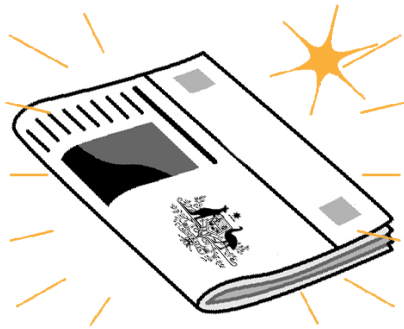




**ACT**  
Government



# Our Canberra August 2023

ACT Government



Easy English

## Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
  
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
  
- know what this book is about
  
- find more information.

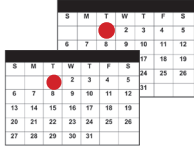


We will write contact information at the end of this book.

## About this book

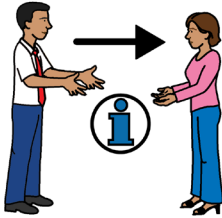


This book is from the ACT Government.



We write a **newsletter** every month.

A newsletter gives you a lot of different information.



This newsletter will tell you

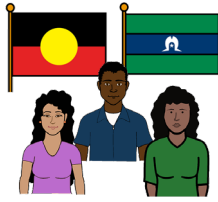
- how we can help you
- how you can tell us what you think.



This newsletter is about the ACT in August 2023.



The next newsletter will be in September.



## We acknowledge First Nations Peoples

**Acknowledge** means we understand the importance of **First Nations Peoples**

- culture
- language
- history.



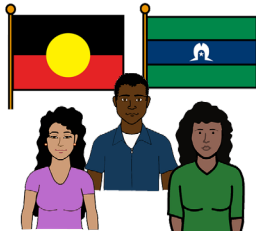
First Nations Peoples are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

## You can vote about the Voice to Parliament this year



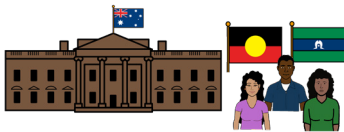
All Australians over 18 **must** vote later this year.

The vote is about the **Voice to Parliament**.



The Voice to Parliament is about

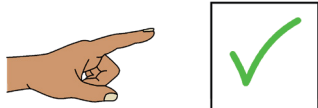
- First Nations Peoples
- how the Australian Government should listen to First Nations Peoples.



You can vote to say if the Voice to Parliament should be in the **Constitution**.



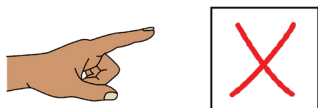
The Constitution is rules on how to run Australia.



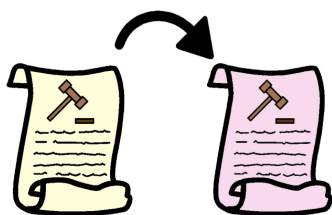
You can vote

- **yes**

or



- **no.**



If most people say **yes**, the Constitution will change.

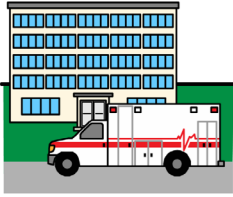


You can read more about the vote.



Website [voice.gov.au](http://voice.gov.au)

## There are more health services for young people



There is a new place for teenagers at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children.



The hospital has new services to help teenagers with their mental health.



We want to help young people find health services

- at the hospital

and



- in the community.

## We want the light rail to go to Woden



We will make more stops for the light rail.

We will make new stops from the city to Commonwealth Park.



We will work on the roads to make new stops.

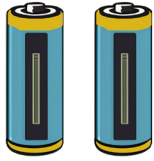
You will see some traffic changes on Commonwealth Avenue.



You can look for signs to tell you what to do.



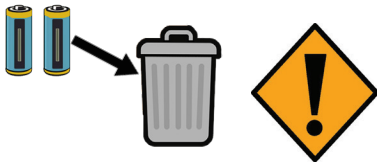
## Do not put your batteries in the bin



**Batteries** keep energy for when we need it.

You might use batteries in your

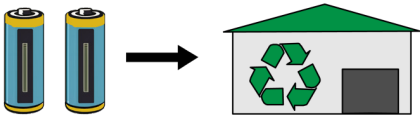
- torch
- remote control for the TV.



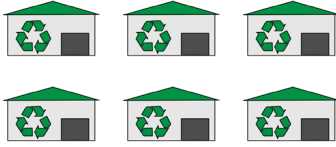
Batteries can be dangerous if you put them in the bin.



Old batteries could start a fire.



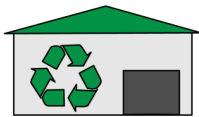
You can take old batteries to a special recycling place for free.



There are over 60 places that can take your old batteries.



Many supermarkets have special bins where you can put your old batteries.



You can also take your old batteries to an ACT Government Resource Management Centre.



You can ask us what to do with your old batteries.

## We have a plan for new buildings

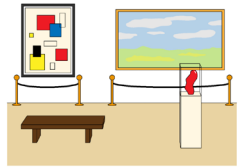


We want better places for

- music



- sport



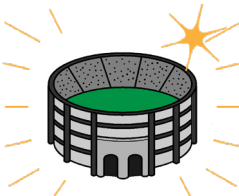
- art.



We want people to enjoy music and art in the city.

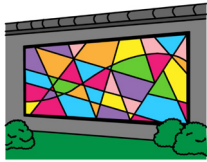


We have plans for a new building for music and art.



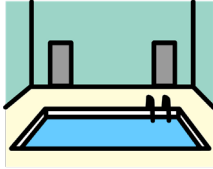
We also want to have a big new place for sport.

We will make some other places better.

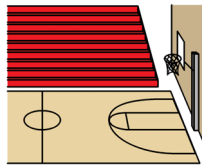


Other places we will make better include

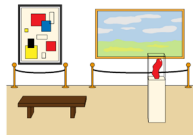
- Kingston Arts Precinct



- Civic Pool



- Belconnen Basketball Stadium



- Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

## We want to make local shopping better



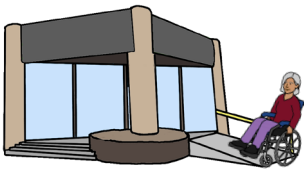
We want local shopping places to be

- safe



- accessible.

**Accessible** means something is easy for everyone to



- get to



- use.



We also want to help local businesses.



We have new plans for

- Calwell Group Centre



- Lanyon Marketplace



You can tell us what you think about the new plans.



We want to hear from you by  
**21 August 2023.**

Go to our website to have your say.



Website [yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/  
local-shop-improvements](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/local-shop-improvements)

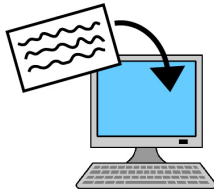


## More information

For more information contact the  
ACT Government.



Call        13 22 81



Email        [ourcanberra@act.gov.au](mailto:ourcanberra@act.gov.au)

## We have different websites for different information



You can ask someone to help you read  
the websites.



## Our Canberra newsletter



Website     [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)



## Learn more about the Voice to Parliament



Website

[voice.gov.au](https://www.voice.gov.au)



## Learn more about our new health services

Website

[builtforcbr.act.gov.au/adolescent-health](https://builtforcbr.act.gov.au/adolescent-health)



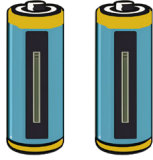
## Find out about traffic changes near you



Website

[builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts](https://builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts)





## Find a place that takes your old batteries



Website

[bicycle.com.au/drop-off](http://bicycle.com.au/drop-off)



## Read more about our building plans



Website

[act.gov.au/our-canberra/infrastructure-plan](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra/infrastructure-plan)

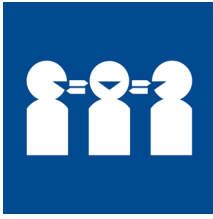


## Have your say about local shopping



Website

[yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/local-shop-improvements](http://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/local-shop-improvements)



### If you do not speak English

Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.



### If you need help to speak or listen

The National Relay Service can help you make a phone call.



Call 1800 555 660



Website [accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk](https://accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk)

Give the relay officer the phone number you want to call.

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