

Becoming a Member of the Legislative Assembly

In order to become a Parliamentarian you need to win an election. In the Northern Territory elections are held every four years.



Direct Democracy

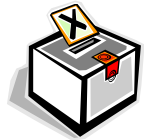
The first recorded democracy was the city state of Ancient Athens. All citizens were required to vote on issues affecting the city. This system of government was known as **direct democracy**. List some of the advantages and disadvantages of this system.

Advantages	Disadvantages

How well would direct democracy work today? Why?

Representative Democracy

In the Northern Territory we use a system called **representative democracy**. That means that we elect people to represent us in Parliament. List some of the advantages and disadvantages of this system.



Advantages	Disadvantages

Who can Vote?

In Ancient Athens only free, adult males who were born in Athens were considered citizens. What groups were excluded from voting?

Find out who is eligible to vote in Australia?

How does this compare with Ancient Athens? Would you describe Australia as more or less democratic than Ancient Athens? Why?
