



## **Appendix E**

### **Amendments to the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* proposed by the NT Government**

The NT Government proposes that sub-sections 48(2C)(b) and (c) be amended to change the way in which Territory entitlements to seats in the House of Representatives is calculated:

S.48(2C)(b), if the result of the division of the population of the Territory is greater than 0.5 and less than or equal to 1 – that one member of the House of Representatives be chosen in the Territory at a general election; and

S.48(2C)(c), in any other case – that the members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Territory at a general election is the number ascertained by the division or, if there is a remainder, the number be increased by one.

A second option recommended by the NT Government for increasing the representation of the Territories is amend the Electoral Act to provide that a minimum of two House of Representatives seats be guaranteed to each of the Territories at each general election.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Submission #19 from the NT Government, p 8.

