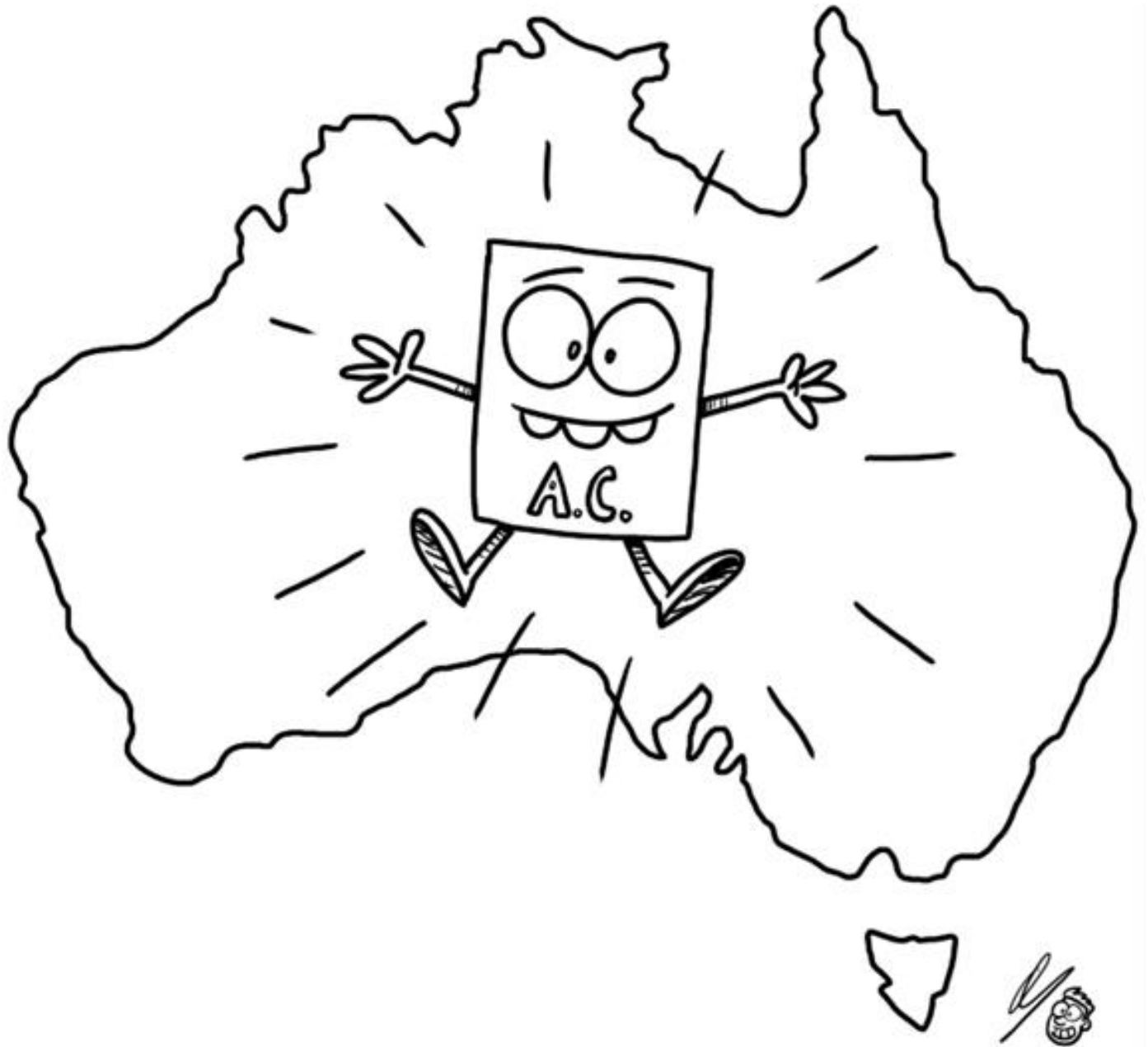


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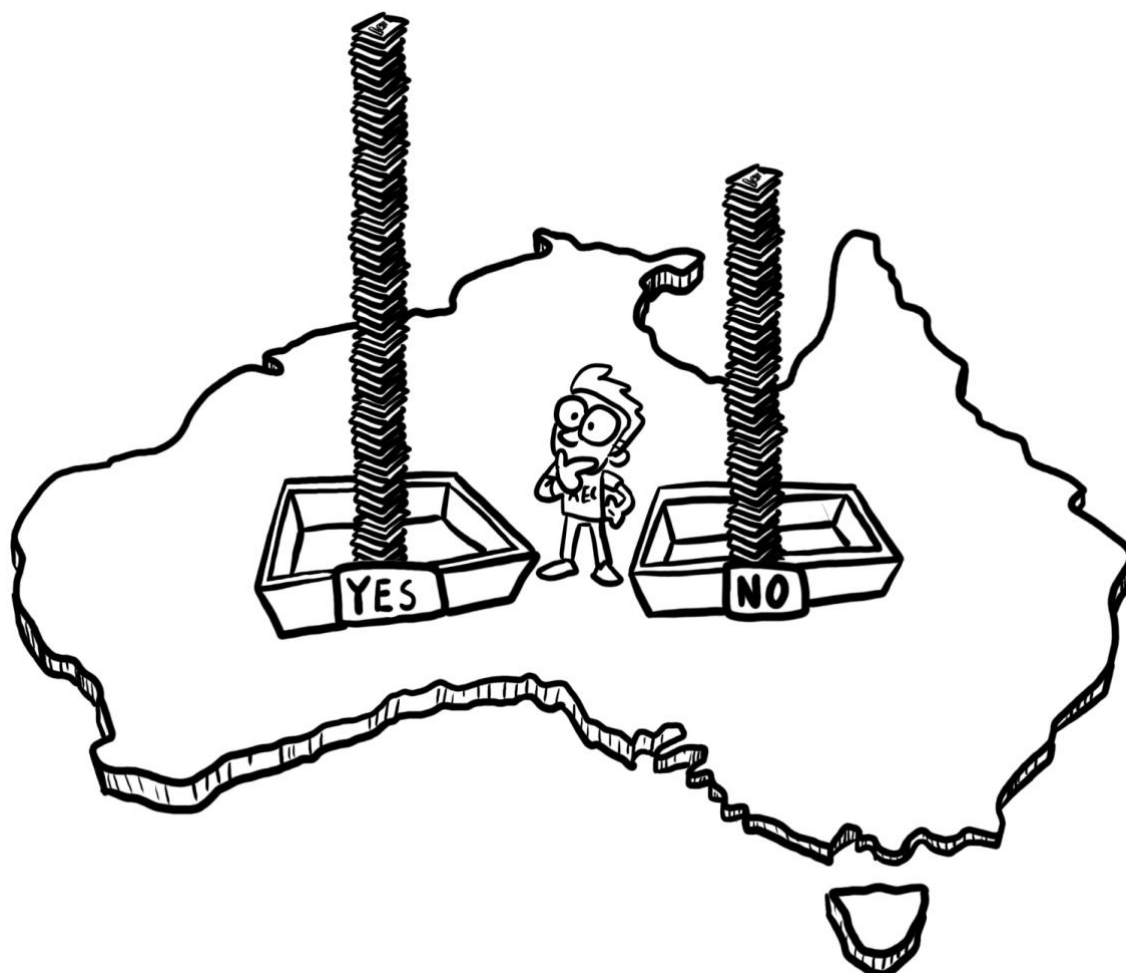


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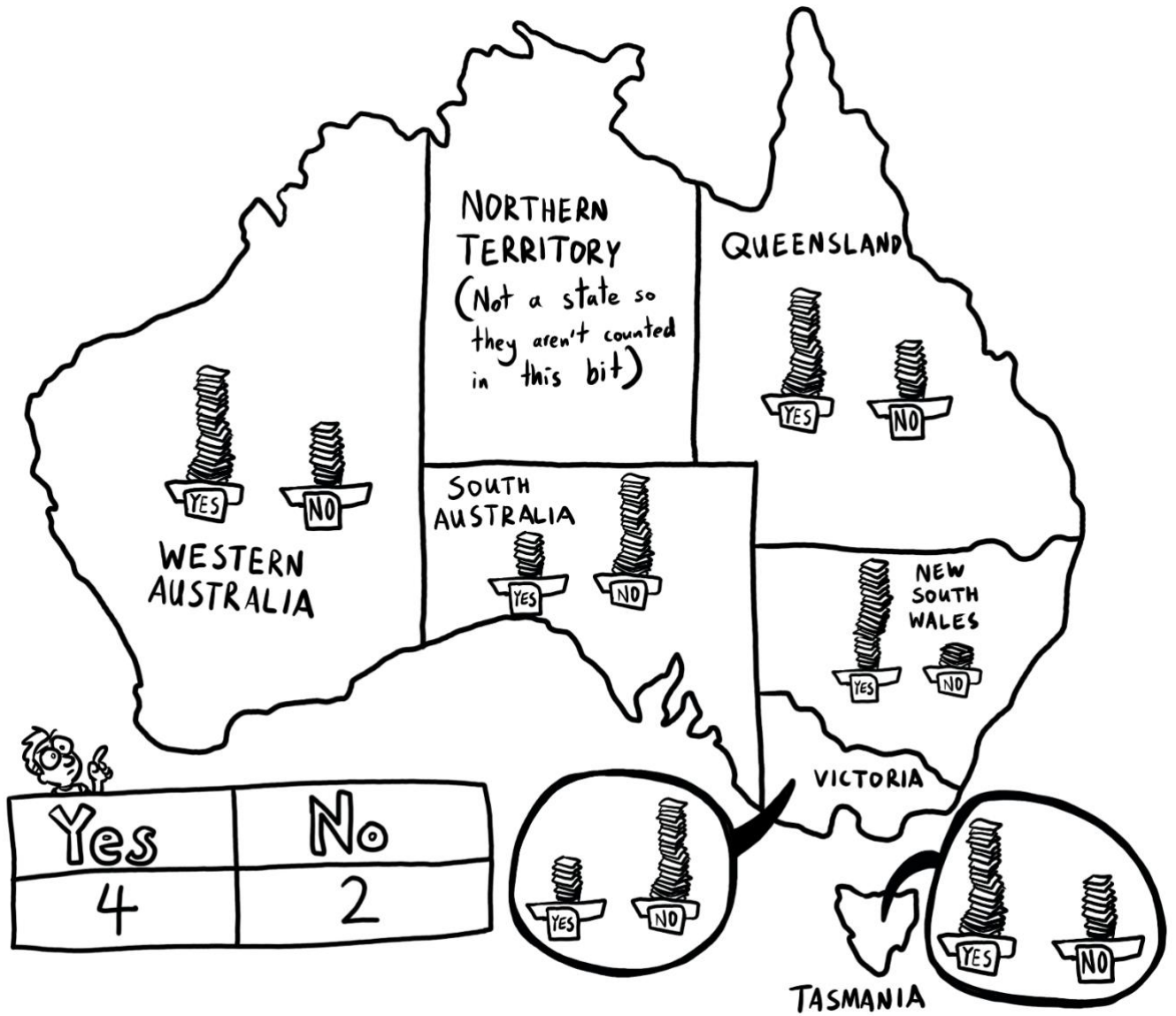
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For a referendum to be passed, it needs more Australians to vote 'Yes' to the change than 'No'.



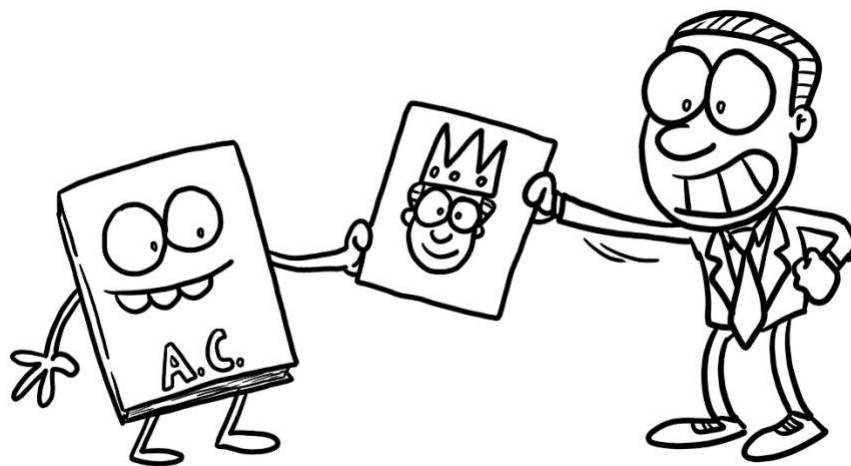
AND a majority of the 6 Australian states need to have more 'Yes' votes than 'No' votes.



If both these things happen, then the referendum is agreed to...



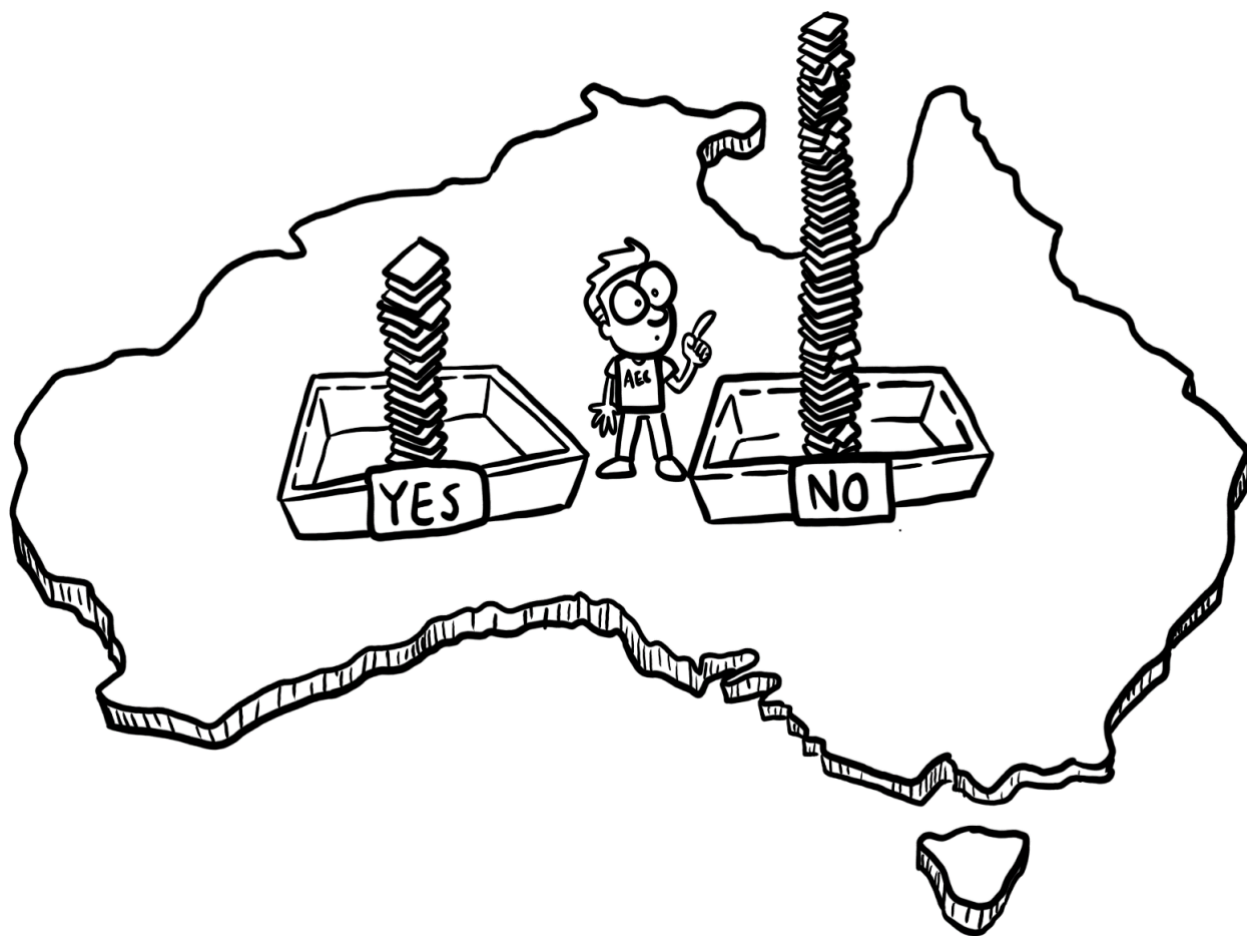
That means the Constitution is updated to reflect the agreed change...



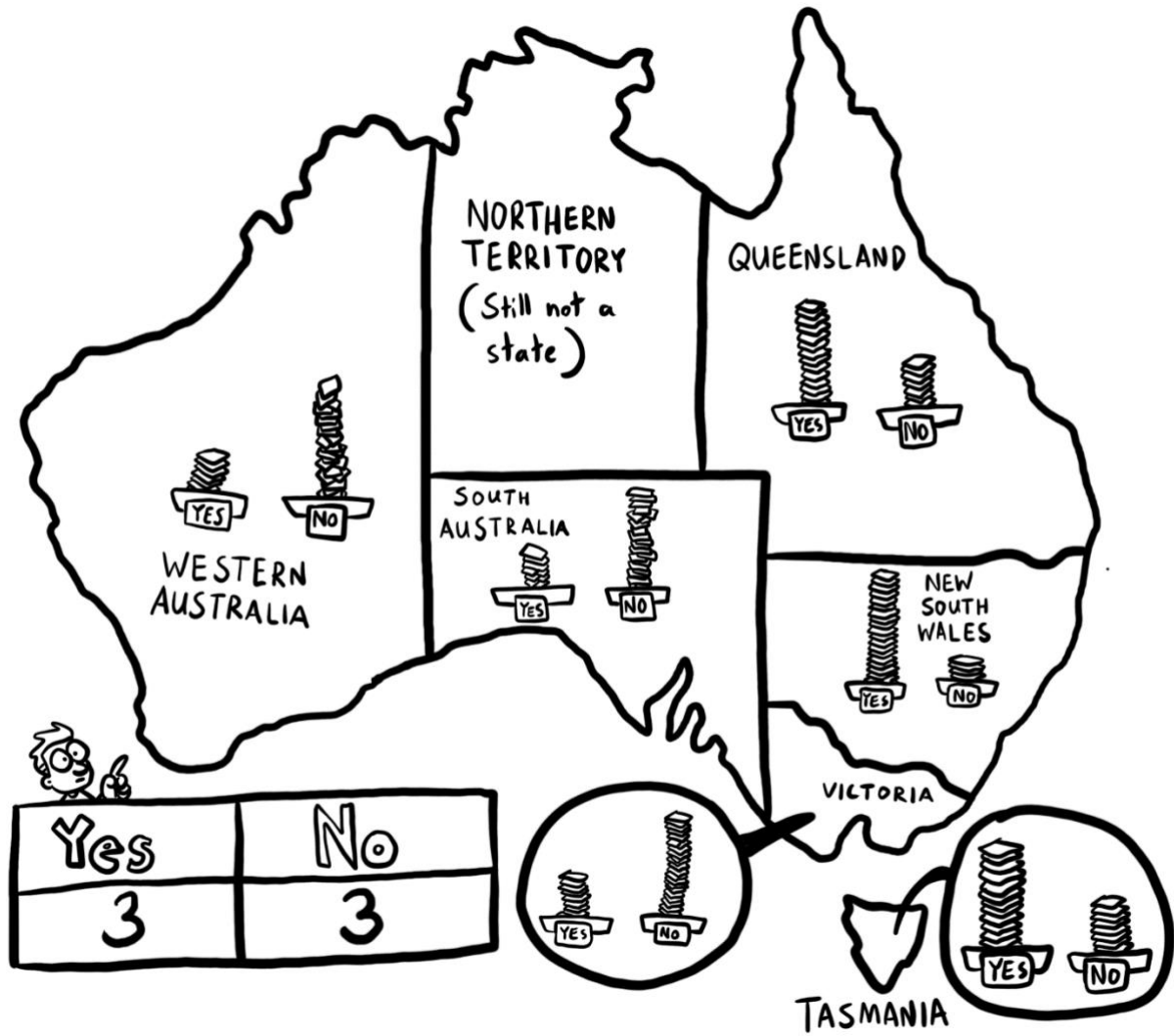
Which changes the rules about how Australia is governed.



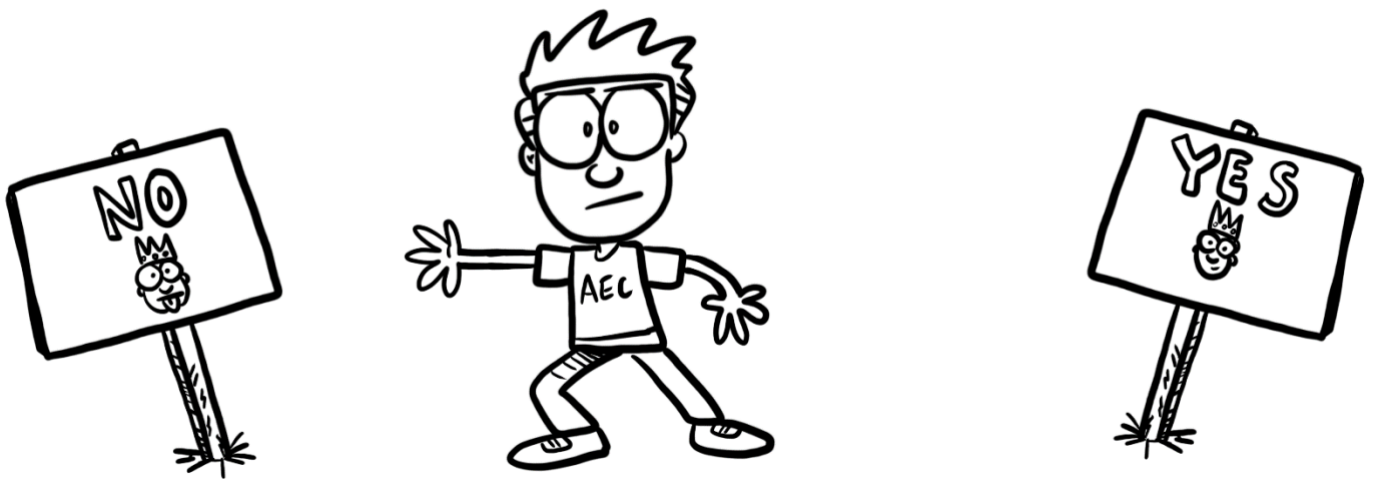
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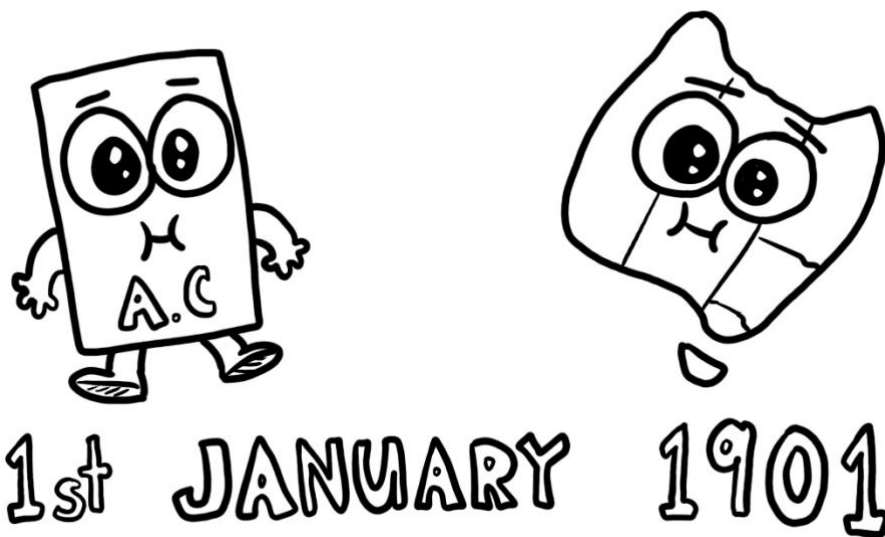
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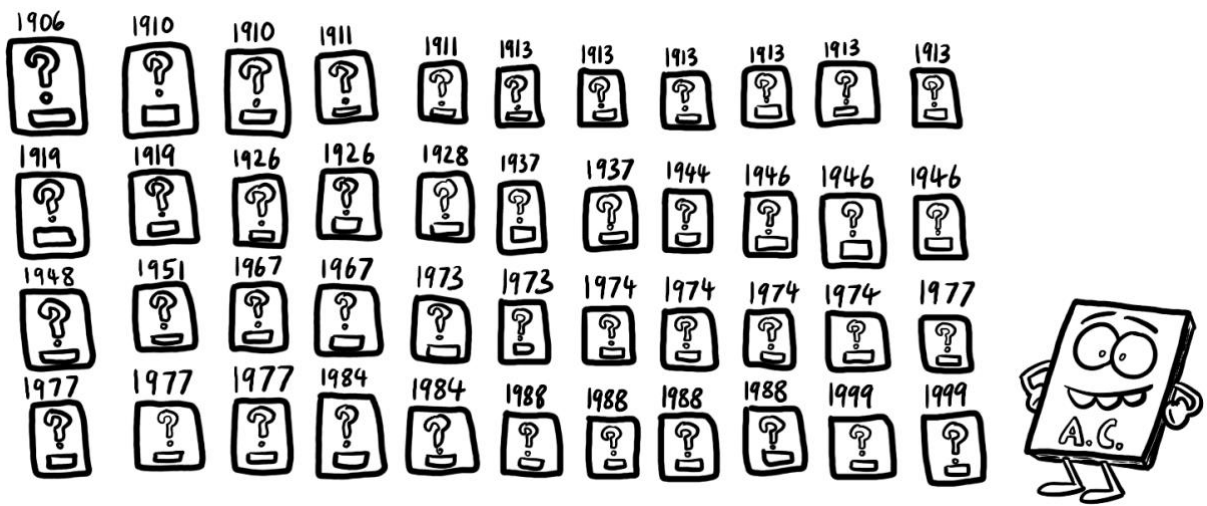
The referendum doesn't pass and the Australian Constitution doesn't change.



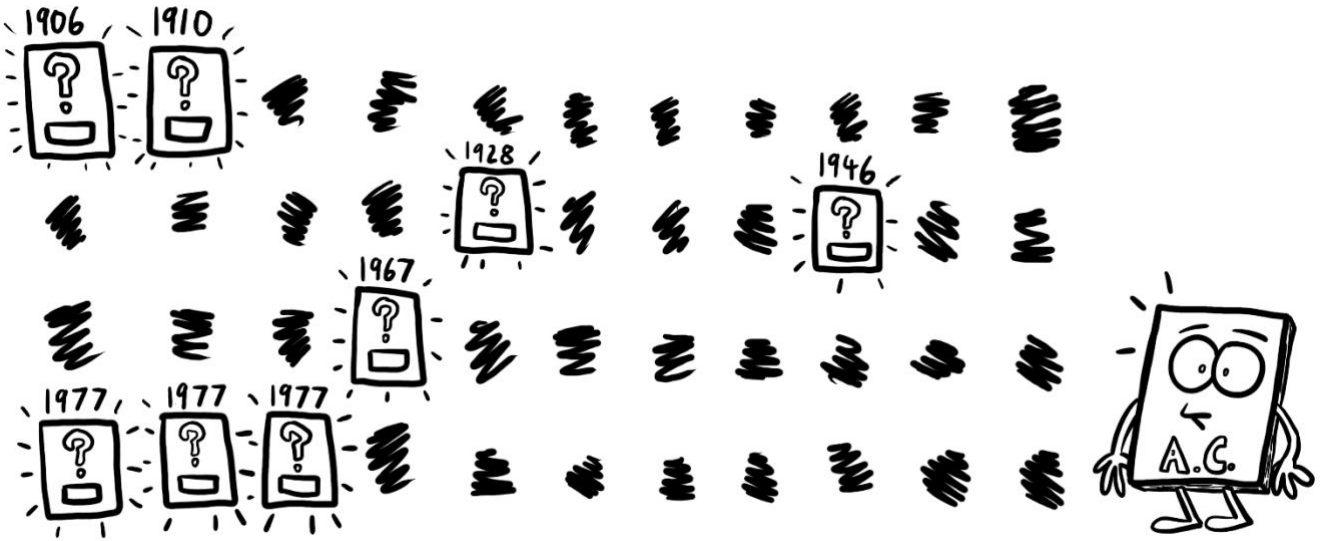
The Australian Constitution dates back all the way to the very start of Australia as a country.



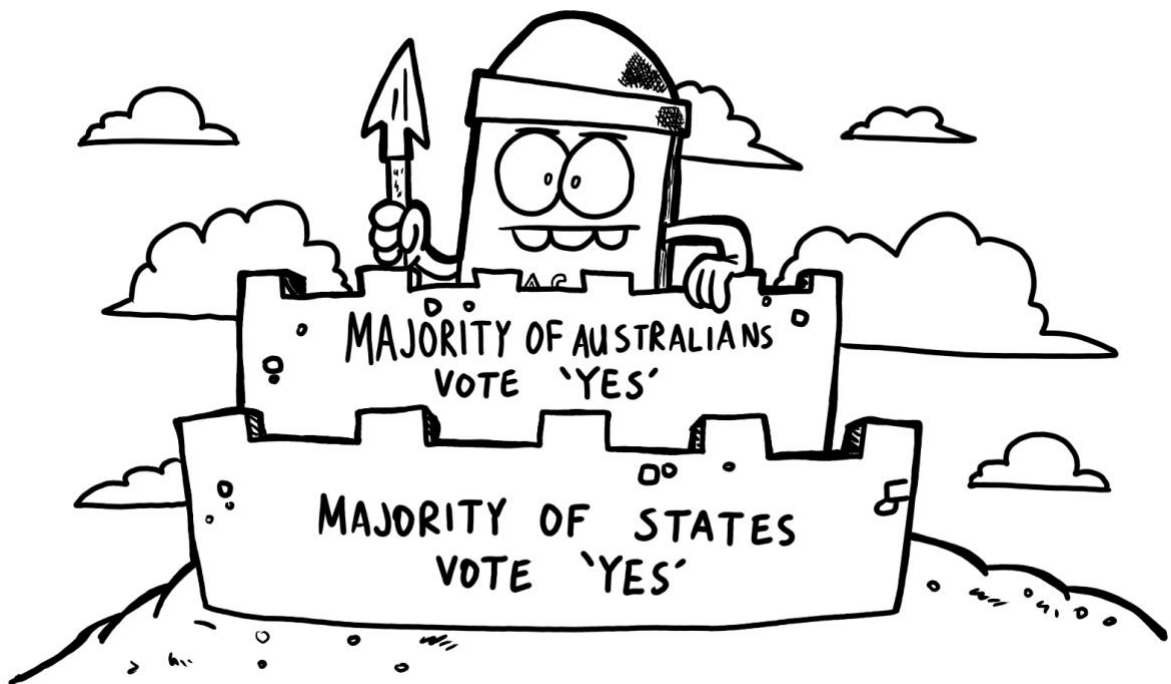
There have been 44 referendums since Australia first became a country.



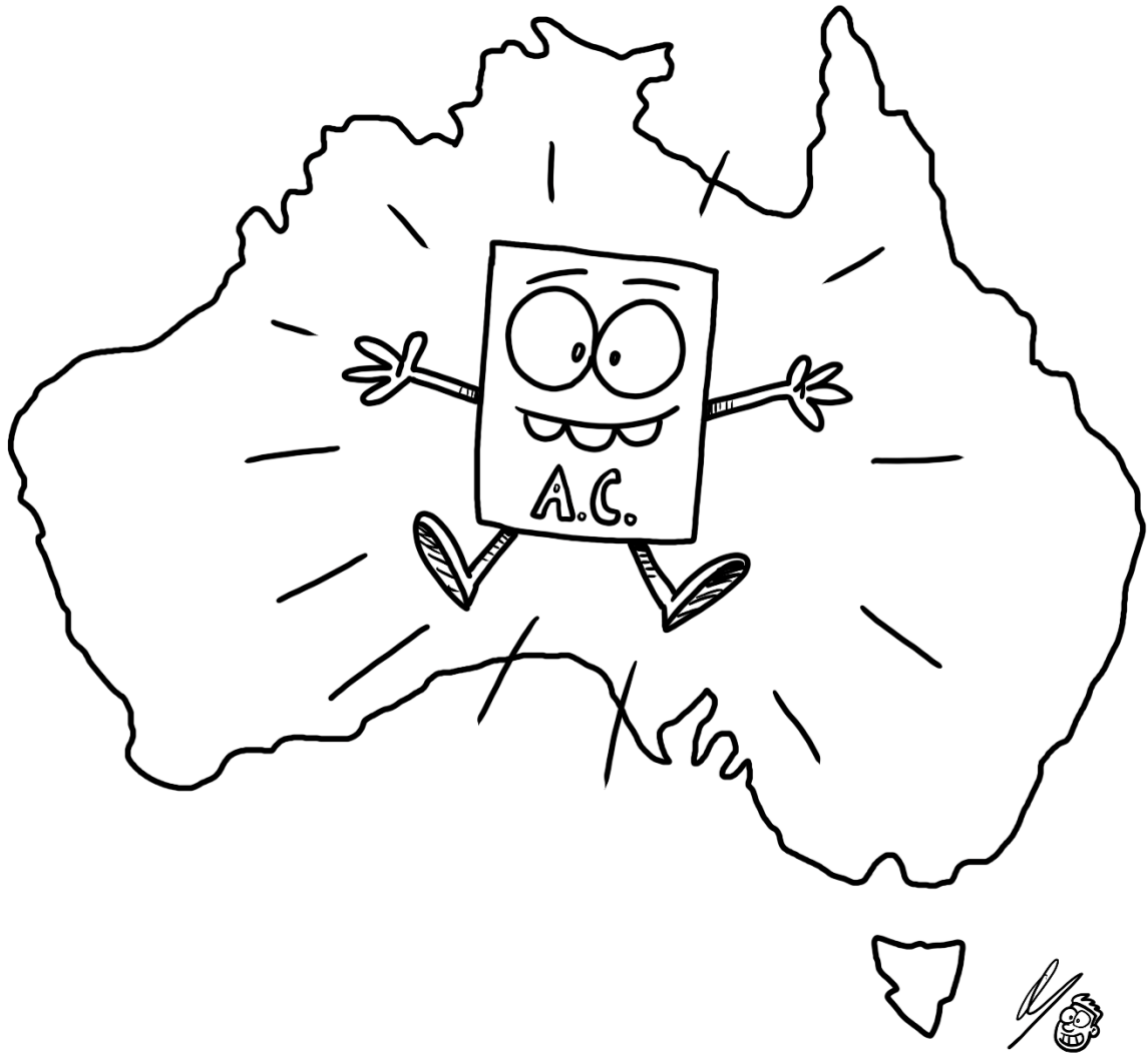
And only eight of them have passed.



It takes a lot of work to change the Constitution.



And that is because it is really important to Australia. It affects all of our lives, every day.



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