Double majority

To become law, the proposed change to the Constitution must be approved by a ‘double majority’ of electors voting for the changes. That is:

- a national majority of electors from all states and territories, and
- a majority of electors in a majority of the states (i.e. at least four of the six states).

A referendum is passed when:
- A national majority (more than half) of voters from all states and territories vote **yes**.
- A majority (more than half) of voters in at least four of the six states vote **yes**.
- The votes of people living in the ACT, the NT and any of Australia’s external territories count towards the national majority only.

A referendum is NOT passed when:
- A national majority (more than half) of voters from all states and territories vote **no**.
- A majority (more than half) of voters in at least three states vote **no**.