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YOU CAN'T

"WASTE" YOUR VOTE!

How voting works in a federal election for the House of Representatives ('Lower House')

Hello Australia.
It's me, your good friend
Dennis the Election Koala.

It's that time again, so let's
meet the candidates hoping to
represent your electorate in
the House of Representatives
of the Federal Parliament...



MAJOR PARTIES



**BAMBOOT
SPITVALVE**
*Complete Scumbag
Party*

POLICIES:

- Kick puppies
- Beat the poor
- Pineapple on pizza

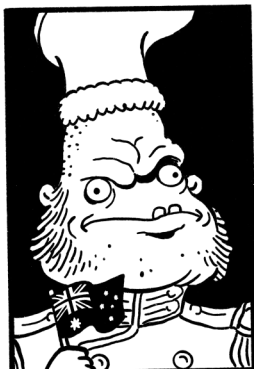


**FLOUNDRA
MACWHATNOT**
*Discreet Scumbag
Party*

POLICIES:

- Put puppies to work
- Chastise the poor
- Pizza under pineapple

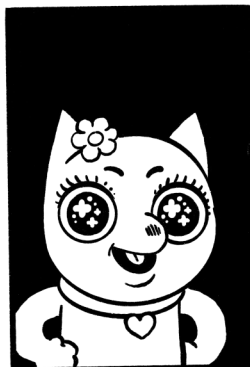
MINOR PARTIES & INDEPENDENTS



**GORT
BUTTERSON**
Independent

POLICIES:

- Televised puppy torture
- Mandatory constipation
- Toot toot, I'm a boat

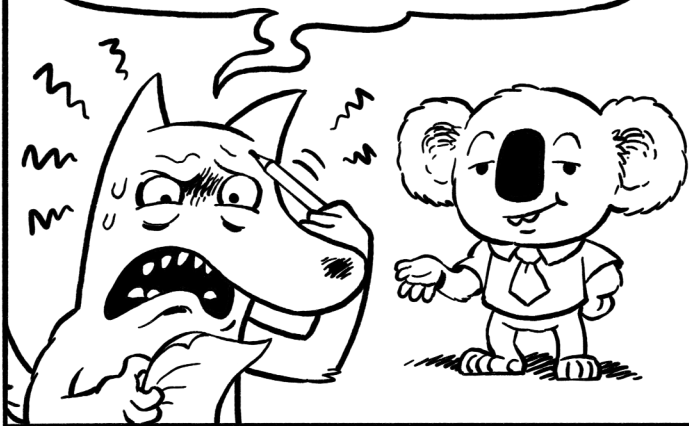


**AGGY-WAGGY
FLUFFTUMS**
Nice Party

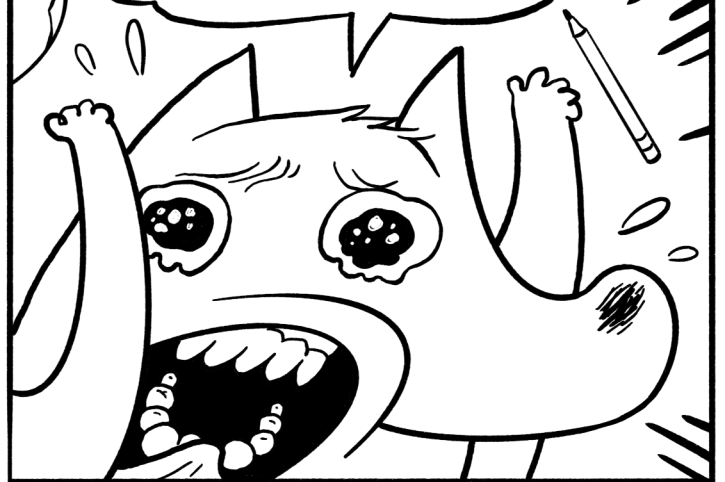
POLICIES:

- Hugs
- A cup of tea
- Smash the state

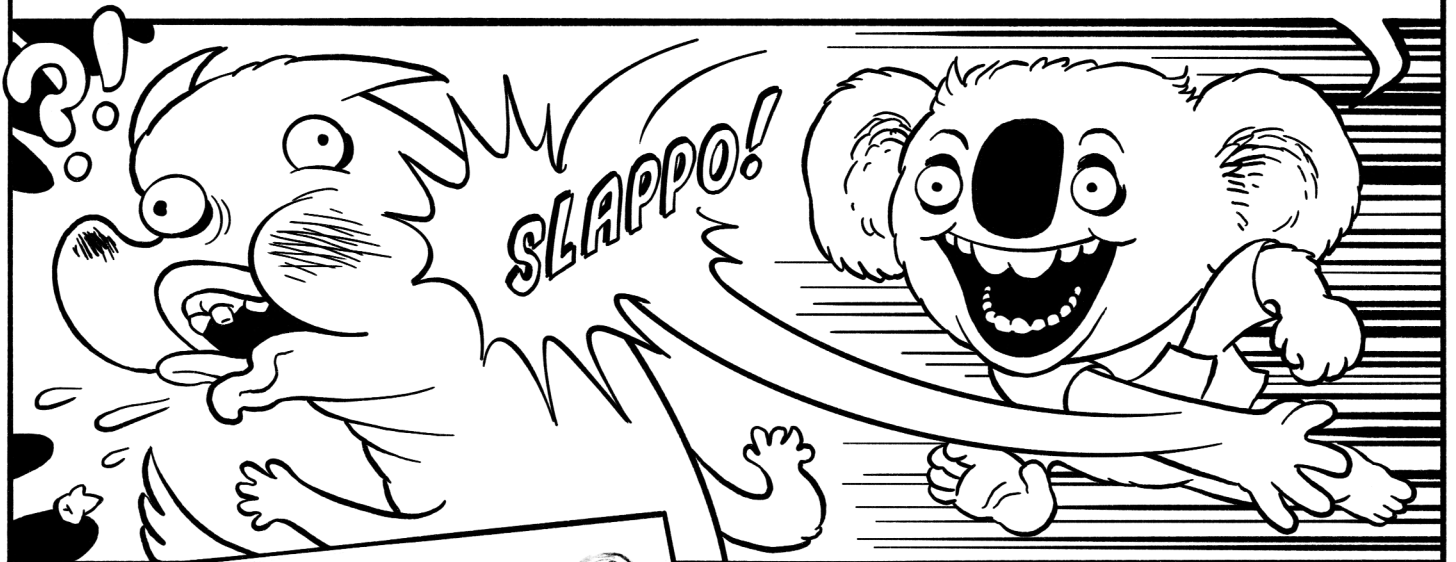
Struth, Dennis, and crikey besides!
I want to vote for the *Nice Party*,
but I know they won't win, so
I guess I'd better vote for
the *Discreet Scumbags*...




...Otherwise I'm just
**THROWING MY
VOTE AWAY!!**







WRONG, KEN THE VOTING DINGO!!!





VOTE!



	3	SPITVALVE, Bamboot COMPLETE SCUMBAG
	2	MACWHATNOT, Floundra DISCREET SCUMBAG
	4	BUTTERSON, Gort INDEPENDENT
	1	FLUFFTUMS, Aggy-Waggy NICE

In Australia, we have
PREFERENTIAL VOTING.

You can vote for the Discreet Scumbags
to beat the Complete Scumbags, and
still "VOTE 1" for a minor party
or independent!

HUH? WHUH??

I don't understand!

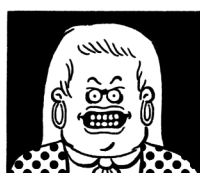


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To win a seat, a candidate must end up with an **ABSOLUTE MAJORITY** — that is, over 50% of the total votes. Imagine your electorate has 100 voters: 51 votes are needed to win.



1st count:



BAMBOOT

39



FLOUNDRA

35



AGGY-WAGGY

20



GORT

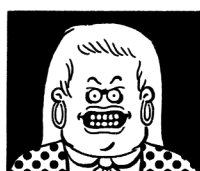
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First the "1" votes are counted. But look — no-one has 51 votes or more!

The loser, Gort, is eliminated. But the six people who voted "1" for Gort now have their "2" votes (second preferences) counted and transferred to those candidates.



2nd count:



BAMBOOT

39

+ 04

43



FLOUNDRA

35

+ 01

36



AGGY-WAGGY

20

+ 01

21



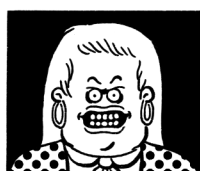
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Still no-one has an absolute majority of 51 or more! So Aggy-Waggy is eliminated, and her votes transferred according to the next preferences.



3rd count:



BAMBOOT

43

+ 05

48



FLOUNDRA

36

+ 16

52



AGGY-WAGGY

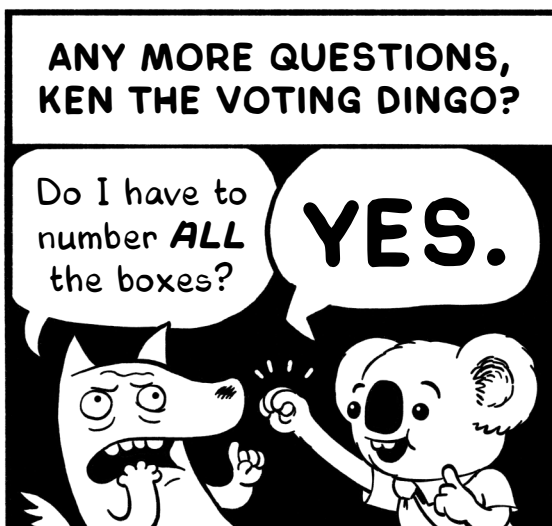
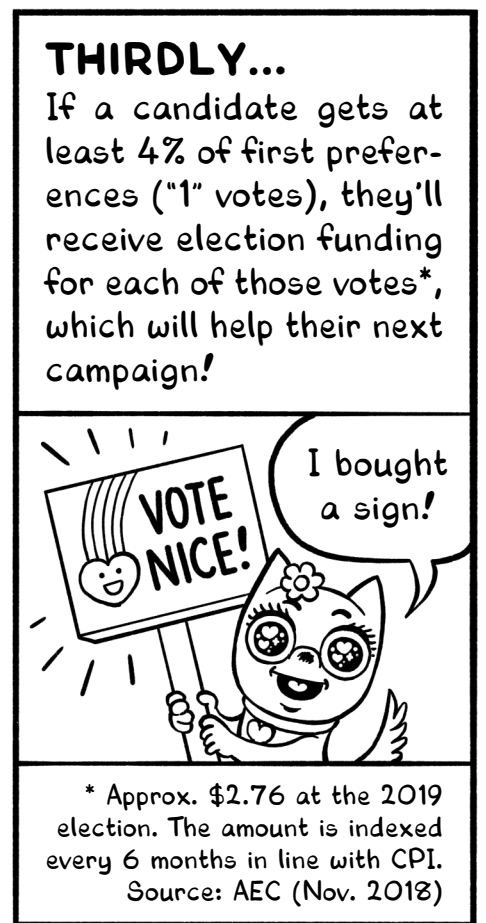
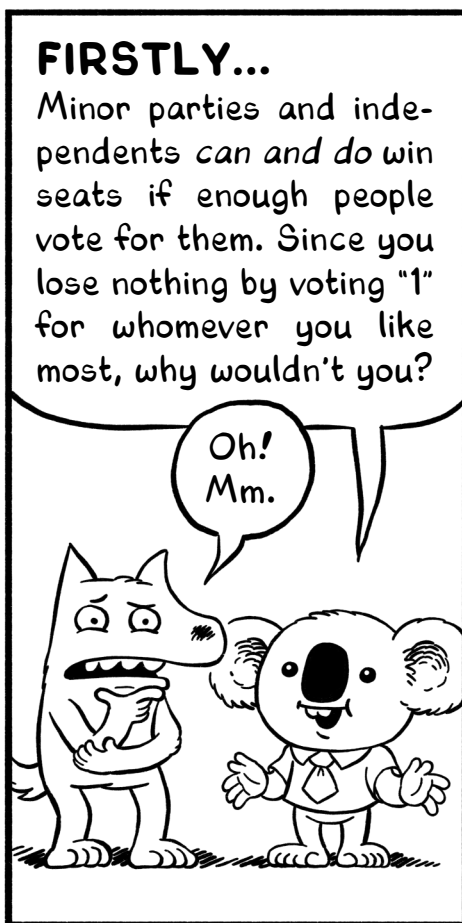
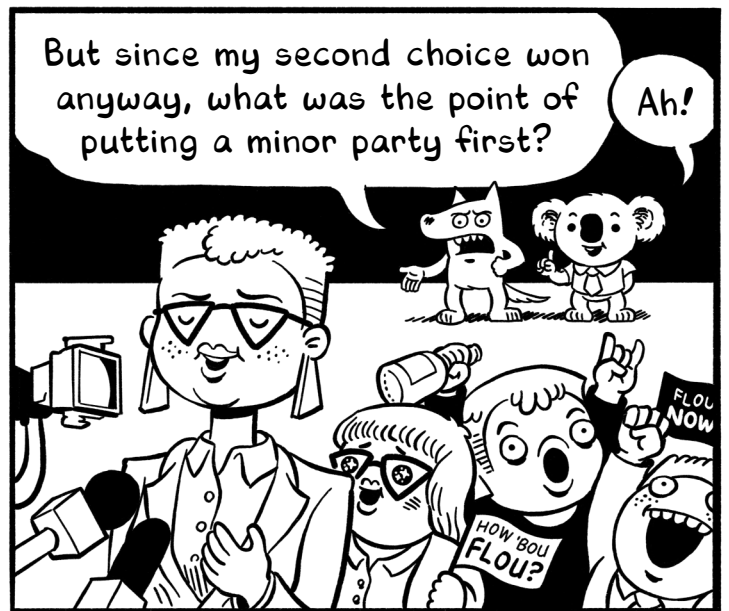
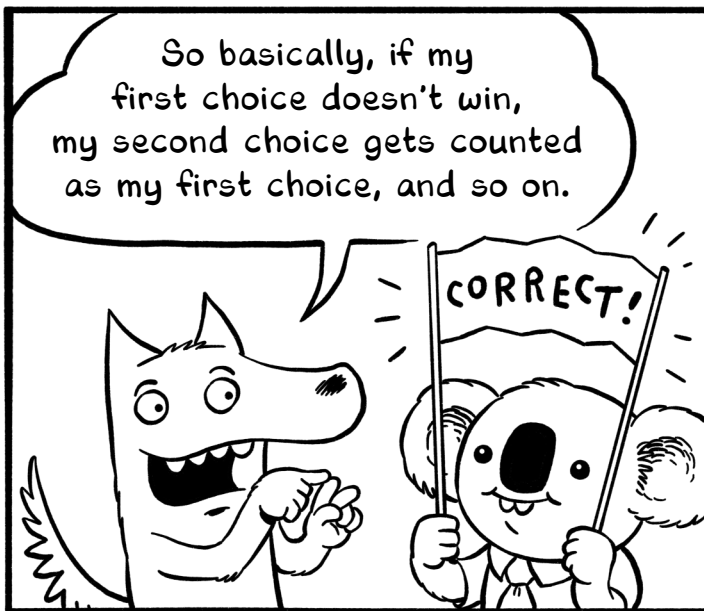
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GORT

A surprise victory for Floundra!





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