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’.

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’.

The votes of people living in the ACT, the NT and any of Australia’s external territories count towards the national majority only.