

DEMOCRACY MATTERS

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FACT 1

BEFORE FEDERATION IN 1901, THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS THE **COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

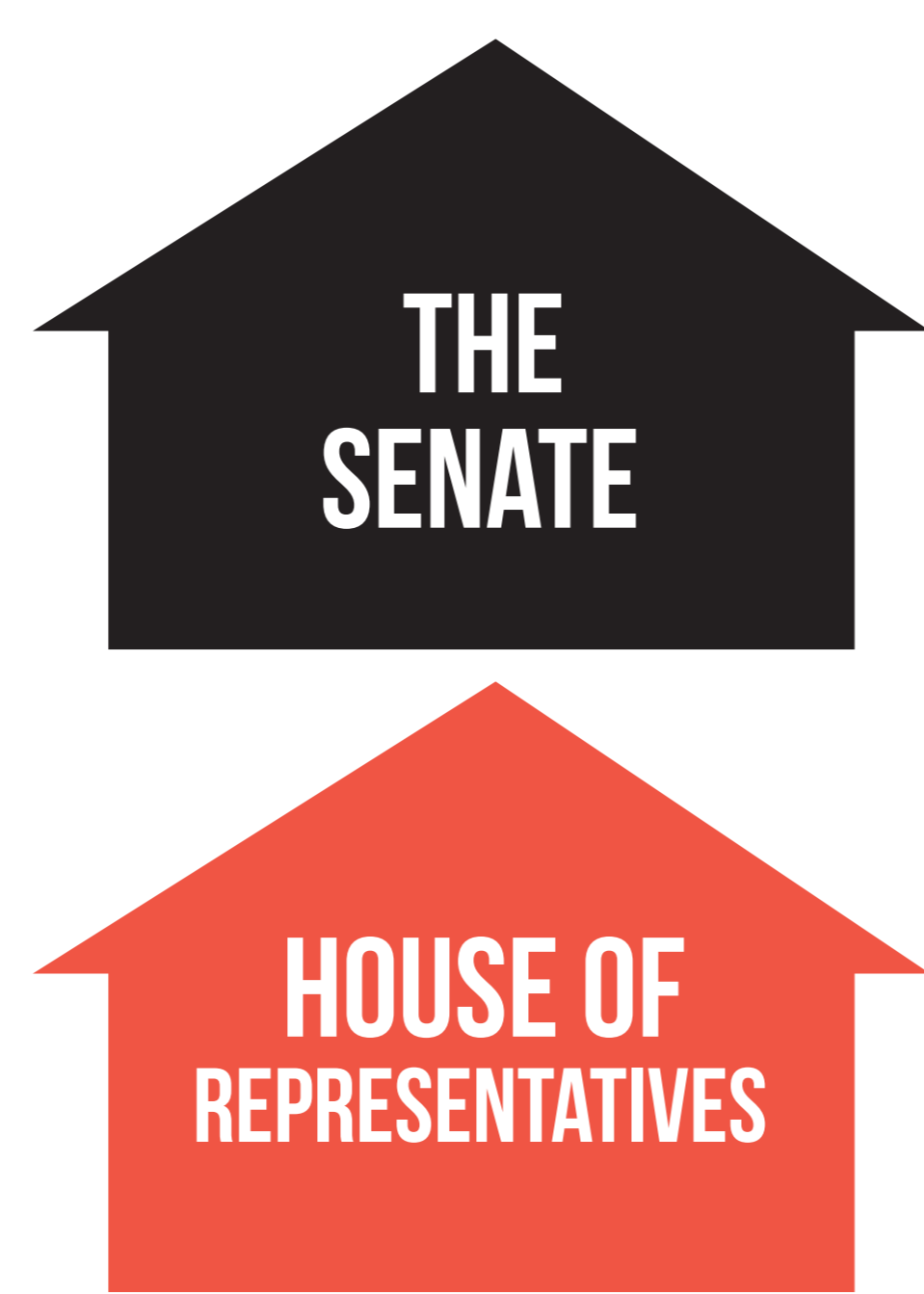


FACT 2

OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IS UNIQUELY **AUSTRALIAN**, A HYBRID OF THE **BRITISH** AND **AMERICAN** SYSTEMS

FACT 3

OUR DEMOCRACY IS GOVERNED BY A **TWO-HOUSE PROCESS**



FACT 4

151 MEMBERS

WE FORM GOVERNMENT IN THE **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

FACT 5

76 SENATORS

THE SENATE INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH STATE AND TERRITORY

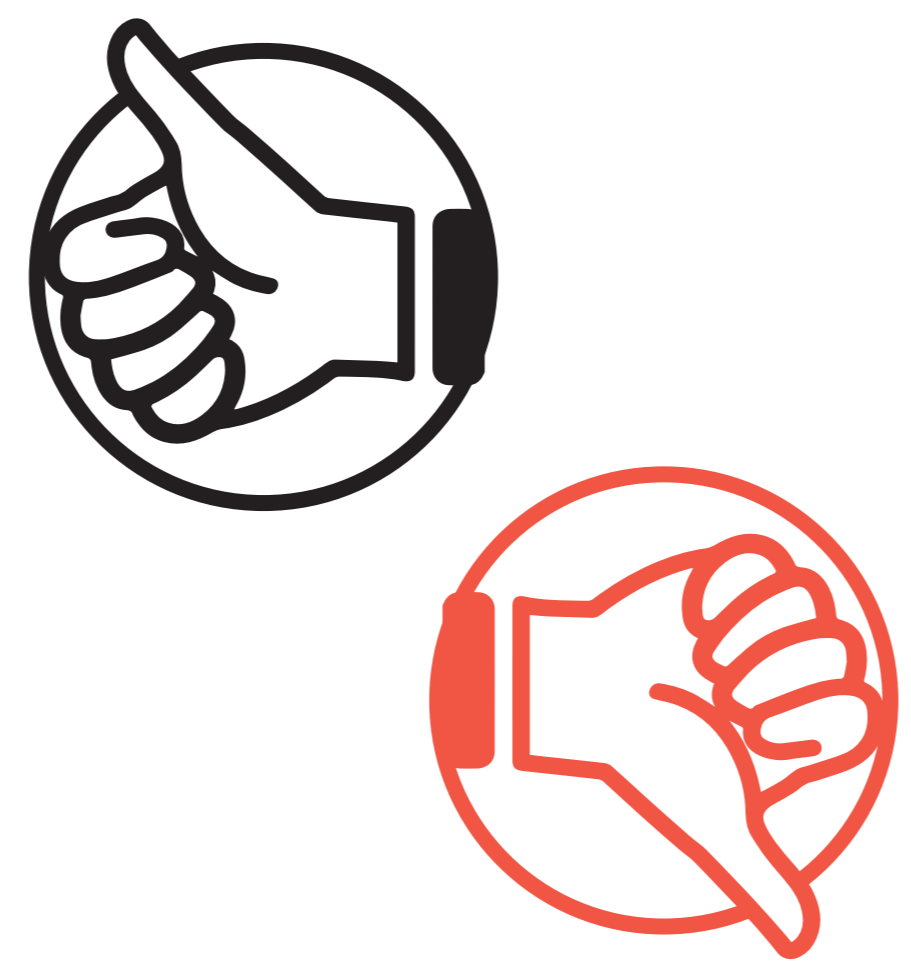
FACT 6

THE PUBLIC DOESN'T VOTE IN A **PRIME MINISTER**



FACT 7

THE OPPOSITION IS THE MAJOR PARTY **NOT IN POWER**



FACT 8

THE **PRIME MINISTER** IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE **CONSTITUTION**



FACT 9

18+

VOTING IS COMPULSORY FOR AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS **OVER 18**



FACT 10

AS A REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY **VOTING DECIDES** WHICH PARTY WILL GOVERN



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