

# The Constitution

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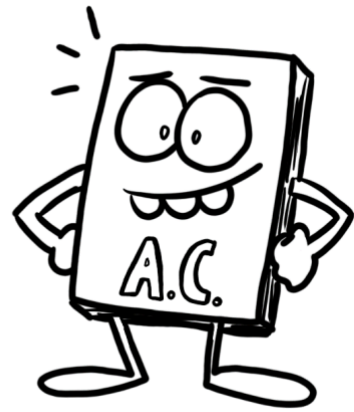
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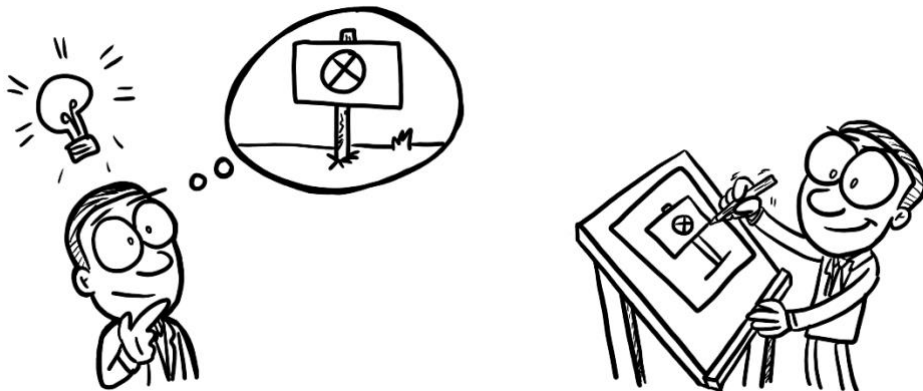
Australia has lots of laws and rules for the whole country.



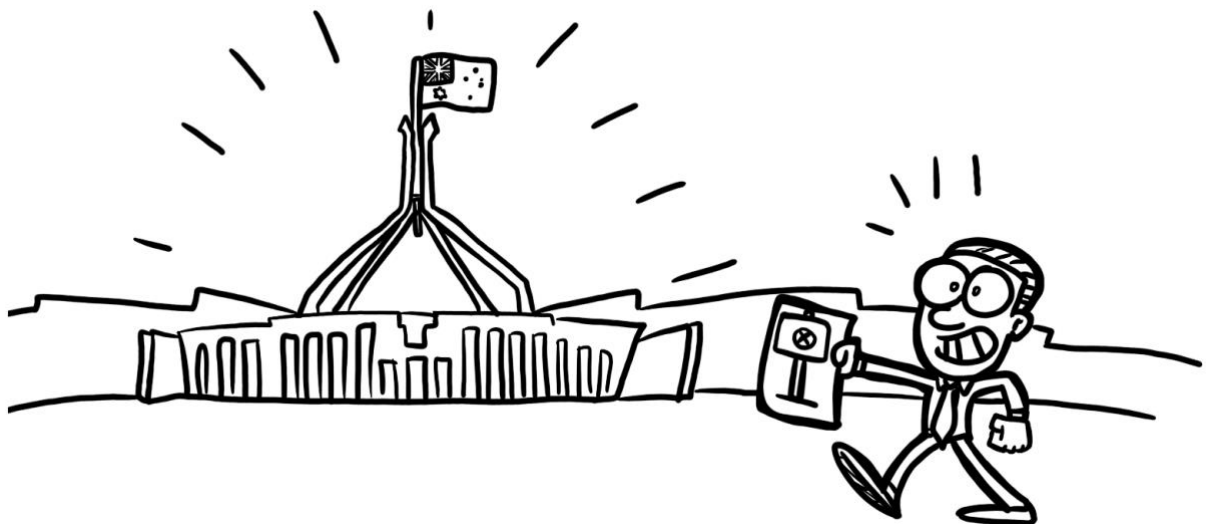
And they come from the Australian Parliament.



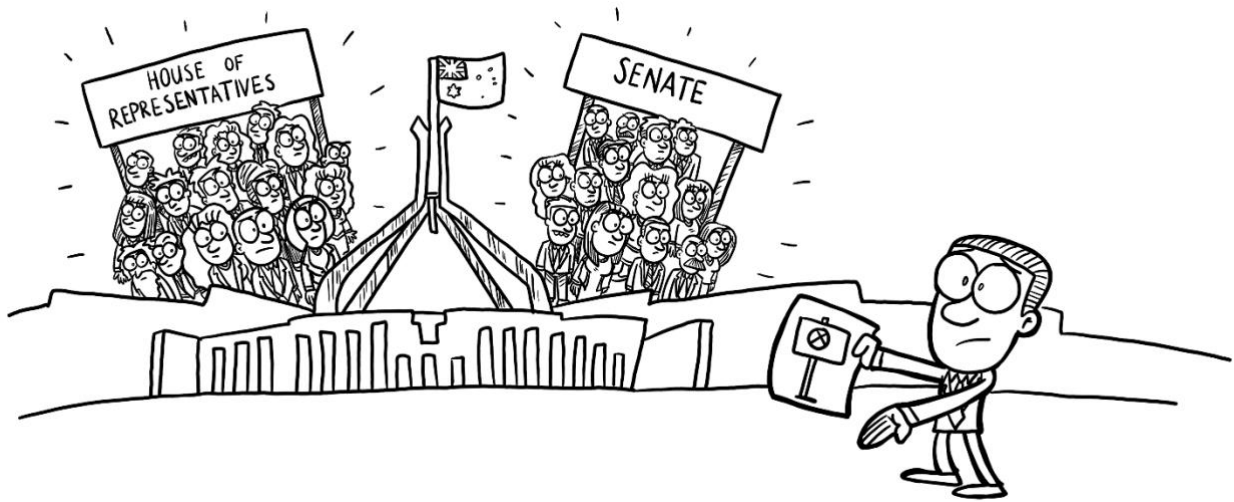
To make a new law, someone in government first writes it down as a bill.



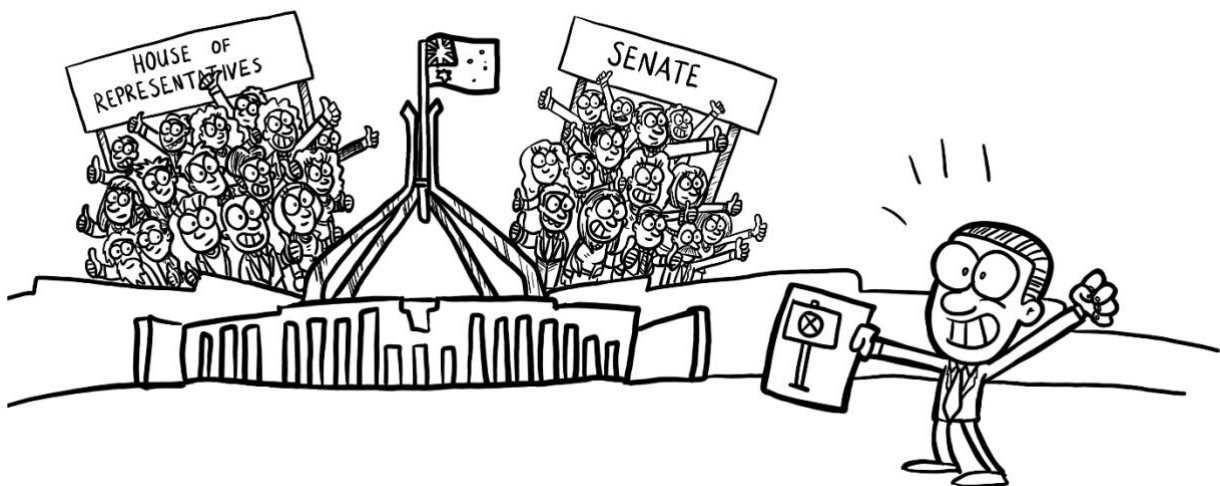
Then they take the bill to Parliament...



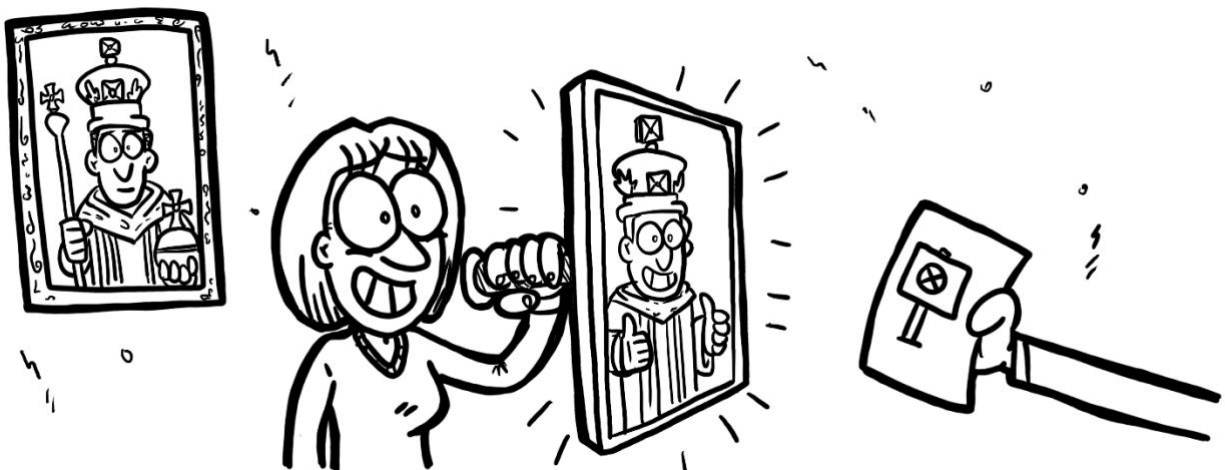
And show it to the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate...



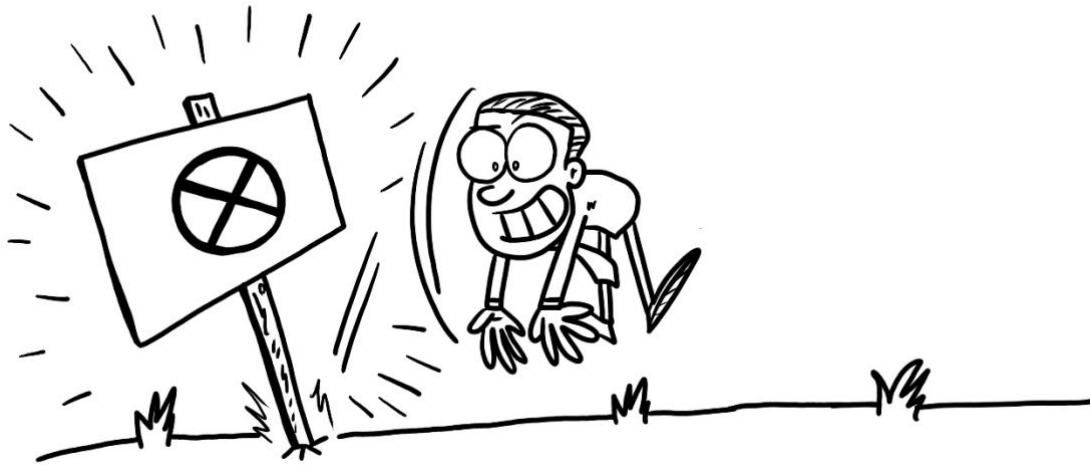
And if they pass it...



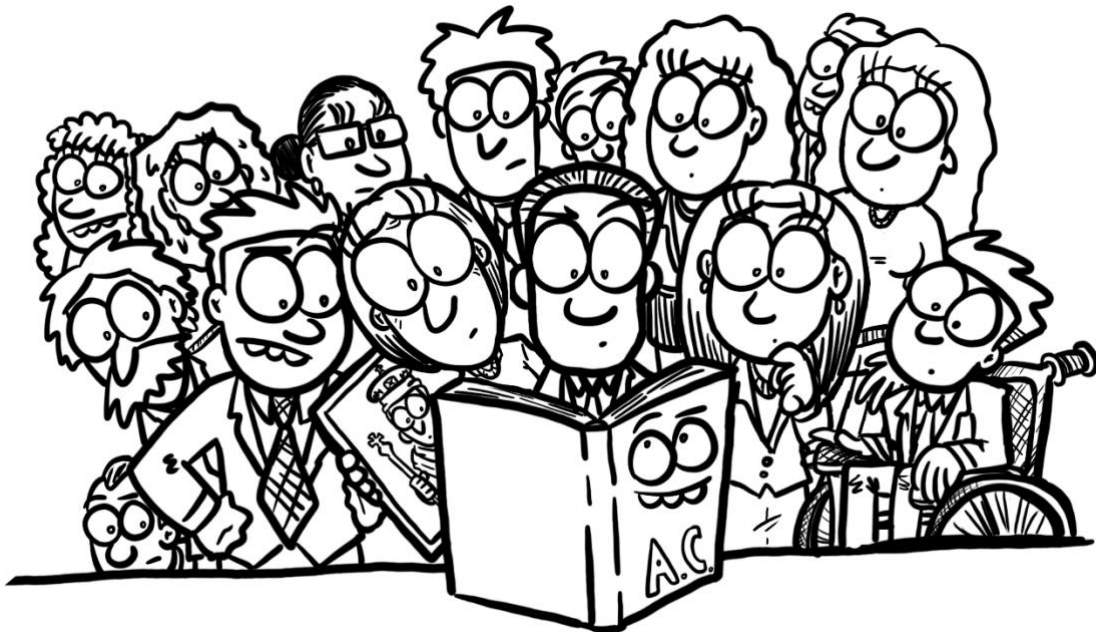
Then the Governor-General gives it approval on behalf of whoever is running the monarchy.



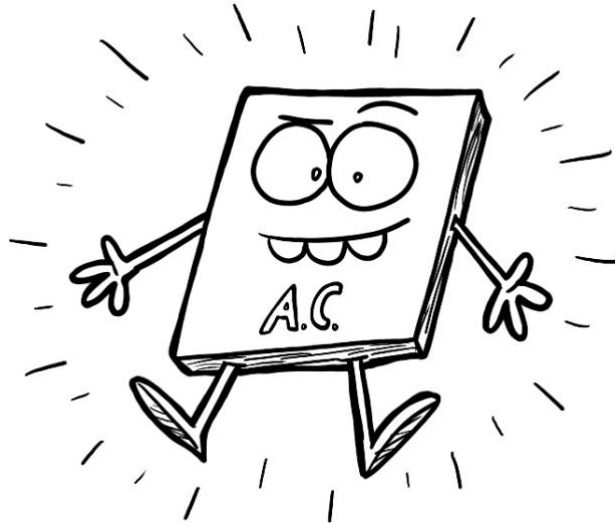
And then the bill becomes a new law in Australia.



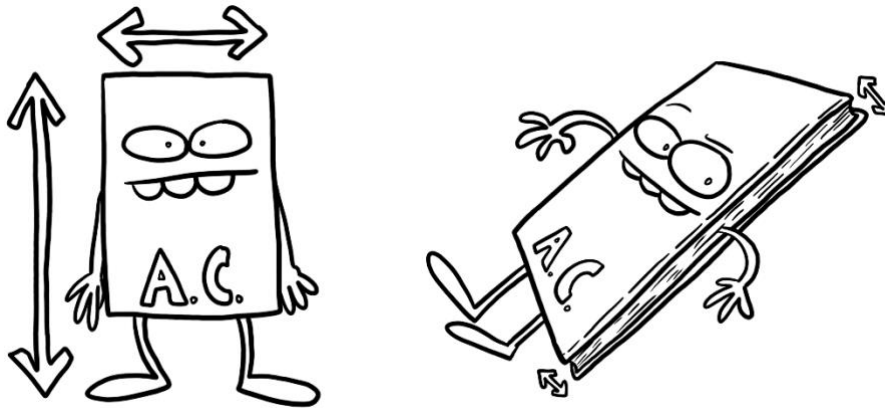
But when someone wants to make a new law, they have to check in with a certain book first...



It's called the Australian Constitution.

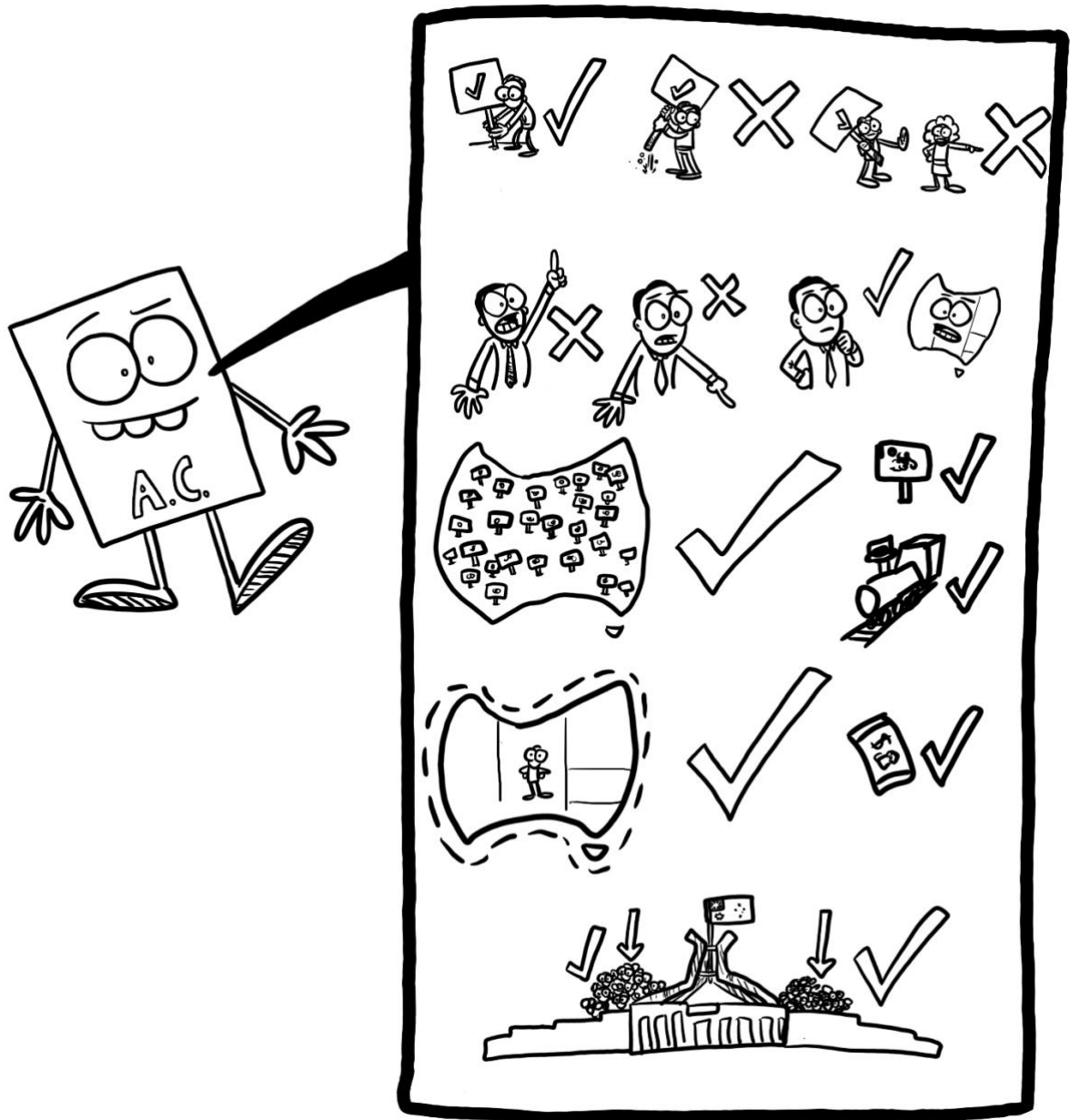


The Australian Constitution isn't that big...

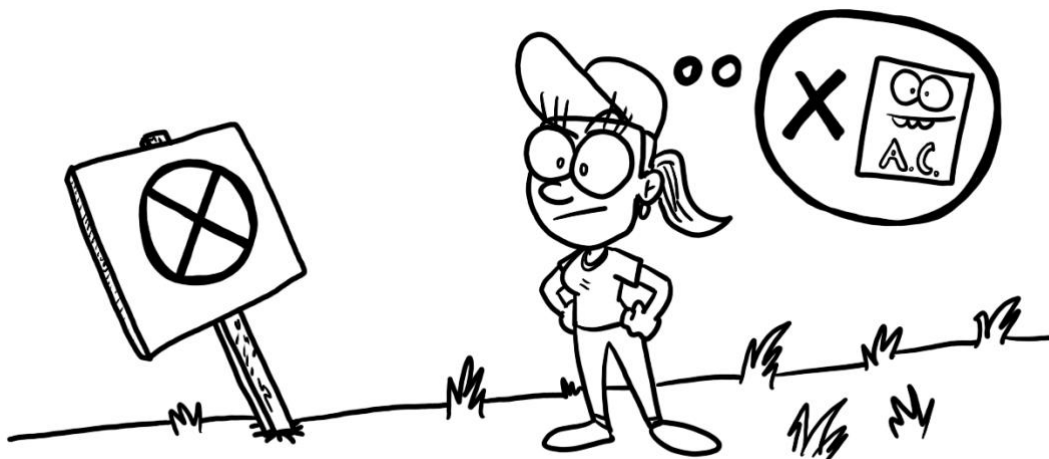


But it has an important job. It tells us how Australia should be governed.

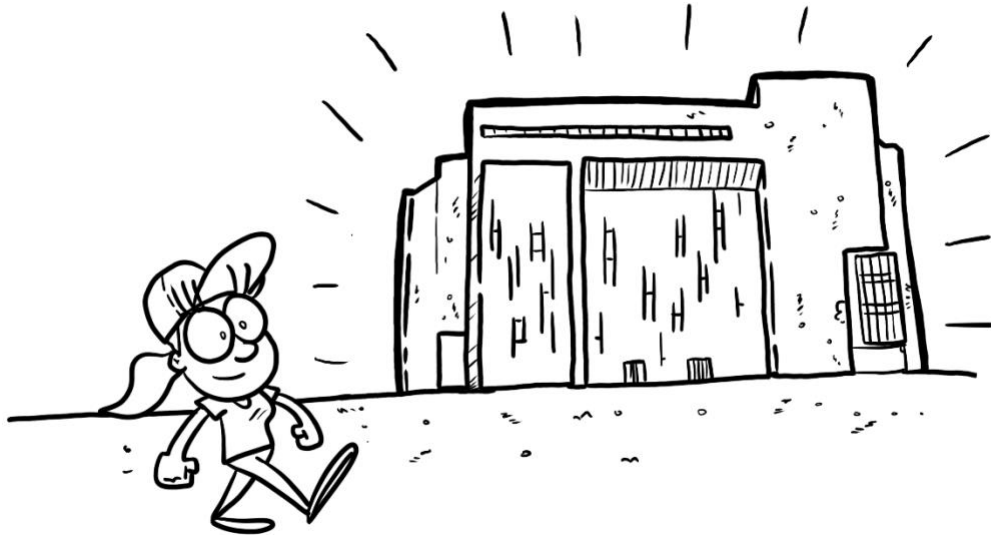




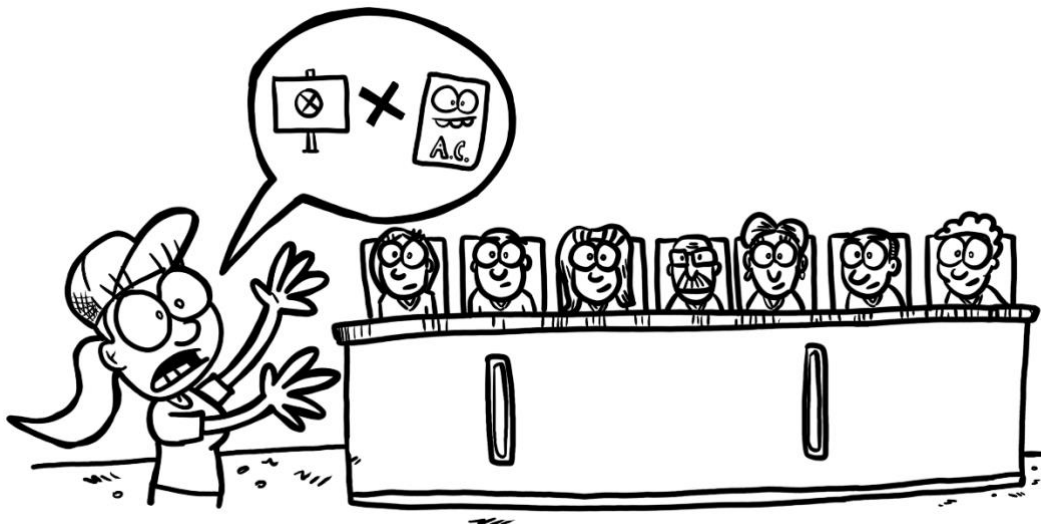
If any Australian citizen thinks a new law does not comply with the Australian Constitution...



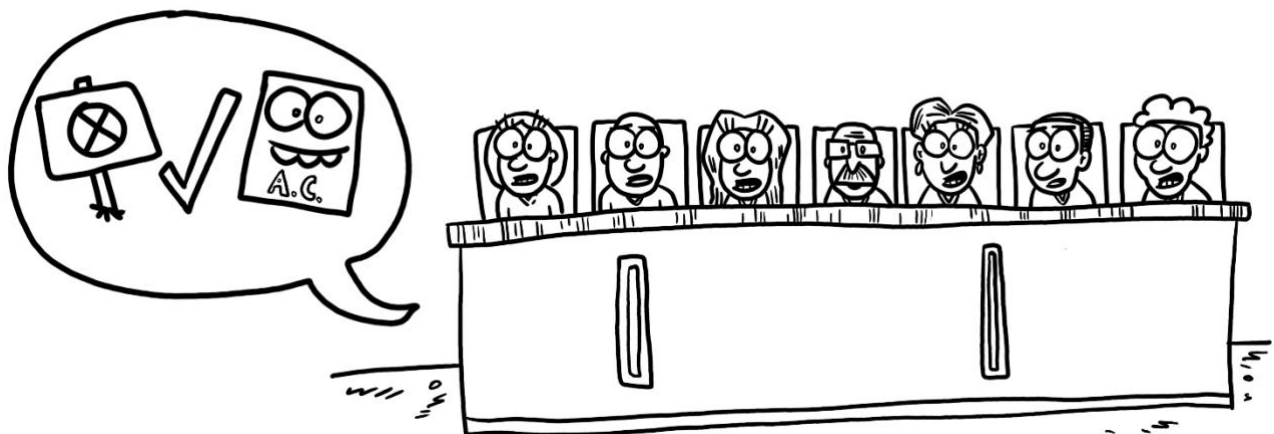
Then they can go to the High Court of Australia...



And challenge the law in front of seven people called the Justices of the High Court.

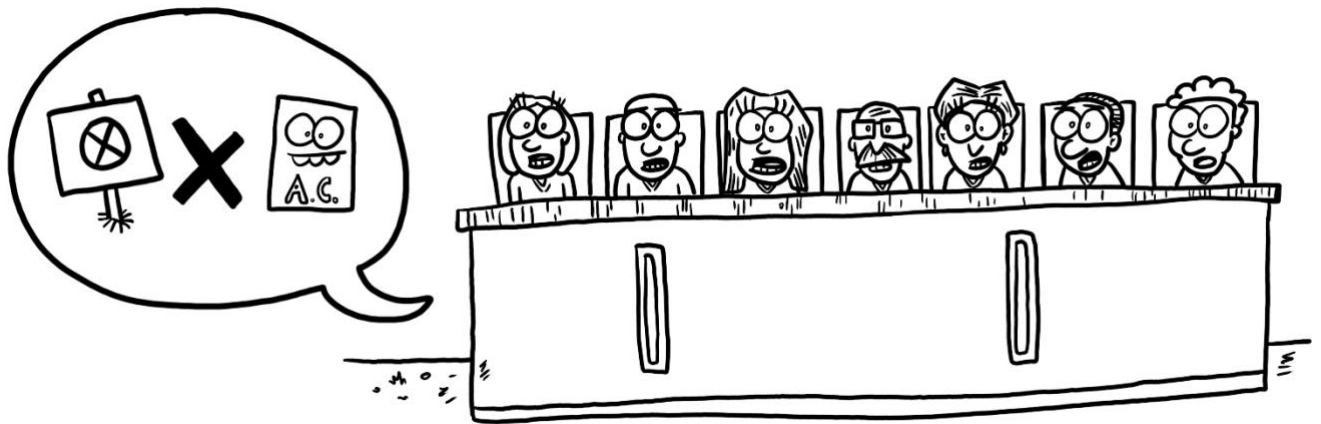


The Justices could find that the new law complies with the Australian Constitution and leave it how it is.

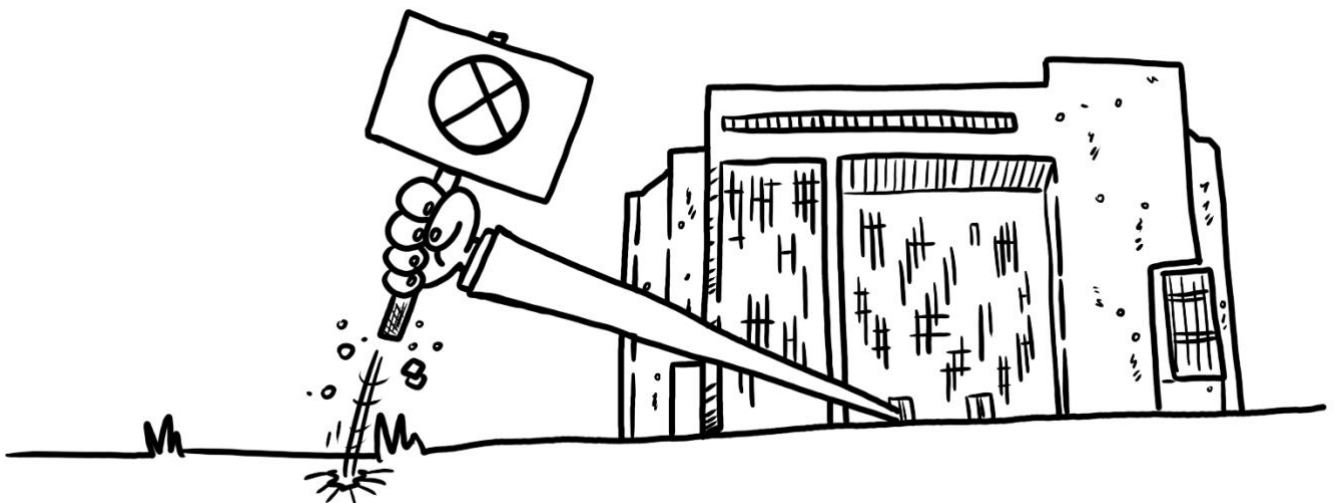




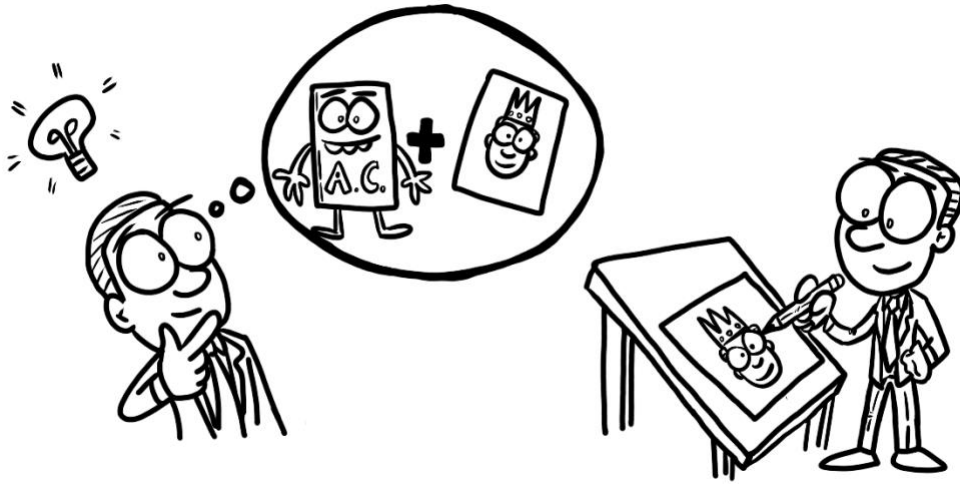
OR they could find that the new law does not comply with the Australian Constitution...



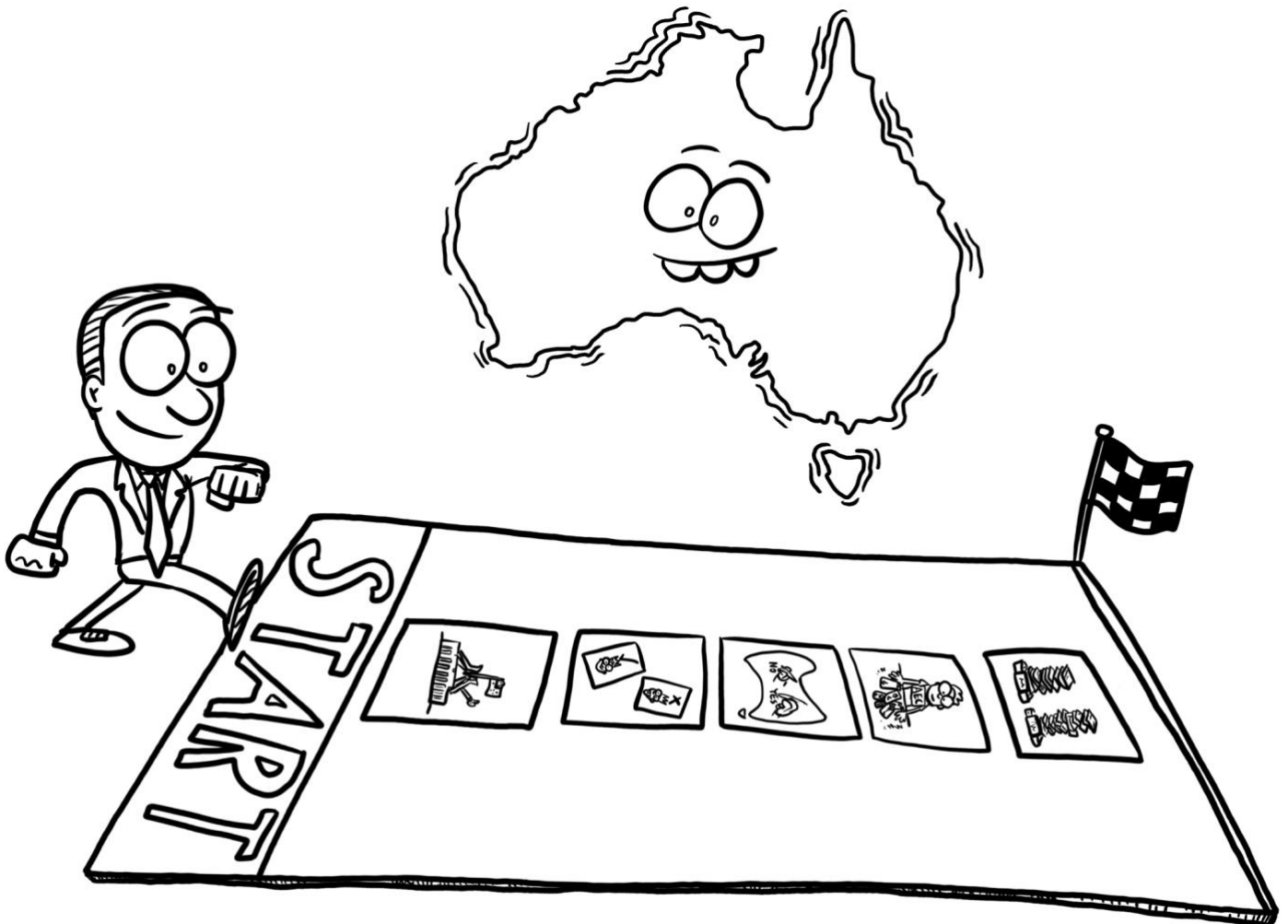
And if that happens then they will repeal it.

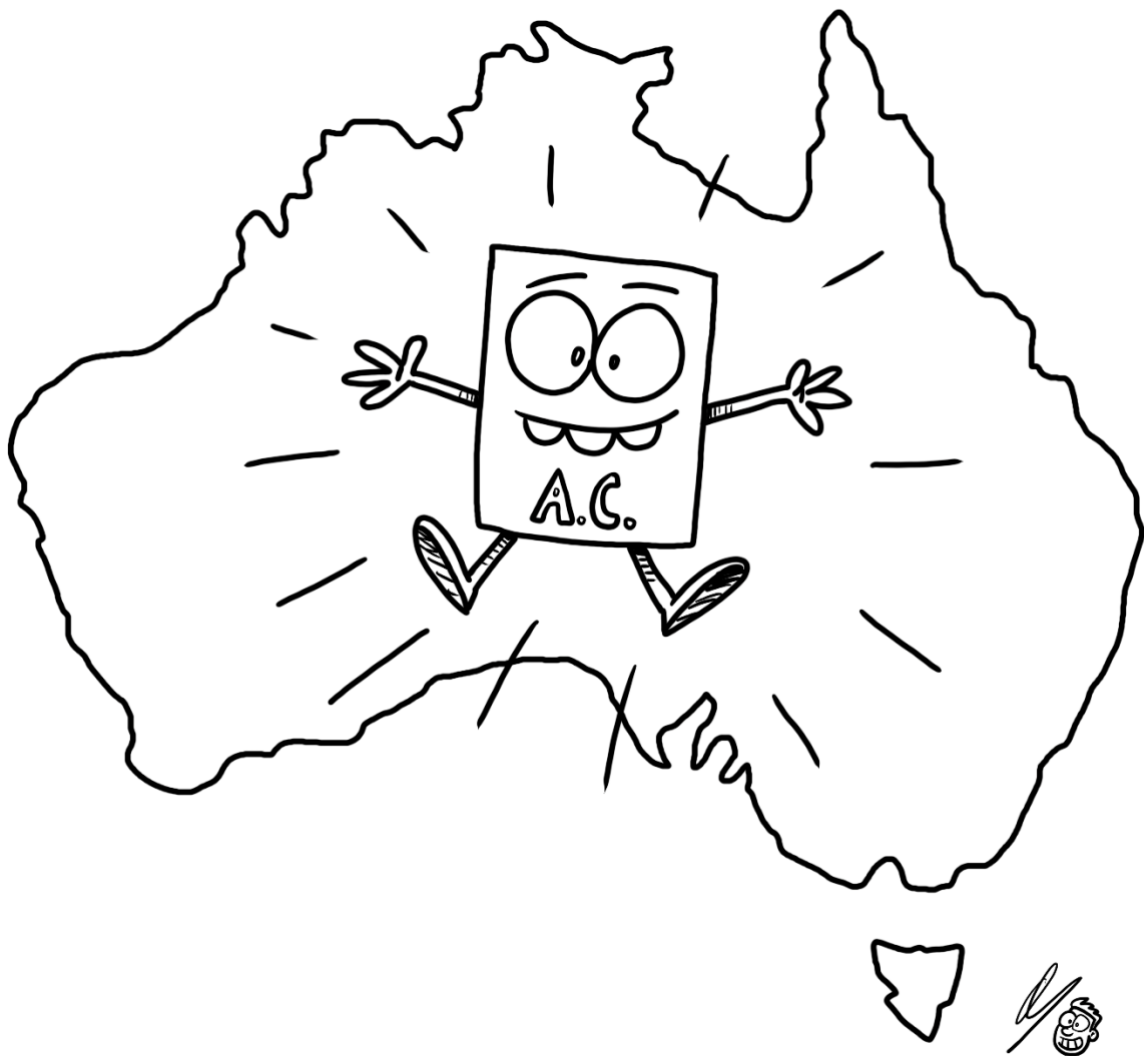


Now if the government wants to change something in the Australian Constitution itself...



They must first hold a national vote in a process called a referendum.





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