

## Buying Back the Rail and Ferry Services

*"The Government recently spent \$665 million buying back rail and ferry services from Australian-owned Toll Holdings. Once the investment to upgrade these services is taken into account, the price tag is likely to be over \$1 billion. The government says it has done this because rail is a vital part of New Zealand's transport network and has benefits for safety and the environment. Do you support buying back the rail and ferry services?"*

|              | 12-17 July<br>2008 |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Yes          | 68%                |
| No           | 24%                |
| Don't know   | 8%                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>100%</b>        |

Base: n=1,010 New Zealanders, 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

- The majority of New Zealanders (almost 7 out of 10) support the Government buying back the rail and ferry services
- Labour voters (81%) are significantly more likely to support the rail and ferry buy back than National voters (56%)