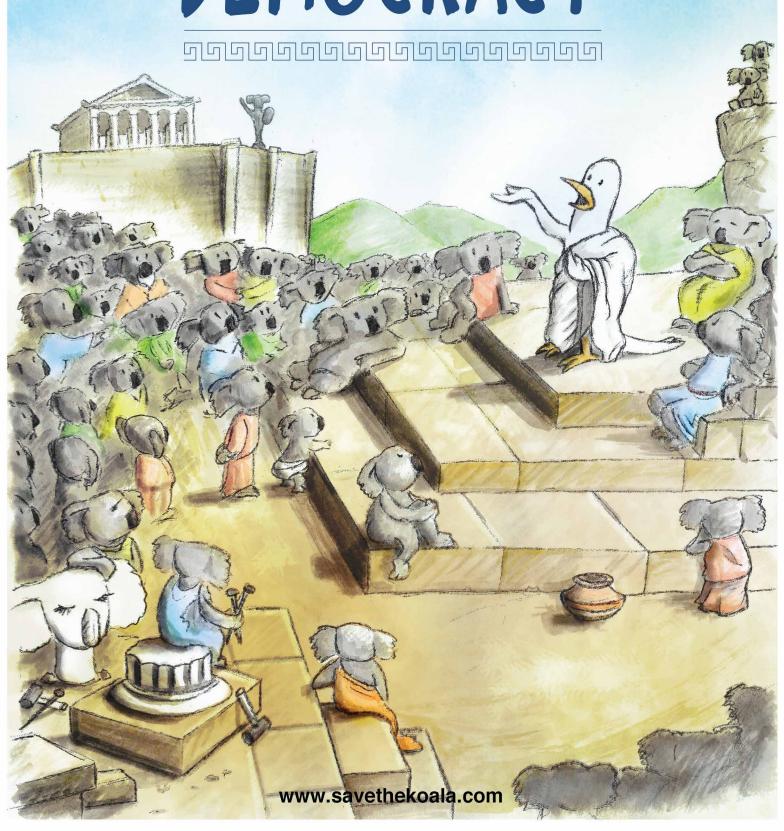
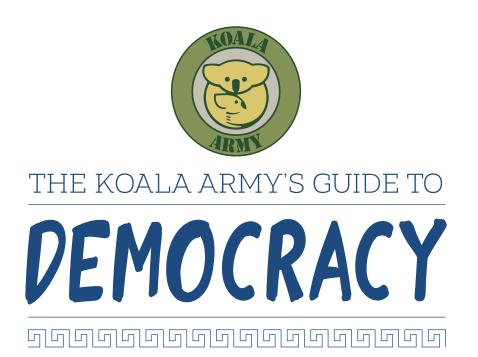


THE KOALA ARMY'S GUIDE TO

## DEMOCRACY

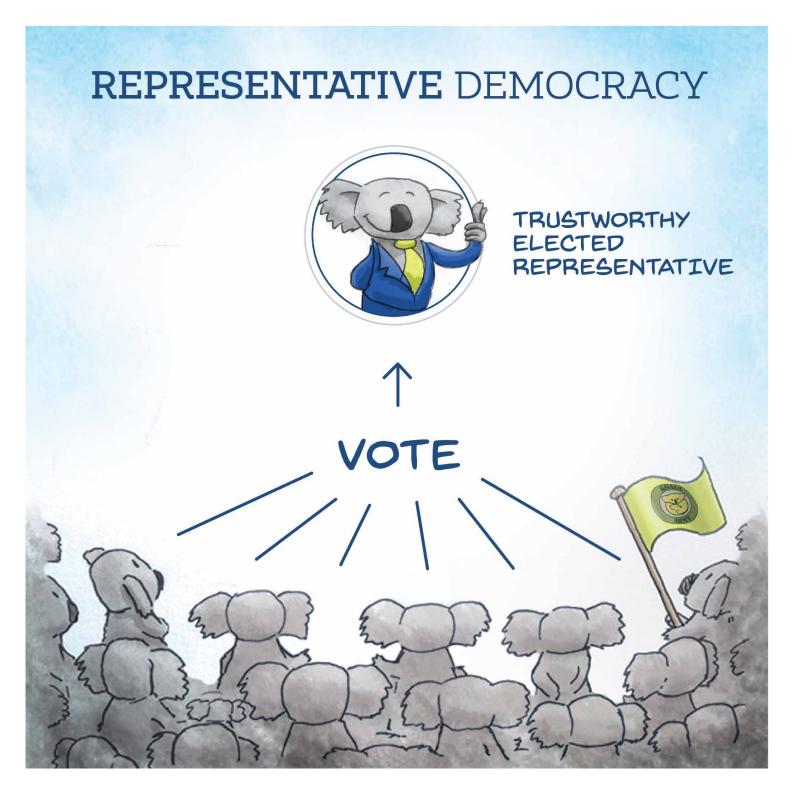




Koalas want the **Koala Protection Act** enacted. But first, the Koala Army must understand **HOW** to do so.

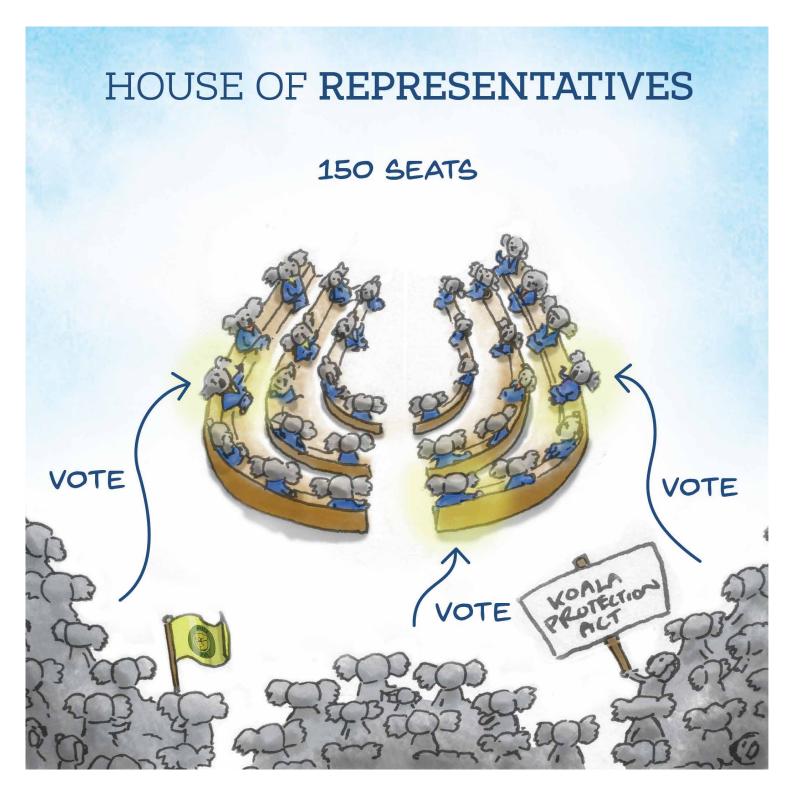
Pidgeon Squadron leader Bill Jr is here to explain **HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS!** 





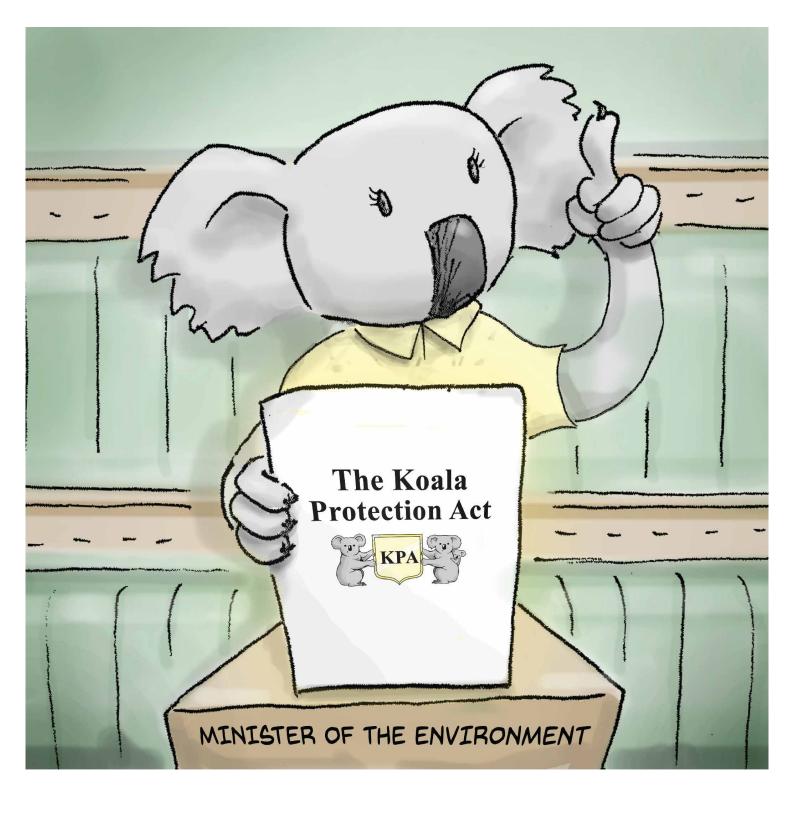
Representative Democracy is when 'the people' vote for an elected representative who listens to what they want, then votes for laws on the people's behalf.





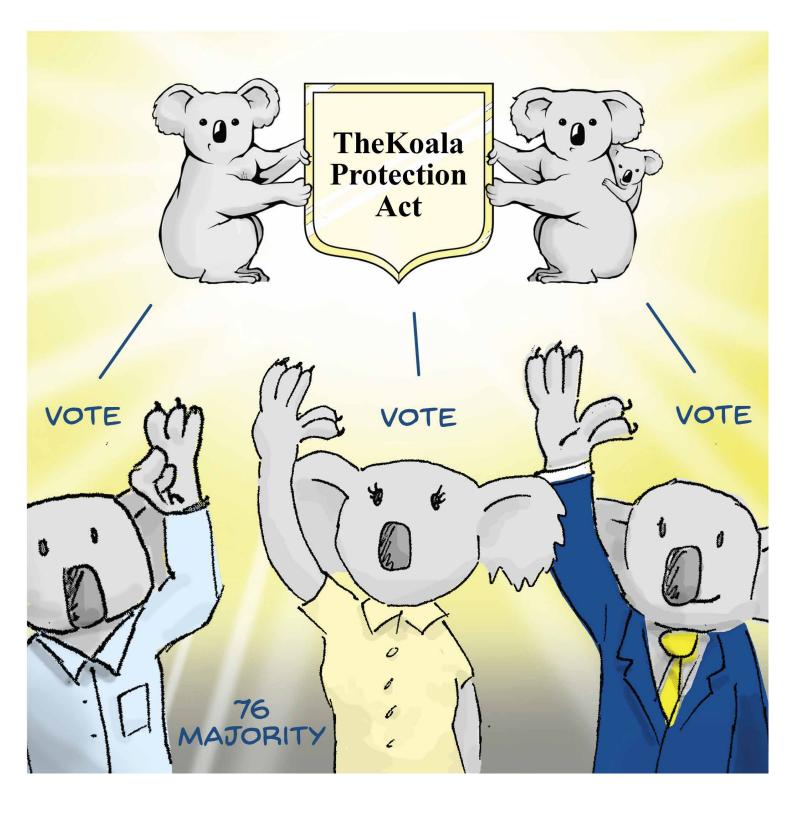
From every electorate in the country, an elected representative is voted in by 'the people' to form the House of Representatives (the 'Lower House').





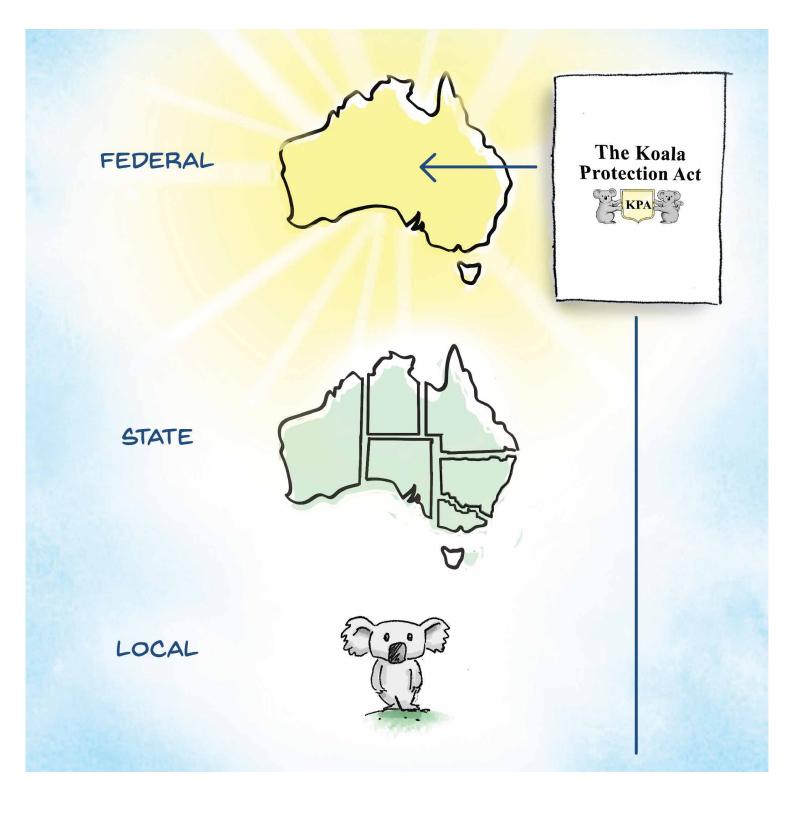
A minister can propose a NEW LAW in the House of Representatives. This should always reflect the wishes of 'the people'.





All the elected representatives then debate and VOTE on the proposed law. Their vote should ALSO reflect the wishes of 'the people' in the electorate they represent.





The Koala Protection Act must be enacted on a **FEDERAL** level.

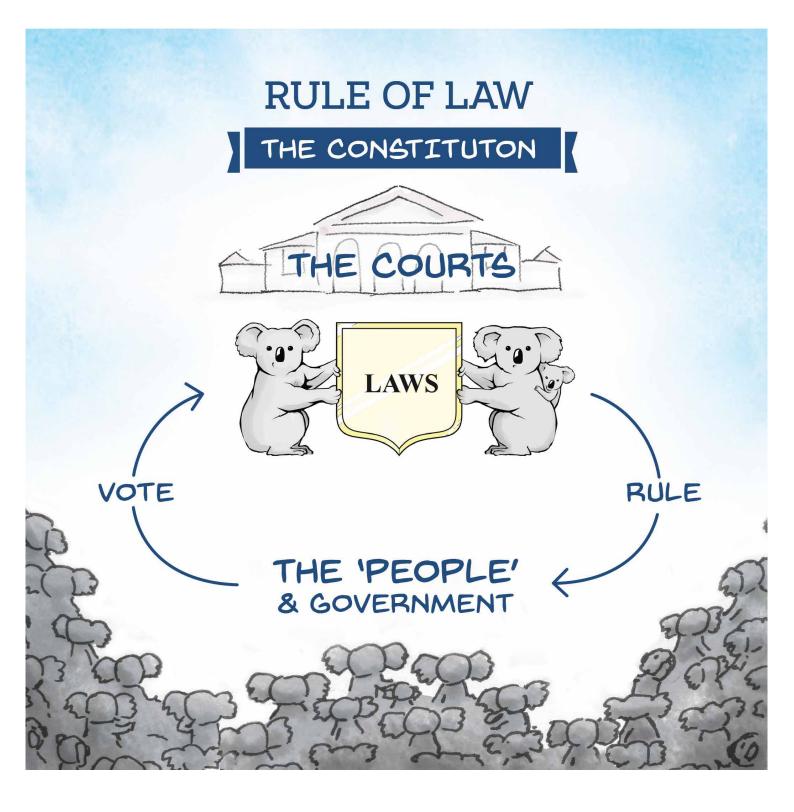
When the KPA is in place - all levels of government will have to abide by the rules.





As a federal law, the Koala Protection Act will protect ALL Koala habitat throughout Australia. **No Tree, No Me.** If it is a Koala habitat tree, then you must not cut it down.





We **the people**, vote for a government that will enact laws we believe will benefit our society.

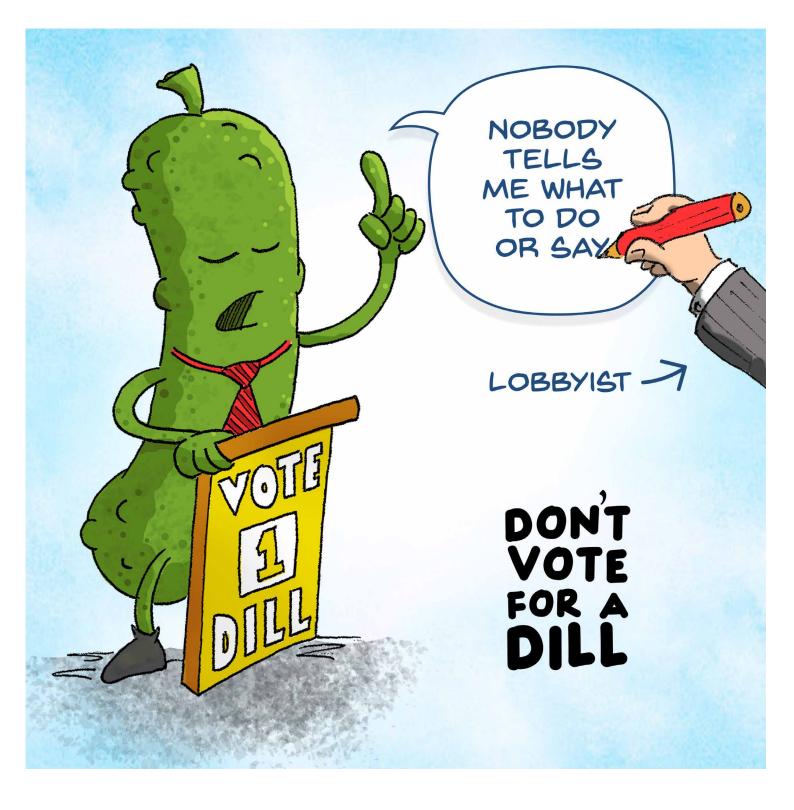
NO ONE is above the law.





Our local councils and bureaucracy should follow and apply laws once they are enacted. We can appeal to the courts (Local, State, & Federal) if laws are broken.





Lobbyists and special interest groups can sometimes influence politicians to enact or NOT enact laws to benefit themselves and their business.





Politicians should always represent **'the people'**, not lobbyists.





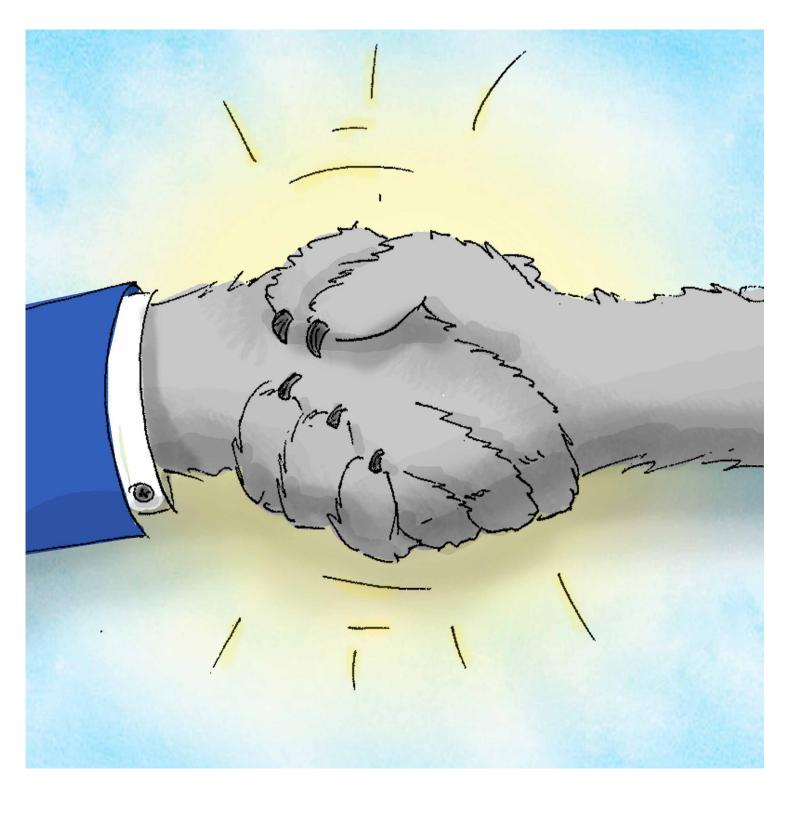
The **media**'s responsibility is to empower citizens by keeping them well informed, and by keeping politicians transparent and accountable.





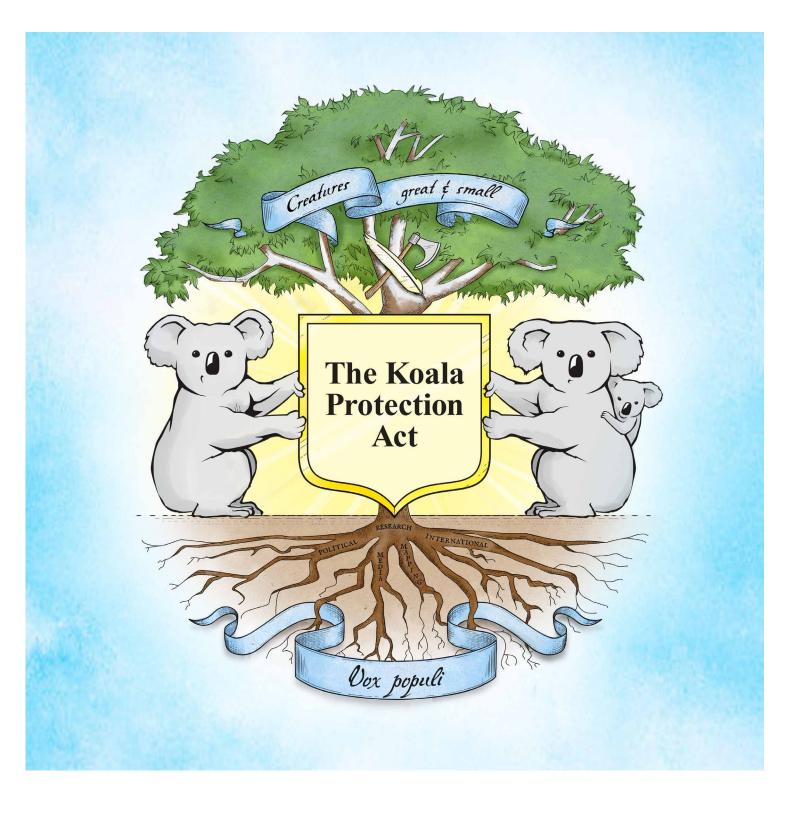
The media's role is also to give voice to 'the people's' concerns and issues that politicians need to address.





A policy is like a promise to **'the people'**, "Vote for me and I will table the Koala Protection Act in parliament."





Politicians should be accountable to keep the promises they make to 'the people.'





Political parties have policies that expect all its candidates to support and vote together. However, every candidate should first and foremost represent 'the people' who elected them.

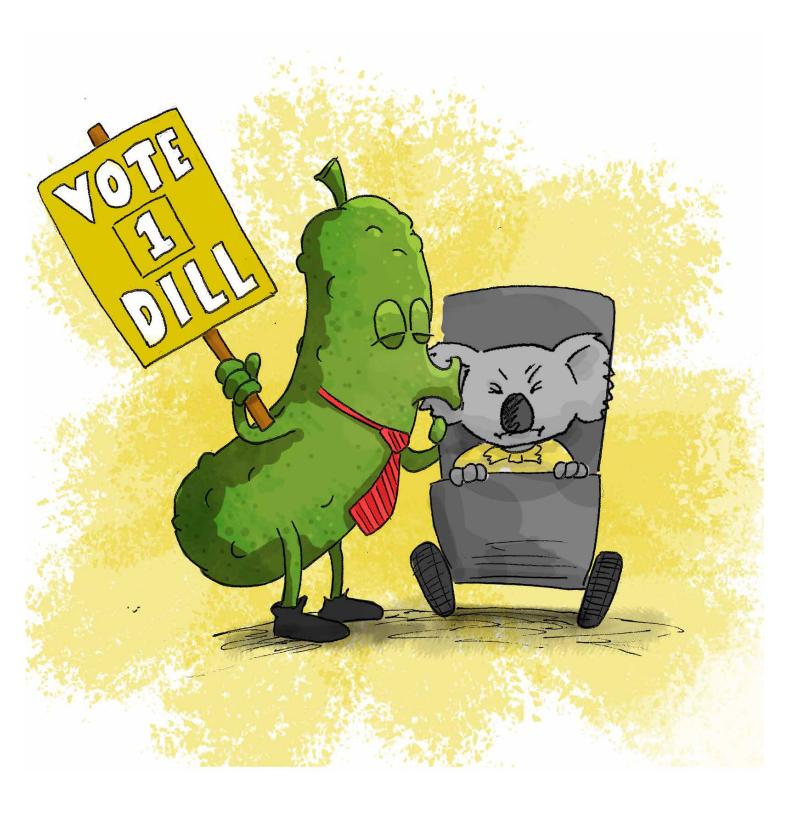




Photo opportunities and slogans during campaigning are far less important than **POLICIES**.

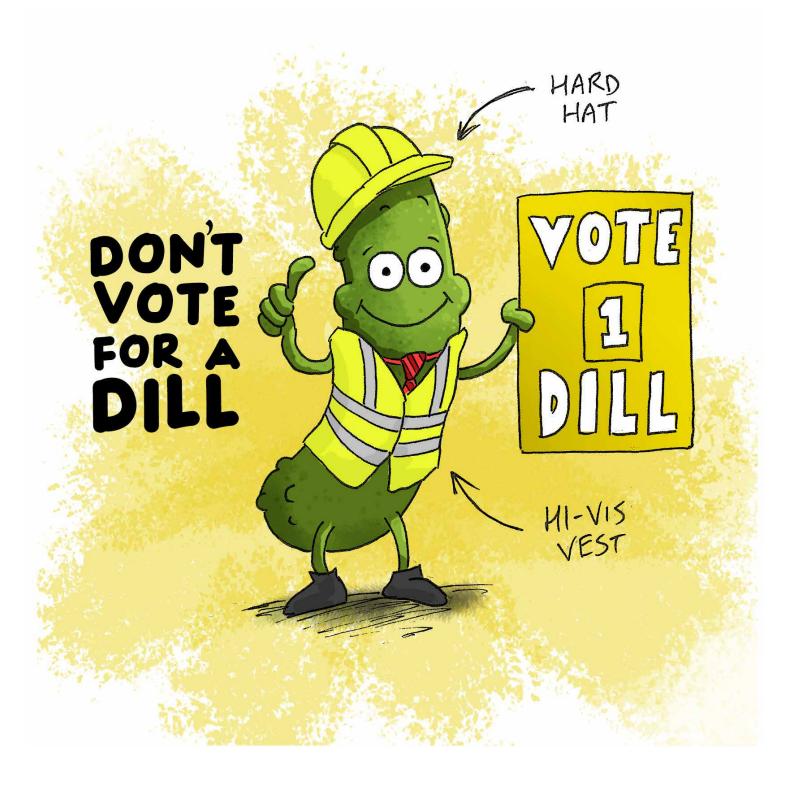
Do they support the Koala Protection Act?





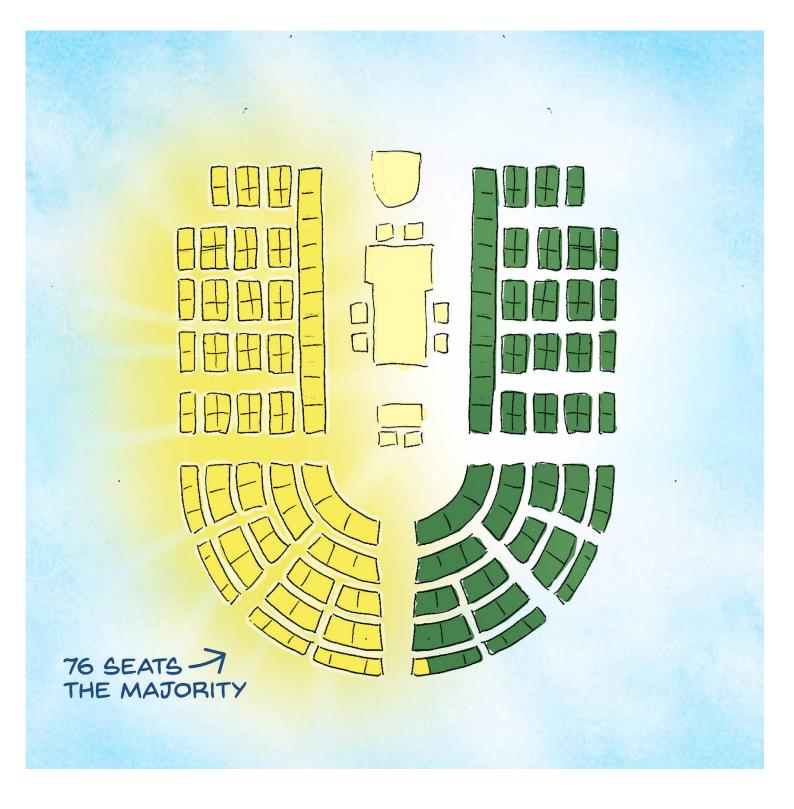
On the campaign trail...





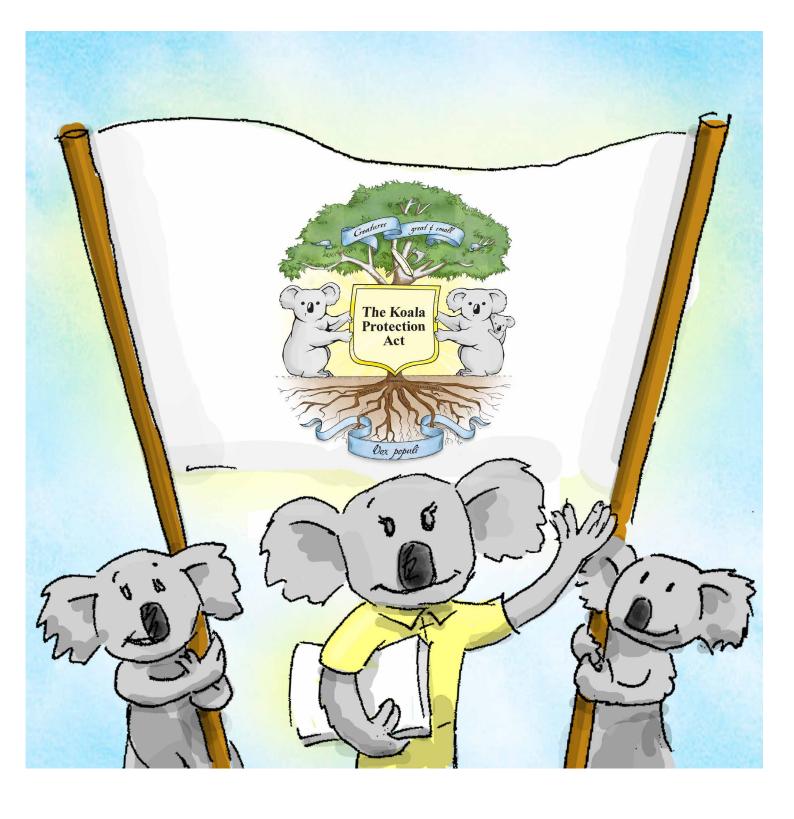
Looking for the 'working man' vote...





The party that gets the **majority** votes (76+) from all the electorates wins the election.





The party leader becomes the **Prime Minister**, and he/she then selects their cabinet of ministers.





Your vote counts!



