



PRIME MINISTER

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NATIONAL SONG

The Government has decided that there should be a poll to decide on a National Song to be played on purely Australian occasions.

The poll will be held concurrently with the referendum on four constitutional questions.

God Save The Queen will remain the National Anthem on Regal and Vice-Regal occasions.

In addition to the use of God Save The Queen the poll will enable Australians to choose between God Save The Queen, Advance Australia Fair, Song of Australia and the tune of Waltzing Matilda as the appropriate song on national occasions.