

Voting.

How much do you know?

Before you vote for the first time use the Internet to find out...

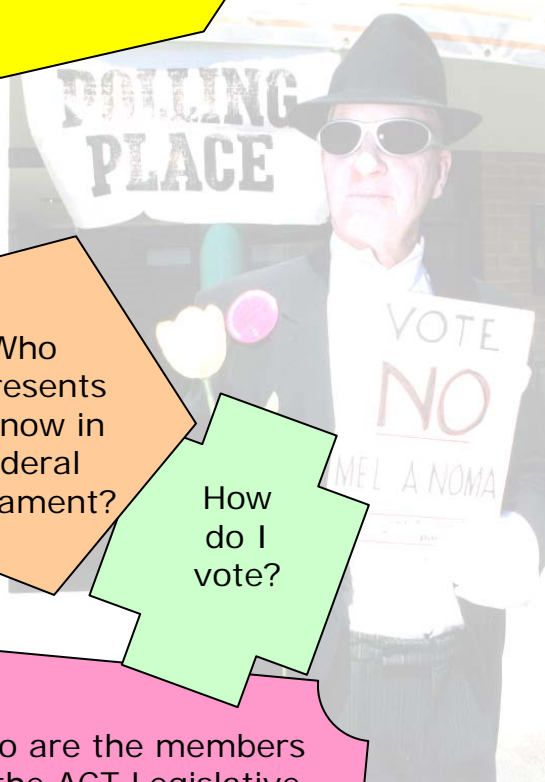
Which electorate do I live in?

Why do I have to vote?

Who represents me now in Federal Parliament?

How do I vote?

Who are the members of the ACT Legislative Assembly?



Representation

Find out more about how you are represented in our parliaments.

Why not find out who your representatives are and contact them by looking at their internet sites and asking them about something that concerns you.

For representation in federal parliament, Canberra is divided into two electorates. Find out which electorate you live in by checking out the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) site at www.aec.gov.au and see your member at the Australian Parliament site at www.aph.gov.au.

Canberra is divided into 3 electorates to elect representatives to the ACT Legislative Assembly. Find the electorate names and their representatives. Check out www.elections.act.gov.au

Which ACT electorate do you live in and who are your representatives?

See your members at www.parliament.act.gov.au

When is the next ACT Legislative Assembly election?

Compulsory enrolment and voting

Find out about compulsory enrolment and voting from the fact sheets at the Elections ACT site www.elections.act.gov.au/Fact.html

For arguments for and against compulsory voting, see the AEC site www.aec.gov.au/_content/what/voting/voting.htm

Why not use the Internet to find out...

Which other countries have compulsory voting?

What is the percentage of 18 – 25 year olds enrolled to vote in Australia?

Why did 18 year olds get the vote in Australia in 1973?

What is the percentage of voter turnout in countries where voting is not compulsory, such as the USA and Great Britain?

The Australian Constitution

Look up some details about the Australian Constitution at

www.foundingdocs.gov.au/places/cth/cth1.htm

Find out how to change the Constitution at the AEC site

www.aec.gov.au/_content/how/education/referendums.pdf

Why have so few attempts to change the constitution been successful?

The Constitutional Framework for the ACT

Find out how the ACT is governed at www.parliament.act.gov.au (find fact sheet 3).

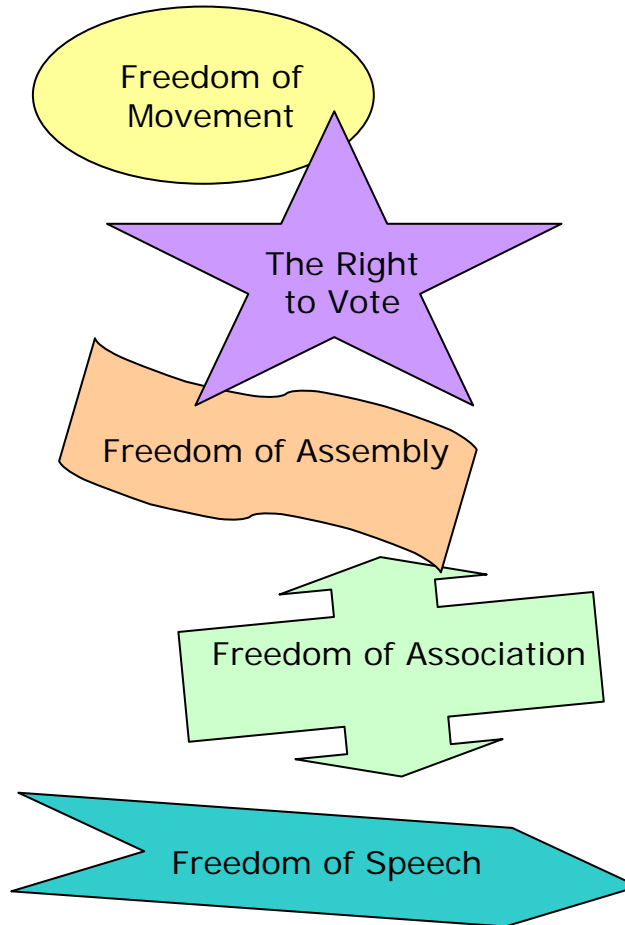
How would changes be made to the framework?

Now enrol to vote and have your say!!!

Rights and Responsibilities

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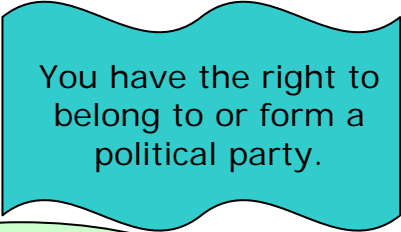
Match these rights with the correct explanation




K What would it mean not to have these rights?

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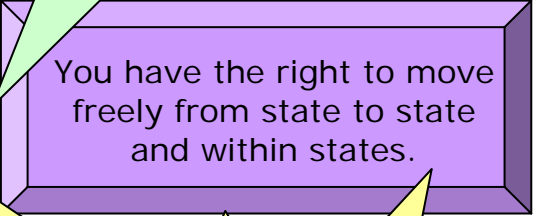
For more information contact Elections ACT on 6205 0033 or elections@act.gov.au or visit Grnd Flr North Building, Civic Square ACT



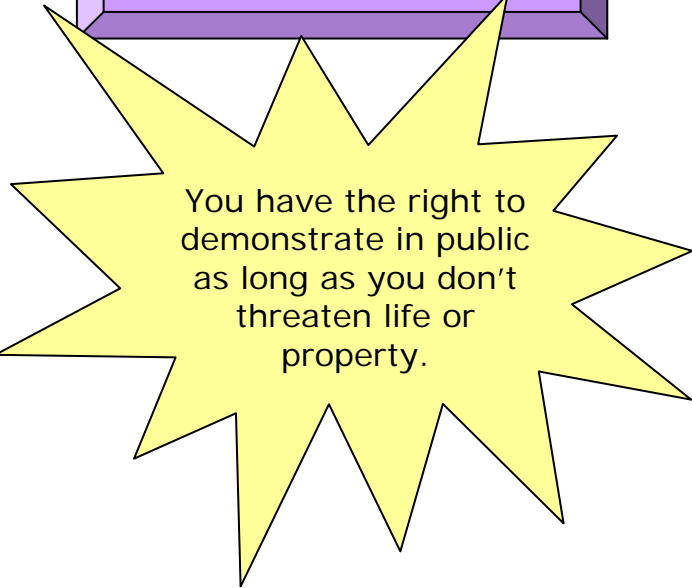
You have the right to belong to or form a political party.



You have the right to participate in our democracy.



You have the right to move freely from state to state and within states.



You have the right to demonstrate in public as long as you don't threaten life or property.