

THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

CITIZENS INITIATED REFERENDA

One Nation accepts that under the Australian Constitution, Sovereignty is ultimately resident in the people, humbly relying on the blessing of almighty God. Supreme authority or power is vested in the people and the machinery of government is an instrument whose duty it is to carry out the will of the people. Any changes to the constitution or adoption of international laws can only be done by the people through referendum. One Nation supports CIR as a system that allows all members of society to have a direct say in Government decision making. Representative Democracy only allows individuals or parties the right to decide for the rest of us. One Nation believes in not only upholding the right but the need for all Australians to effectively raise debate on issues of concern and have the mechanism to democratically pursue those issues to produce an outcome of legislative change.

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- The current system has generally worked well, however it is party oriented and as far as true democracy is concerned the peoples rights and constitution are being subverted & replaced by international law. Therefore One nation being a true Democratic Party, we propose that the Australian Constitution is strictly retained, and changes are only made by Community Based Referendum. The policy will be implemented in essence, as follows:
- A sponsoring committee of 12 people individually certified as electors before a Justice of the Peace will collect a minimum of 400 signatories validated from the electoral roll as electors in support of the proposal, and will then lodge an application for registration with the Electoral Commission.
- If the Electoral Commissioner assesses the proposal as being able to be given legal effect the sponsoring committee then has 12 months to gather signatures of at least 2% of electors on the roll for the state from more than 50% of electorates.
- The total number of signatures collected must not be less than 2% of electors validated from the electoral roll.
- If the Electoral Commissioner is satisfied the required number of electors has supported the proposal, and then the Parliamentary Council will commence the drafting of an appropriate bill. The bill will be presented to the Parliament who will have the opportunity of passing the bill or making recommendations for improvement.
- If the Bill is not passed by the Parliament it will be automatically referred for referendum at the same time as the next election.
- If the appropriately collected signatures equal at least 5% of electors, the proposal must be submitted to a referendum within 3 months.
- When the proposed law is approved by a majority of electors voting at the referendum and in more than 50% of electorates, the proposal is presented to the Governor for assent. Following assent, the bill becomes law.
- Community Based Referendum is relatively simple, inexpensive and a democratically effective method of ensuring that the laws under which people live are approved by the people themselves.
- NOTE: The Government may also at any time address the proposal before the issue goes to a referendum.

Politicians are the servant of the people - not their master



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Membership entitles you to attend local branch meetings. You can also represent your branch as a delegate at party conferences, become involved in committees or seek endorsement as a candidate. Join One Nation and help fight for a better future for our country.