Say Yes: A story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope

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**Pebble (Small problem)**
Mandy and her friend want to go in the public swimming pool for a swim, but the man at the gate says, "NO!" It's the law.

**Backfill**
WHO: Mandy (an indigenous girl) her white skinned friend, Mrs Jessie Street and Faith Bandler.
WHERE: Australia.

**Rock (Medium problem)**
Mandy's grandma is sick, she needs to get on a train to visit her at the hospital. The train officer says, "No!" She has to have permission to take the train. It's the law.

**Boulder (Main tension scene)**
Mandy and her friend can't be at the same school or sit together at the cinema. It's the law, but THAT'S NOT FAIR! It's just not fair!

**Exciting Ending (Action climax)**
Referendum Day, May 27th 1967, is Voting Day to change the law. We changed the law by voting Yes, Yes, YES! It's a GOOD DAY!

**Character Wrap-up (Emotional resolution)**
Mandy's mum buys all the kids ice-cream cones. The two girls are happy. It's a new beginning for indigenous people with new rules.

**Sizzling Start**
The book starts with humour and makes the reader curious: 'On a hot-hot-hot day, the sun smacks us on the head and the footpath burns like a frypan.'