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Democracy comes from
the Greek and means
**POWER OF
THE PEOPLE**



REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY



Representative Democracy is when **‘the people’** vote for an elected representative who listens to what they want, then votes for laws on the people’s behalf.



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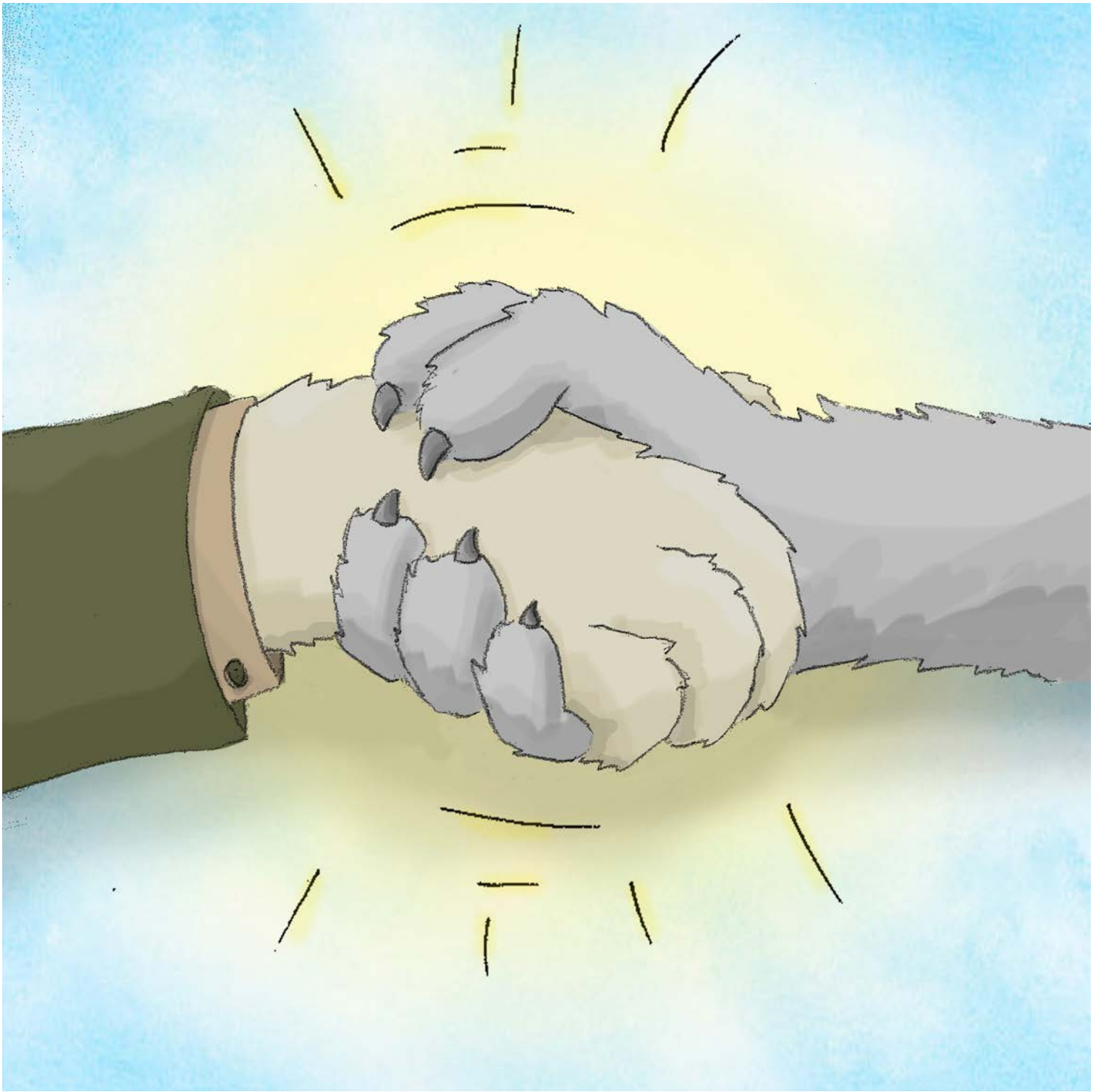
INDEPENDANT CANDIDATES



Independent candidates run for an election without being part of a political party. They stand on their own, representing their community rather than a party's policies.



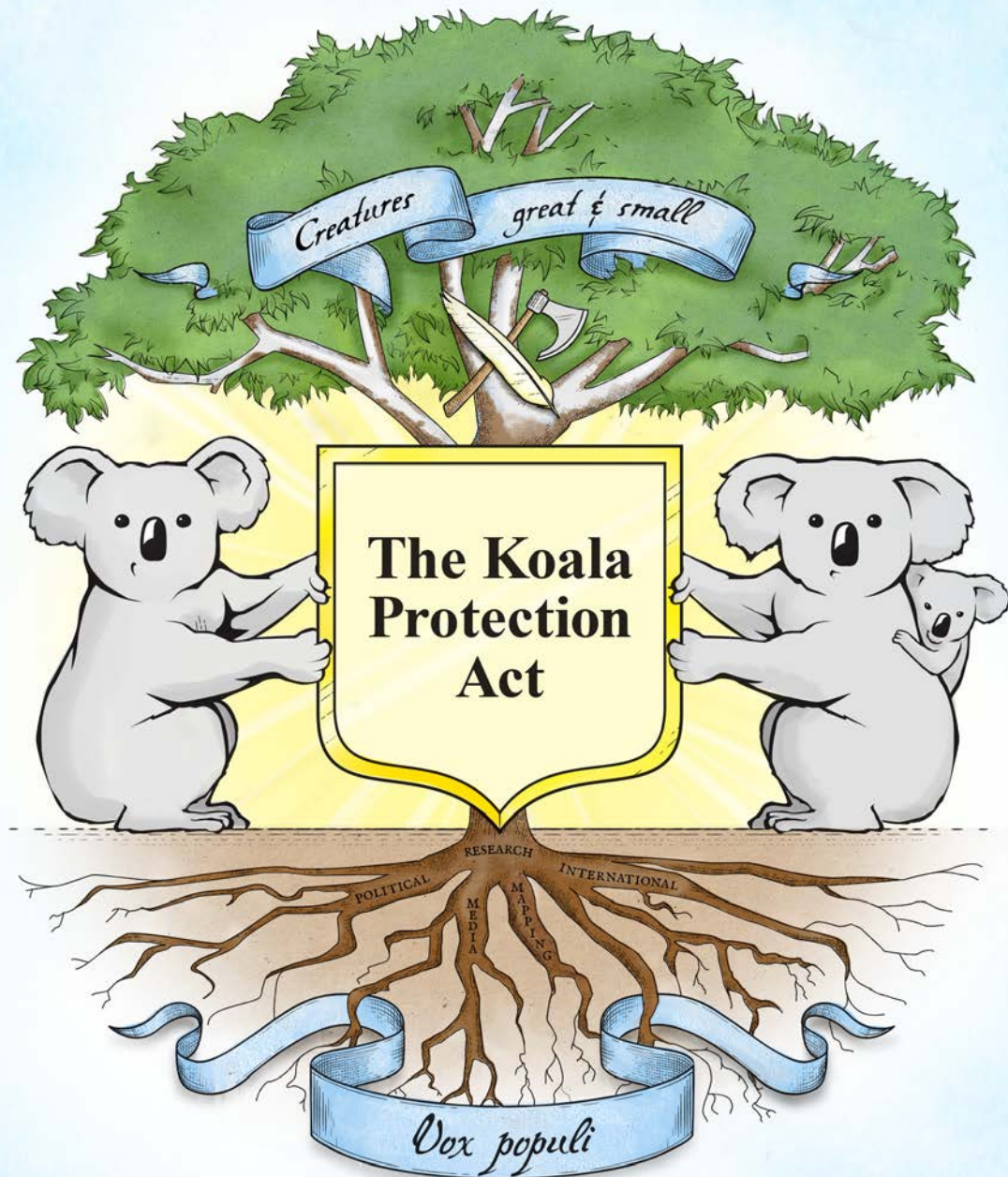
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A policy is like a promise to **‘the people’**,
“Vote for me and I will table the Koala Protection
Act in parliament.”



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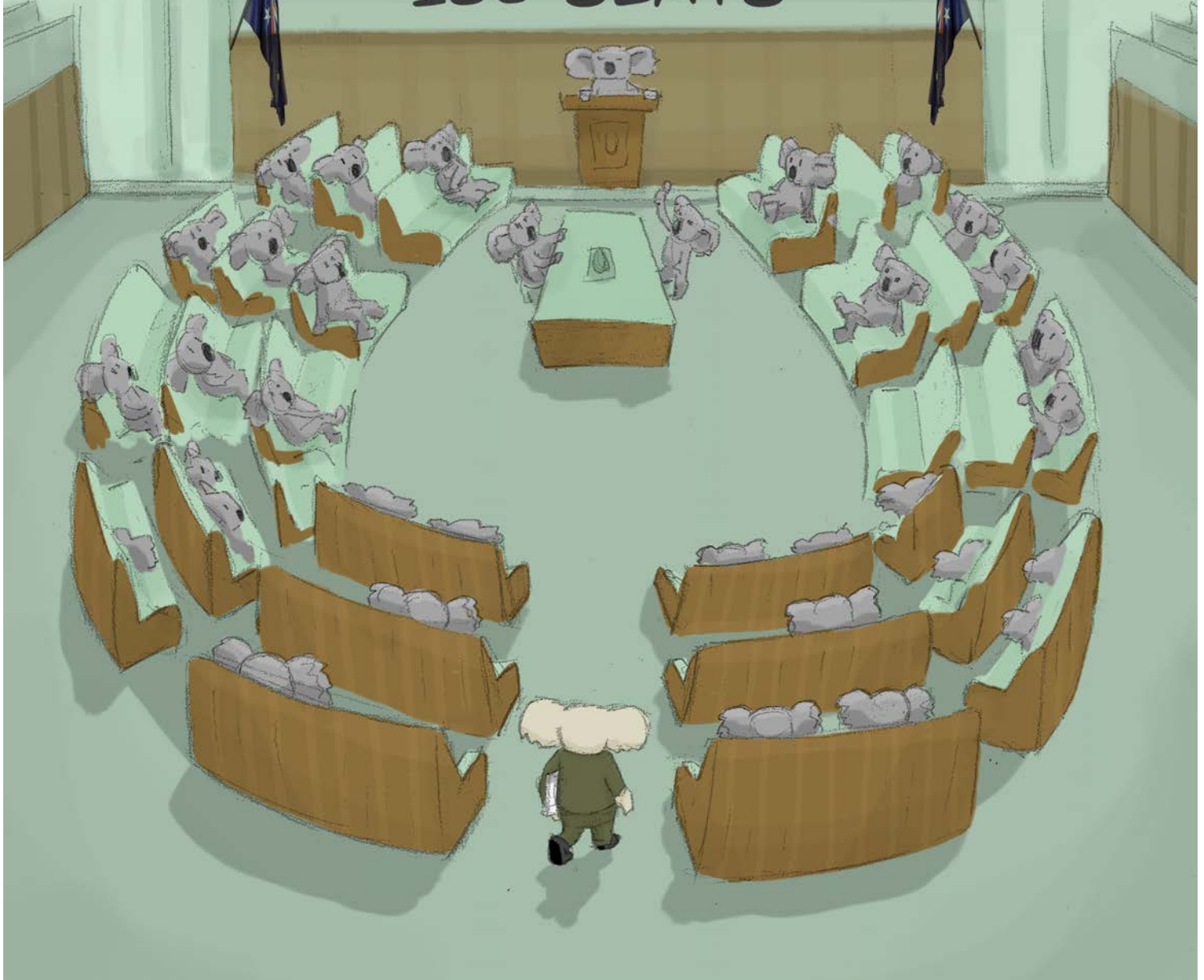
Politicians should be accountable to keep the promises they make to **'the people.'**



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

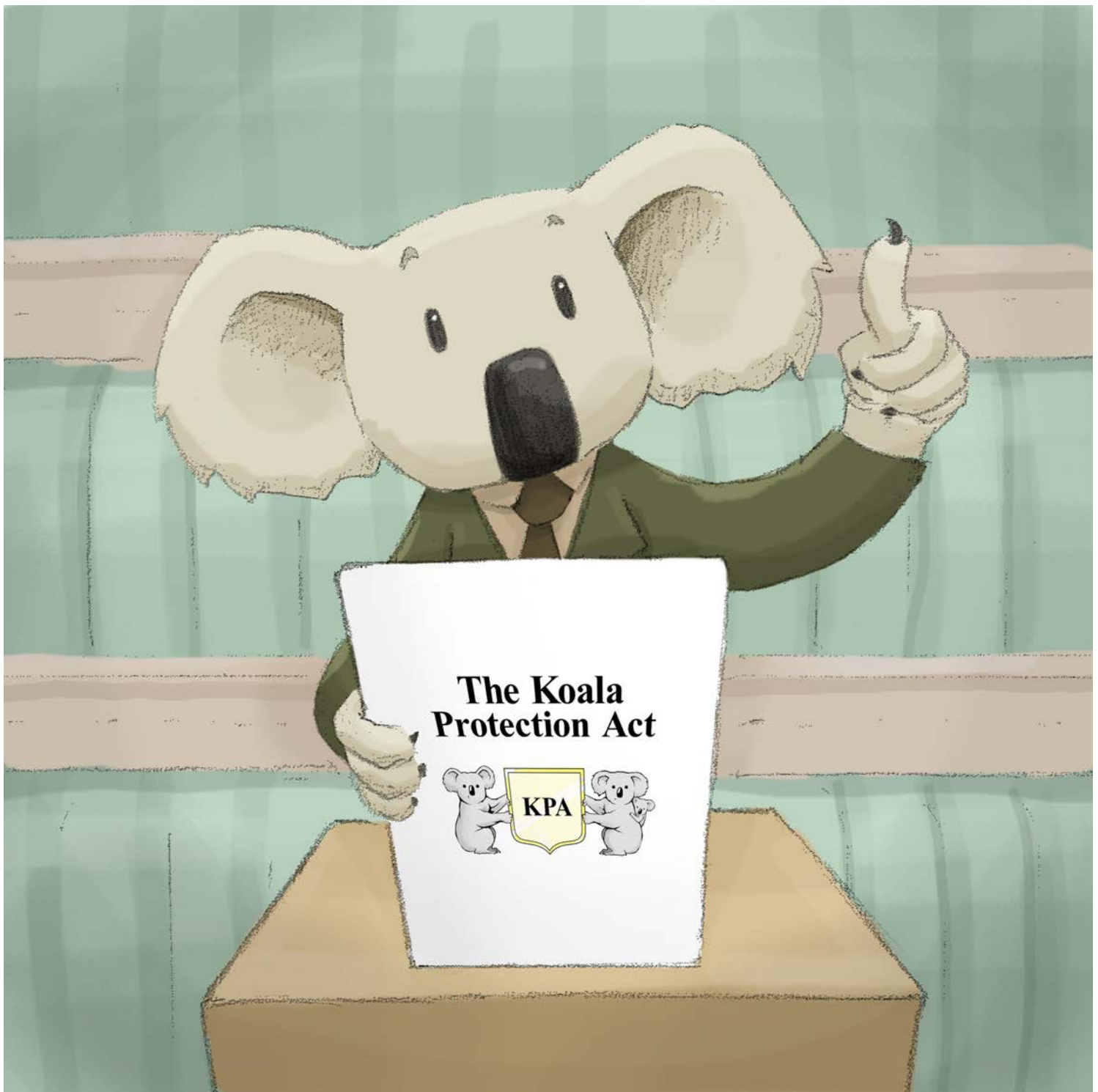
150 SEATS



From every electorate in the country, an elected representative is voted in by **‘the people’** to form the *House of Representatives* (the ‘Lower House’).



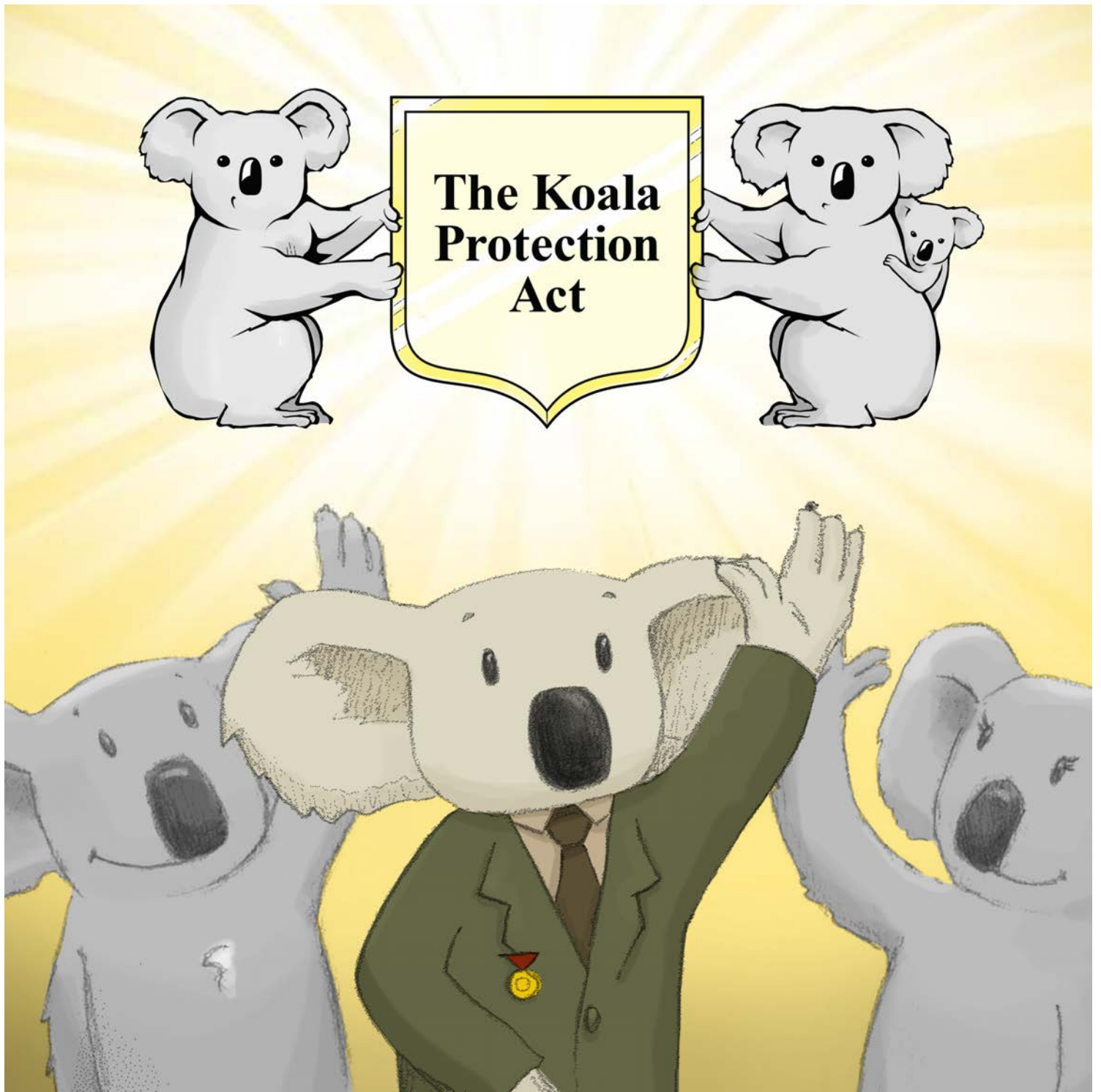
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A minister can propose a *NEW LAW* in the House of Representatives. This should always reflect the wishes of **'the people'**.



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All the elected representatives then debate and *VOTE* on the proposed law. Their vote should *ALSO* reflect the wishes of **'the people'** in the electorate they represent.



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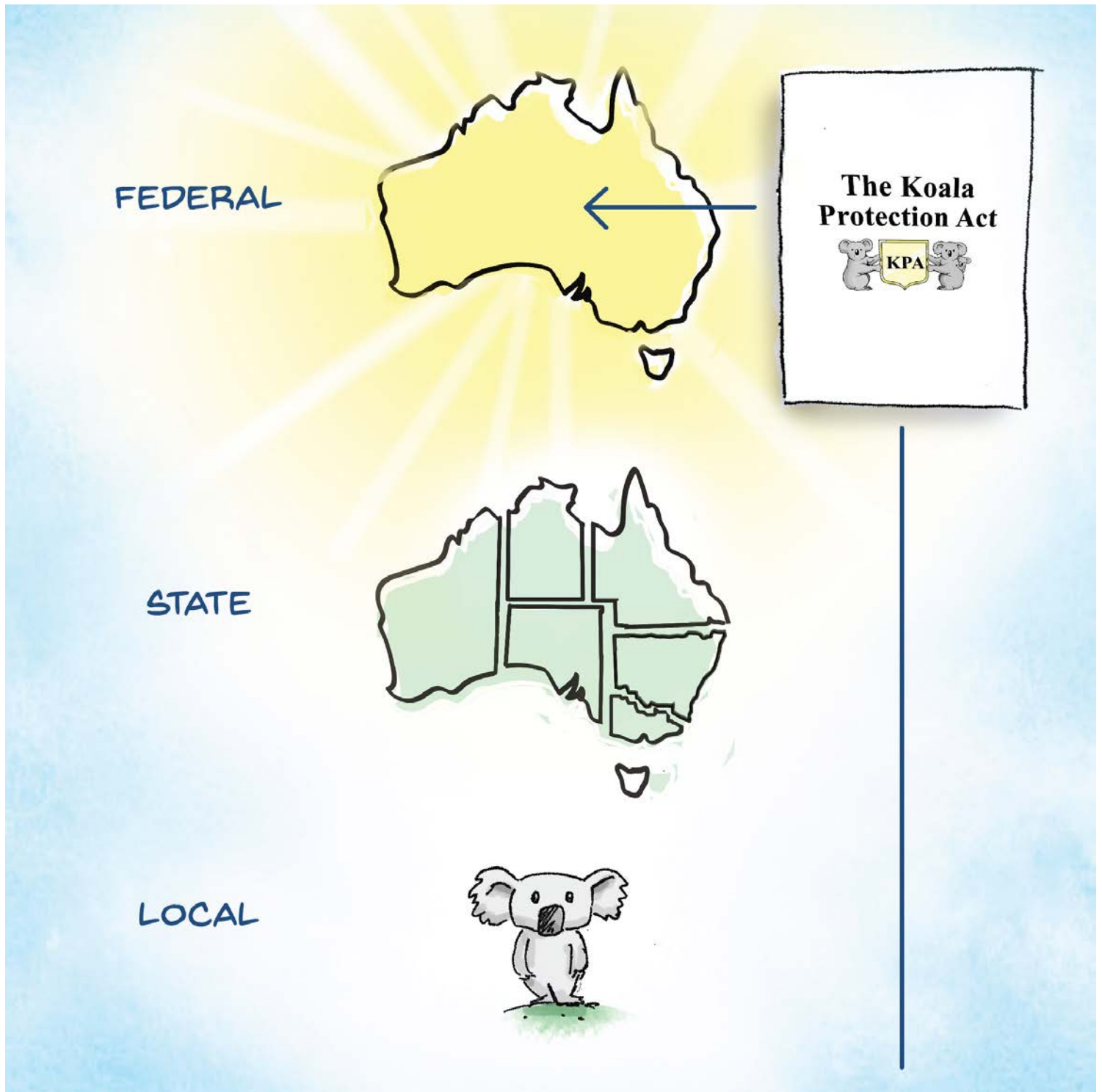
PASSED!



As a *federal law*, the Koala Protection Act will protect ALL Koala habitat throughout Australia. **No Tree, No Me.** If it is a Koala habitat tree, then you must not cut it down.



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The Koala Protection Act must be enacted on a **FEDERAL** level.

When the KPA is in place - all levels of government will have to abide by the rules.



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Our local councils and bureaucracy should follow and apply laws once they are enacted. We can appeal to the courts (Local, State, & Federal) if laws are broken.



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RULE OF LAW

THE CONSTITUTION



VOTE

RULE

THE 'PEOPLE'
& GOVERNMENT

We **the people**, vote for a government that will enact laws we believe will benefit our society.

NO ONE is above the law.



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THE PEOPLE WANT THE KOALA PROTECTION ACT!



Politicians should always represent **'the people'**,
not lobbyists.



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NOBODY TELLS ME
WHAT TO DO OR SAY

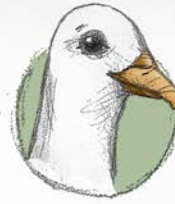


Lobbyists and special interest groups can sometimes *influence politicians* to enact or NOT enact laws to benefit themselves and their business.



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PIDGEON PRESS



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The media's role is also to give voice to **'the people's'** concerns and issues that politicians need to address.



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I PROMISE...

The **media**'s responsibility is to empower citizens by keeping them well informed, and by keeping politicians transparent and accountable.



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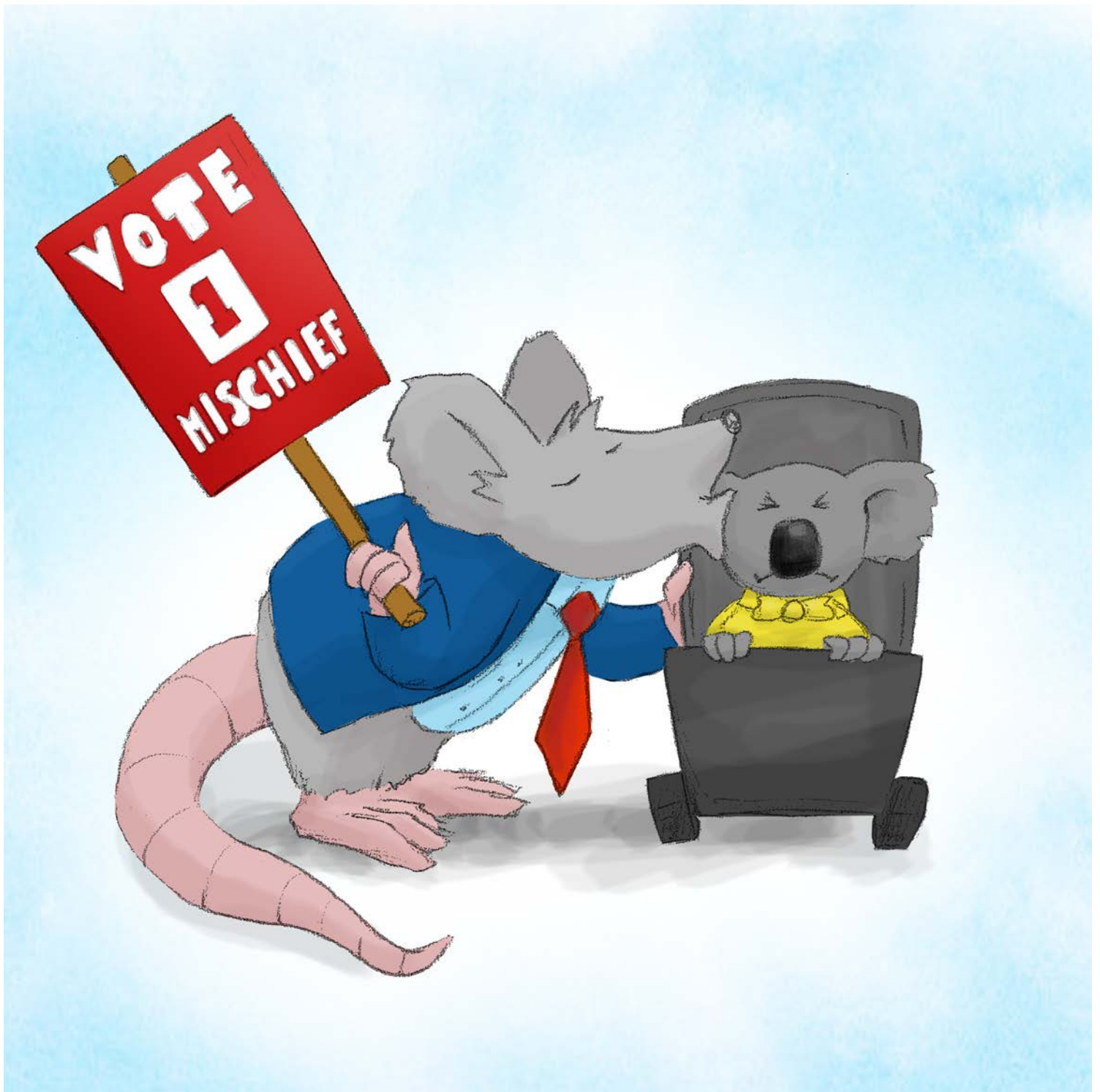
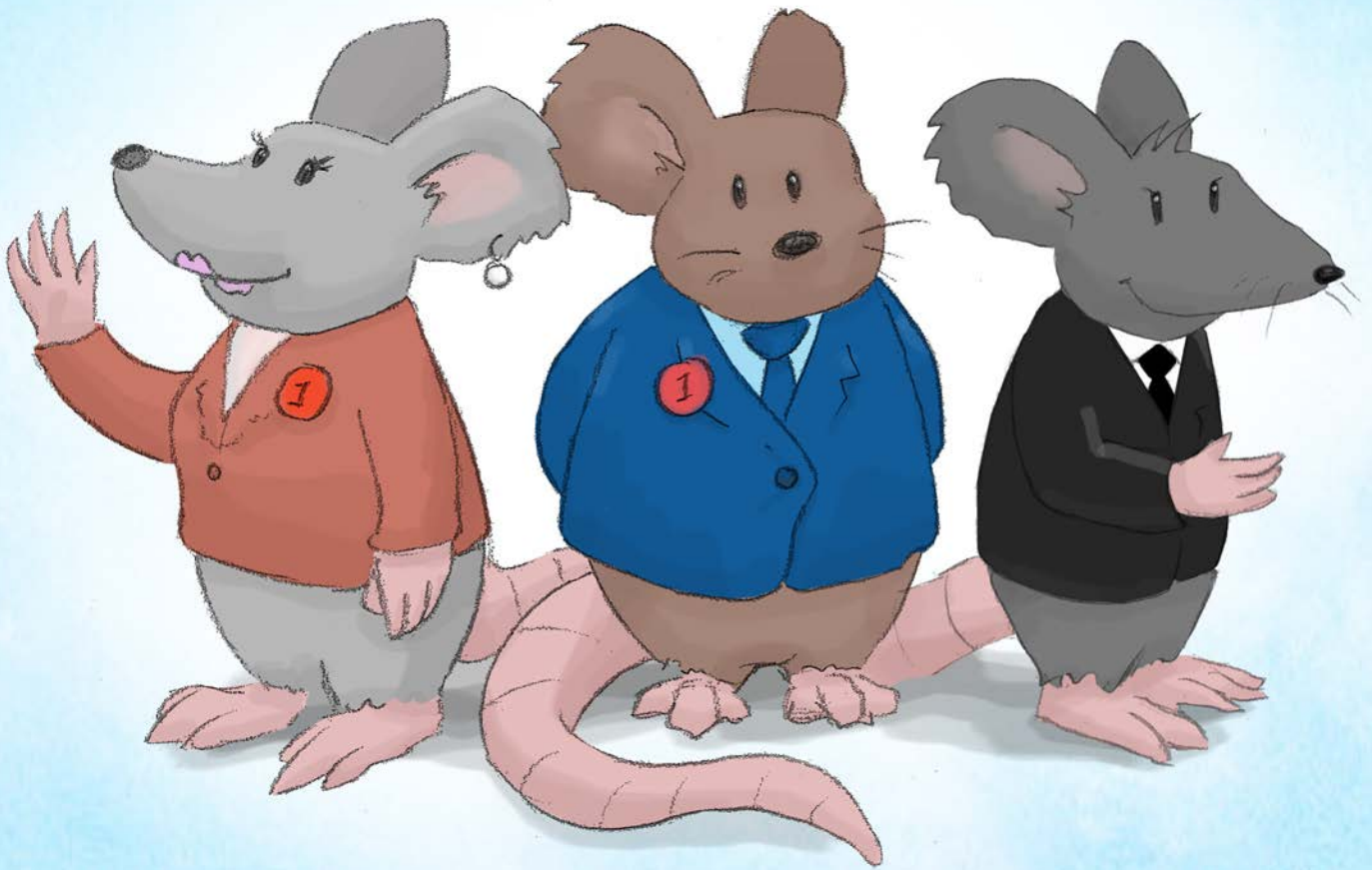


Photo opportunities and slogans during campaigning are far less important than **POLICIES**.
Do they support the Koala Protection Act?



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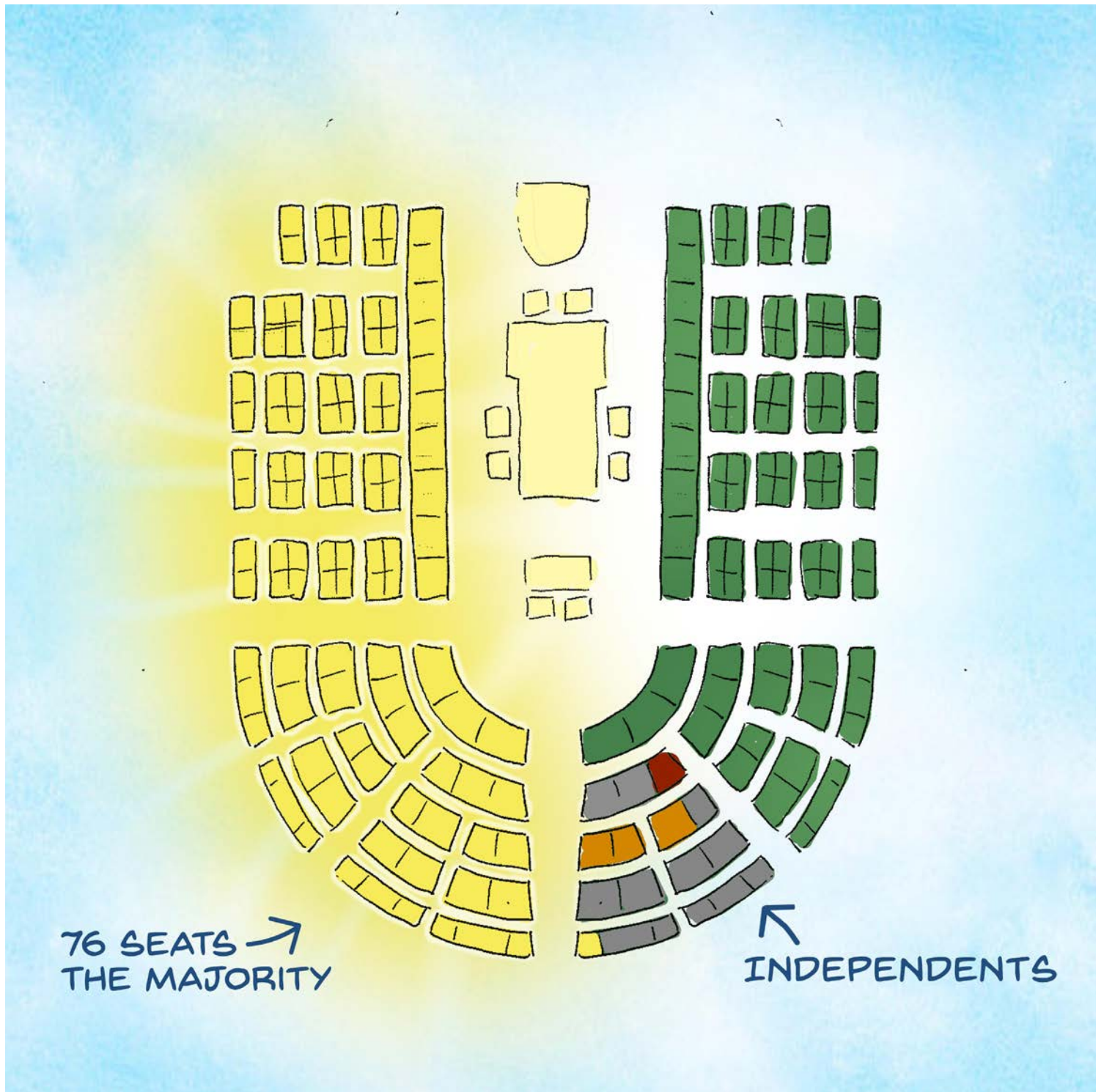
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Political parties have policies that expect all its candidates to support and vote together. However, every candidate should first and foremost represent **'the people'** who elected them.



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The party that gets the **majority** votes (76+) from all the electorates wins the election. A 'hung parliament' means no party got a majority, so they must form a coalition with smaller parties.





The party leader becomes the **Prime Minister**, and he/she then selects their cabinet of ministers.





YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Every vote shapes our future.



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BY THE PEOPLE - FOR THE PEOPLE

