‘What is the Constitution?’ transcript

*This transcript provides an alternate to the Australian Electoral Commission’s (AEC’s) ‘What is the Constitution?’ video.*

With the federal referendum, it’s all about the Constitution. Well, it’s important to know what the Constitution is. It’s this little book, but don’t let its size fool you, it’s incredibly important.

This was essentially created when Australia became a federation way back in 1901. It is the legal foundation for Australia’s laws.

However, unlike legislation which can be changed by parliamentarians who we elect, it’s the people’s say who change this document directly. It can only be changed by a referendum.

It’s up to you to understand what the Constitution is, what it’s about, what the question is that’s being put to you and the importance of the Constitution and potential change to the document and what it might mean.

Make sure you have a read.