1,810	16,212
Number of Votes	528,381	60,516	588,897

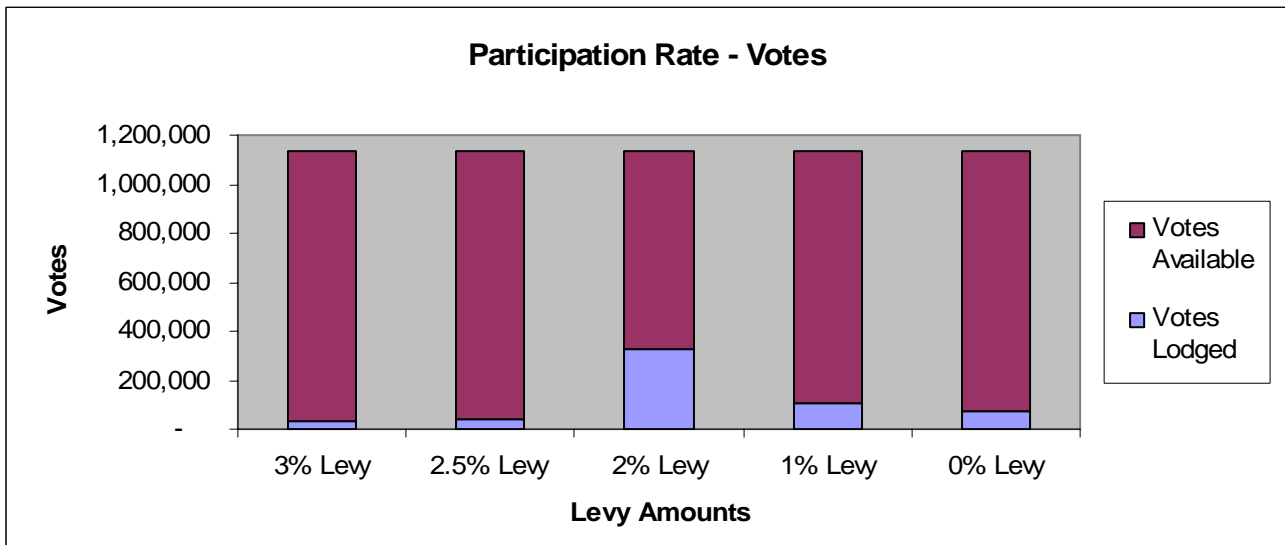
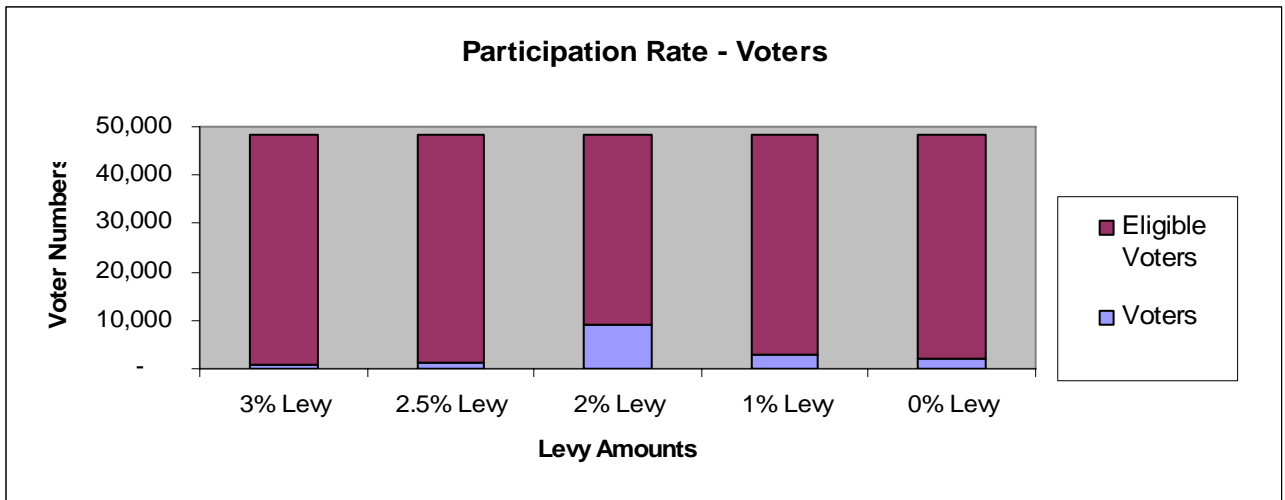


ANALYSIS OF PARTICIPATION RATES

The tables below show participation rates of eligible voters:

National

	Voters	Percentage of available voters	Votes	Percentage of available votes
3% Levy	883	2%	34,091	3%
2.5% Levy	1,192	2%	44,275	4%
2% Levy	9,042	19%	329,175	29%
1% Levy	3,033	6%	105,082	9%
0% Levy	1,969	4%	73,694	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,119</b>	<b>33.44%</b>	<b>586,317</b>	<b>51.57%</b>



Participation rates on state by state basis:

NSW

	Voters	Percentage of available voters in NSW	Votes	Percentage of available votes in NSW
3% Levy	396	2%	14,260	4%
2.5% Levy	494	3%	17,092	4%
2% Levy	3,349	19%	112,354	29%
1% Levy	1,002	6%	29,272	8%
0% Levy	689	4%	22,466	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,930</b>	<b>33.21%</b>	<b>195,444</b>	<b>51.22%</b>

VIC

	Voters	Percentage of available voters in VIC	Votes	Percentage of available votes in VIC
3% Levy	232	2%	8,458	4%
2.5% Levy	302	3%	9,692	4%
2% Levy	2,178	19%	70,164	31%
1% Levy	627	5%	16,525	7%
0% Levy	314	3%	9,576	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>31.91%</b>	<b>114,415</b>	<b>50.81%</b>

QLD

	Voters	Percentage of available voters in QLD	Votes	Percentage of available votes in QLD
3% Levy	61	4%	2,801	5%
2.5% Levy	61	4%	3,930	7%
2% Levy	388	24%	18,848	33%
1% Levy	82	5%	4,136	7%
0% Levy	58	4%	2,852	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>39.59%</b>	<b>32,567</b>	<b>56.47%</b>

SA

	Voters	Percentage of available voters in SA	Votes	Percentage of available votes in SA
3% Levy	86	1%	3,057	2%
2.5% Levy	150	2%	3,585	3%
2% Levy	1,493	20%	45,029	32%
1% Levy	447	6%	13,860	10%
0% Levy	187	2%	3,733	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>31.32%</b>	<b>69,264</b>	<b>49.39%</b>

## WA

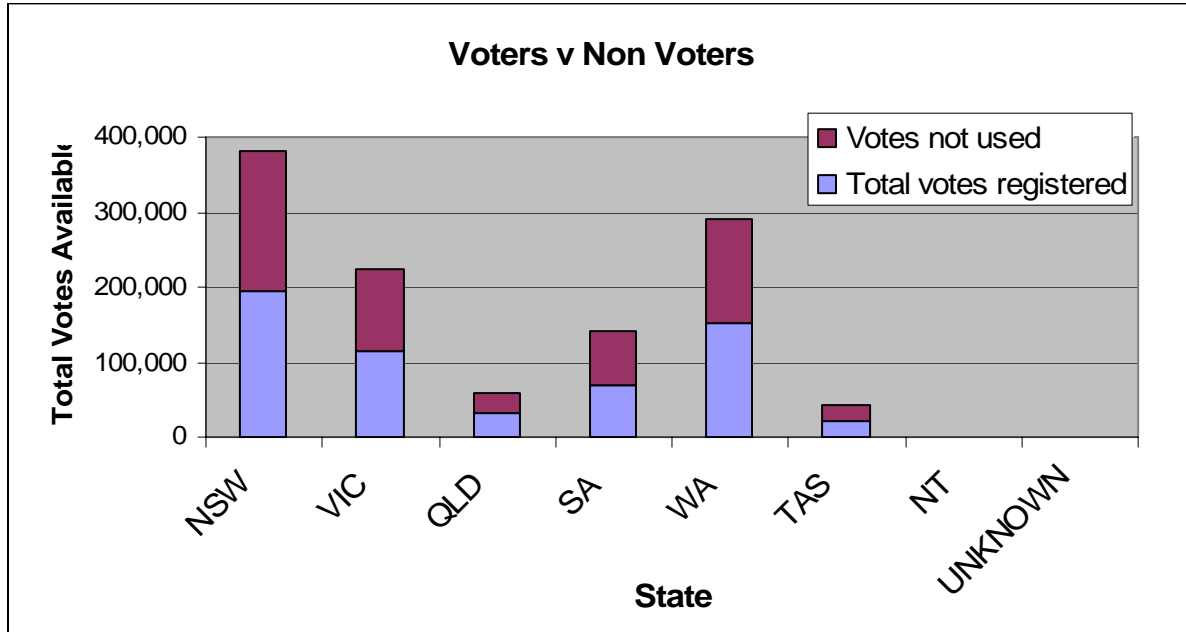
	Voters	Percentage of available voters in WA	Votes	Percentage of available votes in WA
3% Levy	74	1%	3,306	1%
2.5% Levy	141	2%	7,360	3%
2% Levy	1,370	17%	69,392	24%
1% Levy	805	10%	38,525	13%
0% Levy	678	8%	33,606	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>37.92%</b>	<b>152,189</b>	<b>52.60%</b>

## TAS

	Voters	Percentage of available voters in TAS	Votes	Percentage of available votes in TAS
3% Levy	37	2%	2,209	5%
2.5% Levy	43	3%	2,616	6%
2% Levy	268	17%	13,388	32%
1% Levy	62	4%	2,764	7%
0% Levy	45	3%	1,461	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>28.91%</b>	<b>22,438</b>	<b>53.23%</b>

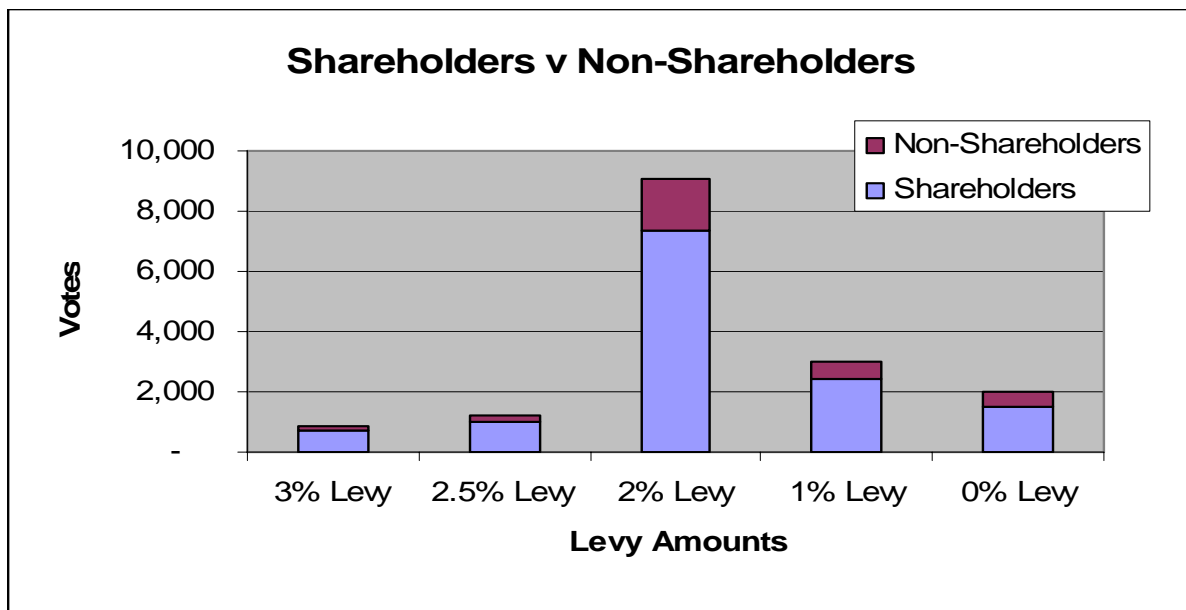
The table below shows the Non-Voter component:

NON-VOTERS				
	Total votes available	Total votes registered	Votes not used	Total Non Voters
NSW	381,572	195,444	186,128	11,892
VIC	225,203	114,415	110,788	7,775
QLD	57,676	32,567	25,109	991
SA	140,239	69,264	70,975	5,184
WA	289,335	152,189	137,146	5,012
TAS	42,151	22,438	19,713	1,118
NT	649	0	649	7
UNKNOWN	174	0	174	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,136,999</b>	<b>586,317</b>	<b>550,682</b>	<b>32,013</b>



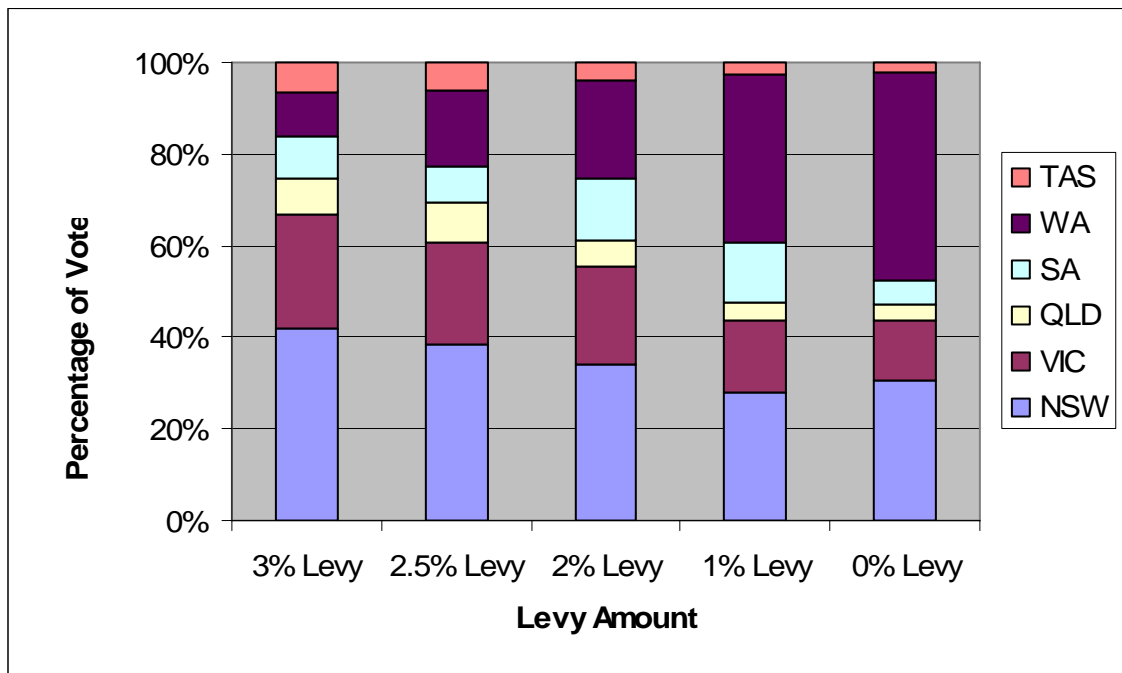
The Table below shows the voting pattern of shareholders v non-shareholders:

	Shareholders		Non-Shareholders	
	Voters	Votes	Voters	Votes
3% Levy	721	31,174	163	2,917
2.5% Levy	969	41,174	222	3,101
2% Levy	7,389	301,343	1,662	27,832
1% Levy	2,405	94,494	617	10,588
0% Levy	1,522	64,886	449	8,808
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,006</b>	<b>533,071</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>53,246</b>



The table below shows consolidated State by State participation and voting patterns:

	3% Levy	2.5% Levy	2% Levy	1% Levy	0% Levy	Total Votes	Percentage of total votes cast
NSW	14,260	17,092	112,354	29,272	22,466	<b>195,444</b>	33%
VIC	8,458	9,692	70,164	16,525	9,576	<b>114,415</b>	20%
QLD	2,801	3,930	18,848	4,136	2,852	<b>32,567</b>	6%
SA	3,057	3,585	45,029	13,860	3,733	<b>69,264</b>	12%
WA	3,306	7,360	69,392	38,525	33,606	<b>152,189</b>	26%
TAS	2,209	2,616	13,388	2,764	1,461	<b>22,438</b>	4%
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>34,091</b>	<b>44,275</b>	<b>329,175</b>	<b>105,082</b>	<b>73,694</b>	<b>586,317</b>	<b>100%</b>



The table below shows consolidated state by state patterns as a percentage of total votes cast in that state.

	3% Levy	2.5% Levy	2% Levy	1% Levy	0% Levy
NSW	7%	9%	57%	15%	11%
VIC	7%	8%	61%	14%	8%
QLD	9%	12%	58%	13%	9%
SA	4%	5%	65%	20%	5%
WA	2%	5%	46%	25%	22%
TAS	10%	12%	60%	12%	7%

Note, the only state where the 2% levy amount did not receive over 50% of the vote was Western Australia. To further determine the Western Australian voting patterns, the scenario below shows the outcome of preferential votes being distributed for WA.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

Distribution of 2<sup>nd</sup> Preferences:

Least well supported levy = 3% levy

74 voters listed 3% as their first preference.

These 74 voters had 3,306 votes.

Of the 74 voters,

- 60 listed 2.5% as their second preference – representing 3,145 votes.

- 14 listed 2% as their second preference – representing 161 votes.

Adding these votes to the numbers listed above gives the following result:

	Voters	Percentage of available voters in WA	Votes	Percentage of available votes in WA
3% Levy				
2.5% Levy	215	3%	10,505	4%
2% Levy	1,384	17%	69,553	24%
1% Levy	805	10%	38,525	13%
0% Levy	678	8%	33,606	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>37.92%</b>	<b>152,189</b>	<b>52.60%</b>

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NSW	7%	9%	57%	15%	11%
VIC	7%	8%	61%	14%	8%
QLD	9%	12%	58%	13%	9%
SA	4%	5%	65%	20%	5%
WA		7%	46%	25%	22%
TAS	10%	12%	60%	12%	7%

Upon distribution of second preferences, one levy amount still does not have a clear majority.

Distribution of 3<sup>rd</sup> preferences:

Least well supported levy = 2.5% levy

215 voters listed 2.5% as their first preference.

These 215 voters had 10,505 votes.

Of the 215 voters,

- 214 listed 2% as their third preference – representing 10,496 votes.
- 1 did not list a third preference – representing 9 votes.

Adding these votes to the numbers listed above gives the following result:

	Voters	Percentage of available voters in WA	Votes	Percentage of available votes in WA
3% Levy				
2.5% Levy		0%		0%
2% Levy	1,598	20%	80,049	28%
1% Levy	805	10%	38,525	13%
0% Levy	678	8%	33,606	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>37.92%</b>	<b>152,189</b>	<b>52.60%</b>

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SA	3,057	3,585	45,029	13,860	3,733	69,264
WA		-	80,049	38,525	33,606	152,189
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<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>34,091</b>	<b>44,275</b>	<b>329,175</b>	<b>105,082</b>	<b>73,694</b>	<b>586,317</b>

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NSW	7%	9%	57%	15%	11%
VIC	7%	8%	61%	14%	8%
QLD	9%	12%	58%	13%	9%
SA	4%	5%	65%	20%	5%
WA		0%	53%	25%	22%
TAS	10%	12%	60%	12%	7%

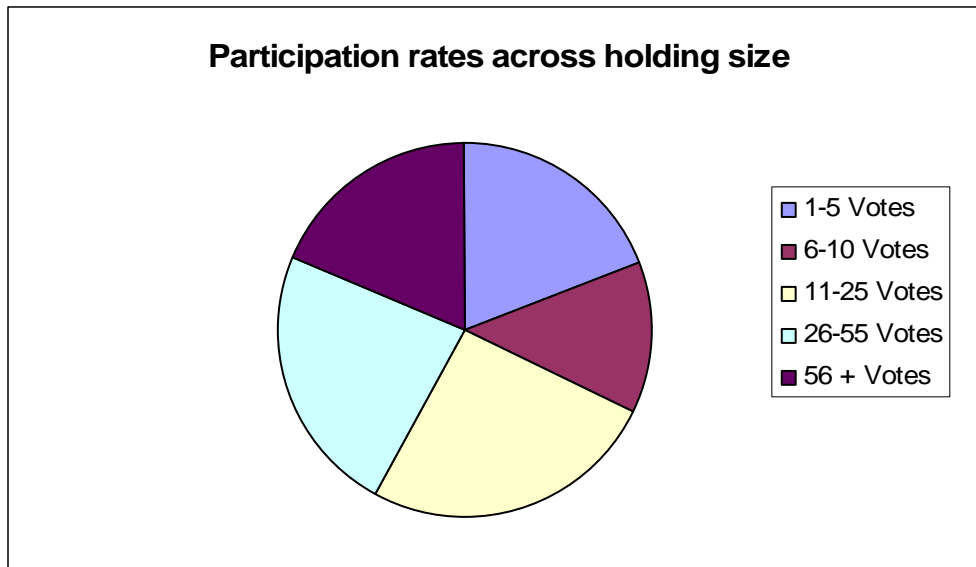
After the distribution of third preferences, the 2% levy has a majority in Western Australia

The table below shows the participation rates of smaller vs. larger voters:






	Number of voting forms received*	Number of voting papers received as a percentage of total eligible	Number of votes voted	Number of votes voted as a percentage of total eligible
Participation by those who hold 1-5 votes	3,107	18%	8,309	20%
Participation by those who hold 6-10 votes	2,103	29%	16,585	29%
Participation by those who hold 11-25 votes	4,081	37%	70,037	38%
Participation by those who hold 26-55 votes	3,840	48%	147,126	49%
Participation by those who hold 56 and over votes	2,988	59%	344,260	62%

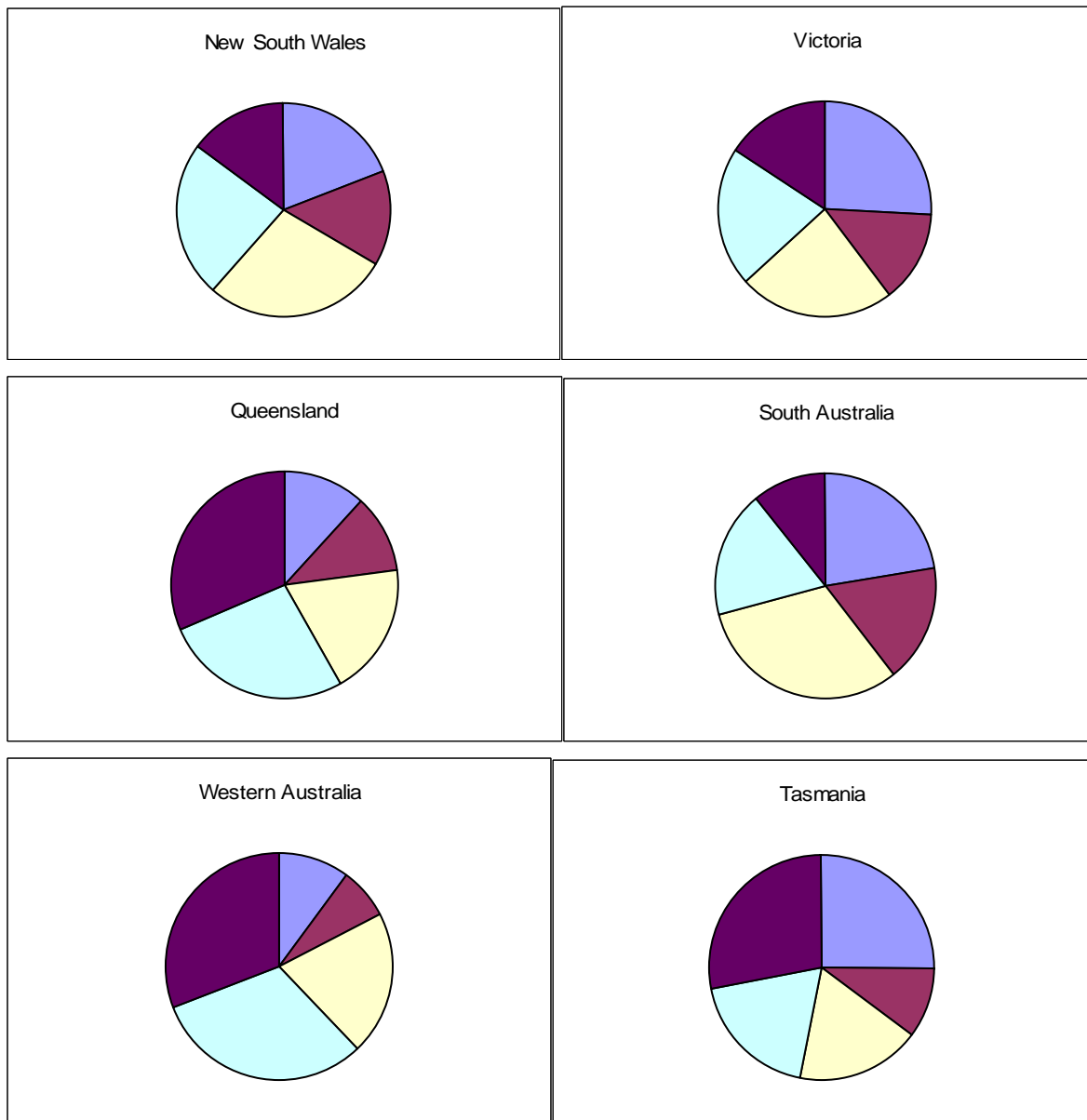
The table below shows the participation rates of smaller and larger holders across states:

	Participation by those who hold 1-5 votes	Participation by those who hold 6-10 votes	Participation by those who hold 11-25 votes	Participation by those who hold 26-55 votes	Participation by those who hold 56 and over votes
NSW	1,136	848	1,650	1,423	876
VIC	945	503	865	766	574
QLD	75	73	124	174	204
SA	530	399	746	428	259
WA	306	234	616	964	946
TAS	115	46	80	85	129
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,107</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>2,988</b>



STATE BY STATE

LEGEND	
	1-5 Votes
	6-10 Votes
	11-25 Votes
	26-55 Votes
	56 and over Votes



The tables below show participation across voting entitlements and shareholder base:

	Participation by those who hold 1-5 votes		
	Shareholders	Non-Shareholders	TOTAL
NSW	684	452	1,136
VIC	541	404	945
QLD	38	37	75
SA	317	213	530
WA	148	158	306
TAS	66	49	115
NT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>3,107</b>

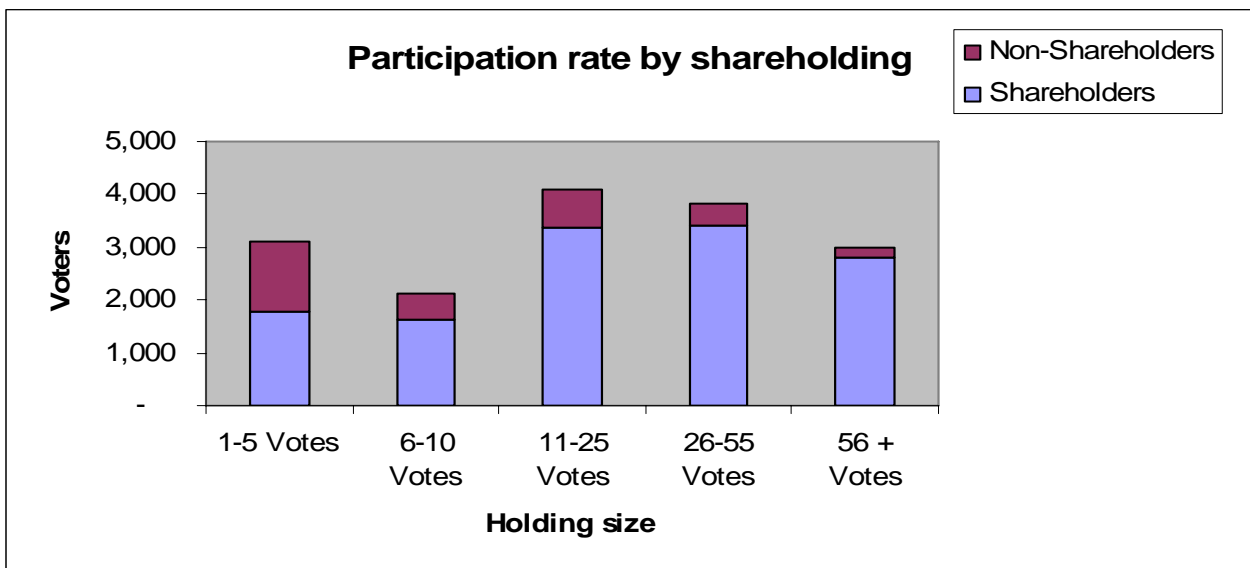
	Participation by those who hold 6-10 votes		
	Shareholders	Non-Shareholders	TOTAL
NSW	649	199	848
VIC	392	111	503
QLD	55	18	73
SA	331	68	399
WA	160	74	234
TAS	31	15	46
NT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2,103</b>

	Participation by those who hold 11-25 votes		
	Shareholders	Non-Shareholders	TOTAL
NSW	1,363	287	1,650
VIC	693	172	865
QLD	97	27	124
SA	661	85	746
WA	495	121	616
TAS	59	21	80
NT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,368</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>4,081</b>

	Participation by those who hold 26-55 votes		
	Shareholders	Non-Shareholders	TOTAL
NSW	1,266	157	1,423
VIC	677	89	766
QLD	147	27	174
SA	400	28	428
WA	868	96	964
TAS	63	22	85
NT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,840</b>

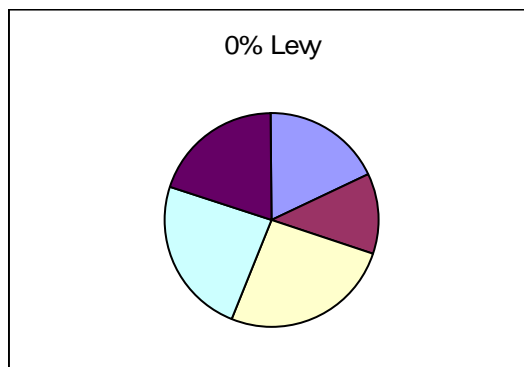
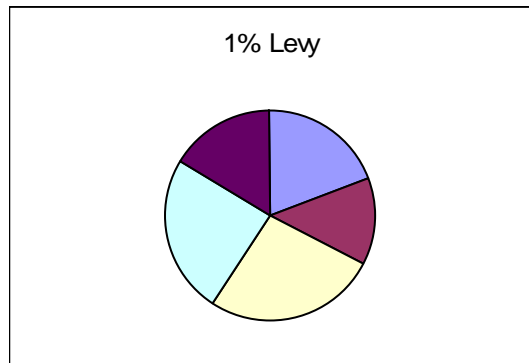
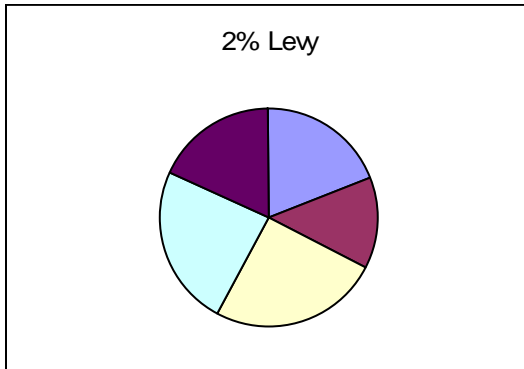
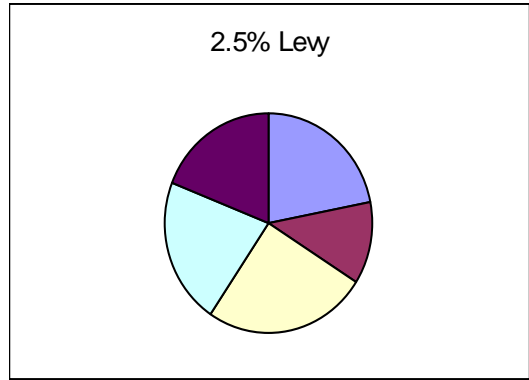
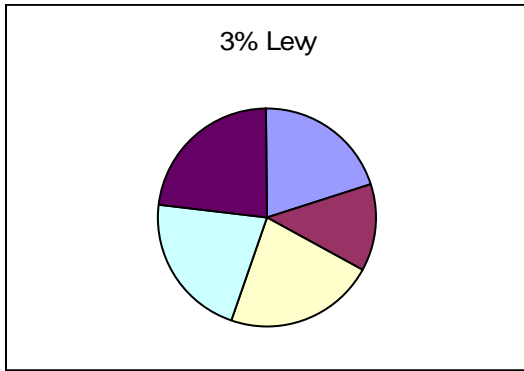
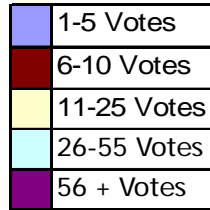
	Participation by those who hold 56 and over votes		
	Shareholders	Non-Shareholders	TOTAL
NSW	818	58	876
VIC	542	32	574
QLD	191	13	204
SA	244	15	259
WA	892	54	946
TAS	118	11	129
NT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>2,988</b>

	TOTAL		
	Shareholders	Non-Shareholders	TOTAL
NSW	4,779	1,151	5,930
VIC	2,845	808	3,653
QLD	528	122	650
SA	1,954	409	2,363
WA	2,563	505	3,068
TAS	337	118	455
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,006</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>16,119</b>

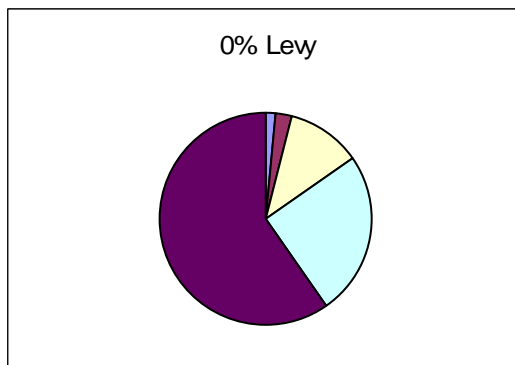
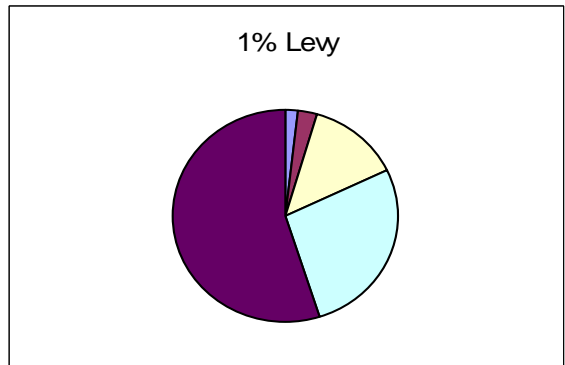
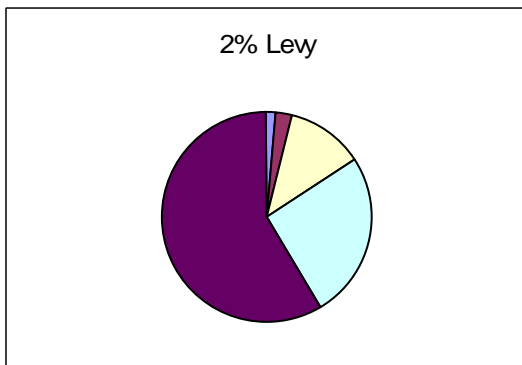
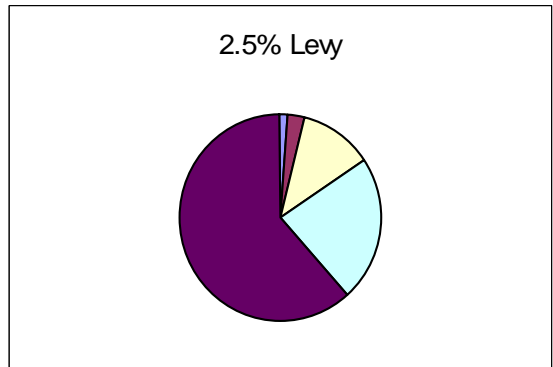
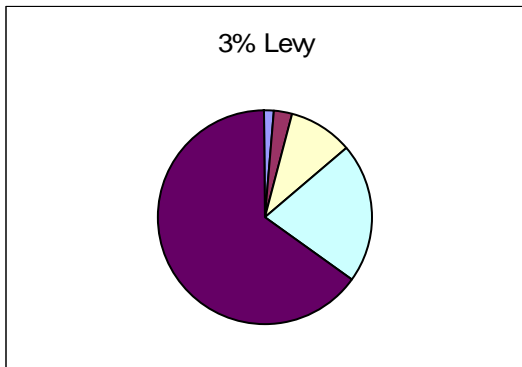
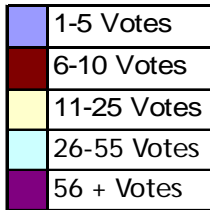


The tables below show voting patterns within given ranges:

Voting pattern across ranges - by voters					
	1-5 Votes	6-10 Votes	11-25 Votes	26-55 Votes	56 + Votes
3% Levy	179	113	194	191	206
2.5% Levy	260	148	301	258	225
2% Levy	1,727	1,200	2,282	2,165	1,668
1% Levy	587	401	801	749	495
0% Levy	354	241	503	477	394

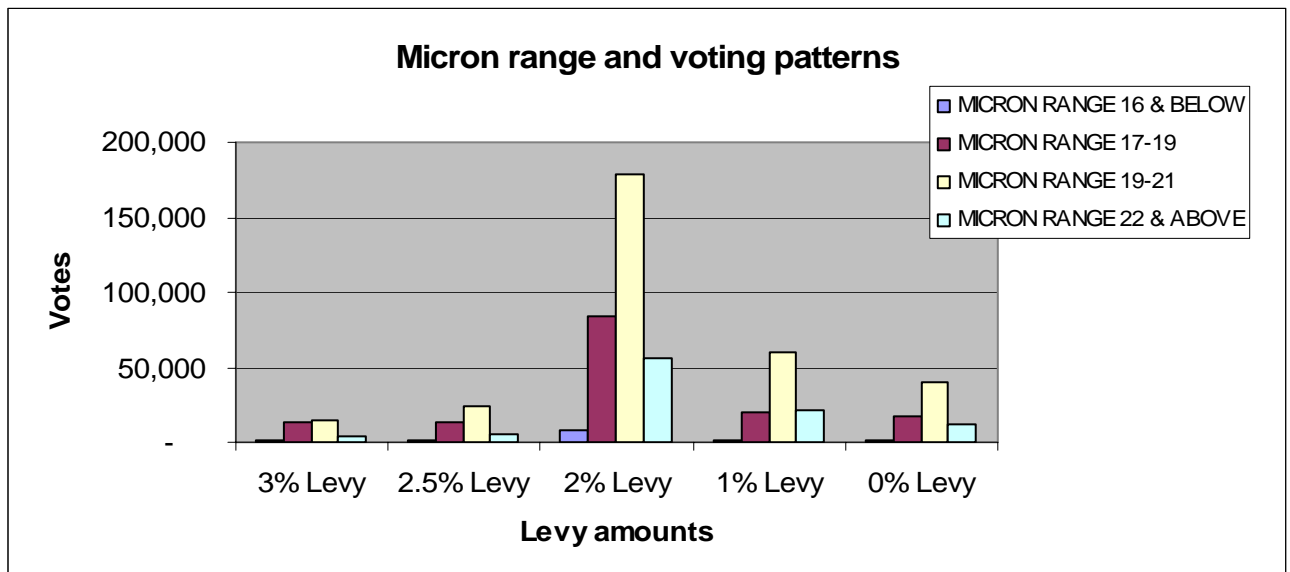


Voting pattern across ranges - by votes					
	1-5 Votes	6-10 Votes	11-25 Votes	26-55 Votes	56 + Votes
3% Levy	469	912	3,387	7,140	22,183
2.5% Levy	663	1,181	5,179	9,980	27,272
2% Levy	4,585	9,480	39,109	83,005	192,996
1% Levy	1,614	3,138	13,871	28,665	57,794
0% Levy	978	1,874	8,491	18,336	44,015



The table below shows micron range and voting patterns by votes:

	3% Levy	2.5% Levy	2% Levy	1% Levy	0% Levy	TOTAL
MICRON RANGE 16 & BELOW	1,943	1,301	7,466	1,418	1,782	13,910
MICRON RANGE 17-19	13,168	13,485	83,865	20,641	17,307	148,466
MICRON RANGE 19-21	14,999	24,281	178,809	60,306	40,273	318,668
MICRON RANGE 22 & ABOVE	4,628	5,398	55,413	21,163	12,225	98,827
TOTAL	34,738	44,465	325,553	103,528	71,587	579,871



The table below shows micron range and number of voters:

	3% Levy	2.5% Levy	2% Levy	1% Levy	0% Levy	TOTAL
MICRON RANGE 16 & BELOW	44	28	171	51	50	344
MICRON RANGE 17-19	281	316	1,948	578	389	3,512
MICRON RANGE 19-21	357	562	4,168	1,448	917	7,452
MICRON RANGE 22 & ABOVE	193	279	2,666	919	526	4,583
TOTAL	875	1,185	8,953	2,996	1,882	15,891

