

FACT SHEET 3

What are the processes of a referendum?

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A Bill is introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament that describes the Government's proposed change to the Australian Constitution.



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Parliament debates the Bill in both the Lower House (House of Representatives) and the Upper House (Senate).



If the Bill passes, the **Government chooses a date for the referendum to be held** (between two and six months after the Bill is passed). The referendum is required to be held on a Saturday.

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Parliamentarians develop the **Yes and No** arguments and these are sent out as a pamphlet.

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Voters go to a polling booth (or postal or pre poll) to vote Yes or No to making the constitutional change. *It is compulsory for all eligible voters to vote in the referendum.*

