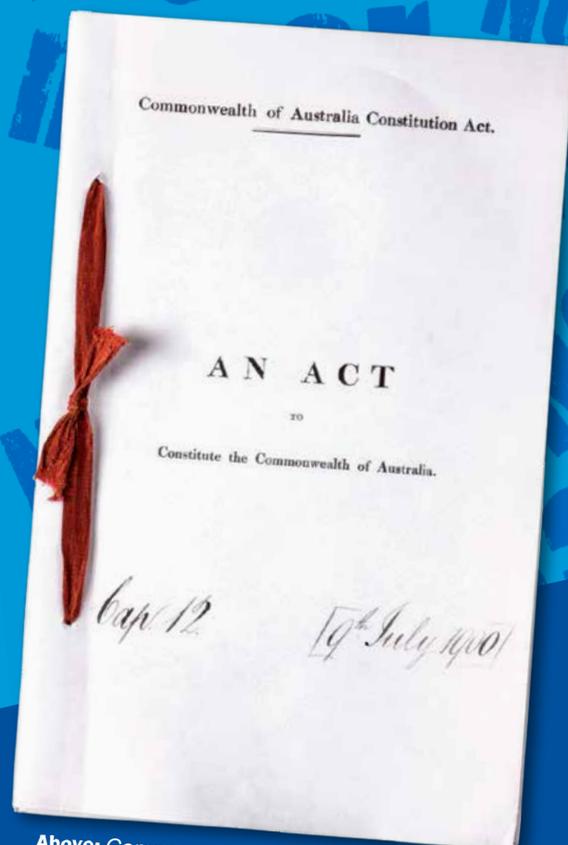


REFERENDUMS

In referendums held in the 1890s, the people of the six colonies of Australia voted 'yes' to federation under the Australian Constitution.

On 1 January 1901 the six colonies became the six states of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Federal Parliament was formed as described in the Constitution.

Since that time, and in accordance with the Australian Constitution, all Australian citizens vote in referendums to approve or reject any proposed changes to the Constitution. The Constitution can only be changed by this process.



Above: Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, 1900