



ACTING **PRIME MINISTER**

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TUNE FOR A NATIONAL SONG

Against the background that 'God Save the Queen' would remain the National Anthem, to be played on Royal and Vice-regal occasions, electors were asked on 21 May to indicate their preferences for the tune to a National Song to be played on other occasions. Final counting has now been completed.

The results, released today, 10 June 1977, reveal that a majority of voters favour 'Advance Australia Fair'. The results of the poll were:

First preference votes

'Advance Australia Fair'	:	2,940,854
'Waltzing Matilda'	:	1,918,206
'God Save the Queen'	:	1,257,341
'Song of Australia'	:	652,858

After the distribution of preferences for 'Song of Australia' and 'God Save the Queen' the final results are:

'Advance Australia Fair:	:	4,415,642
'Waltzing Matilda'	:	2,353,617

The Acting Prime Minister has written to the State Premiers, seeking their support in recognising the choice of the majority of voters, by arranging for 'Advance Australia Fair' to be played on appropriate occasions.