

The Federal and local governments in Australia



Australian Government

The current system of Government was established in 1901 when the States (then separate colonies) joined together to form the Australian Federation.



Australian Government

Three levels of government

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Australia:

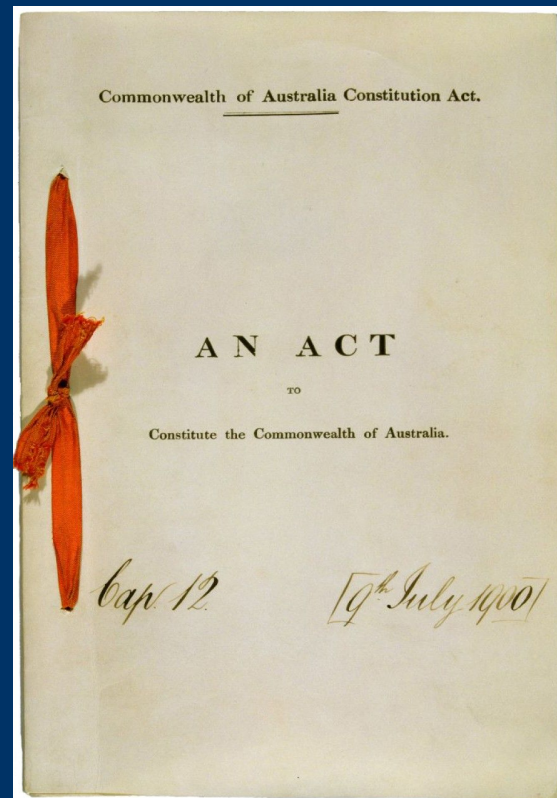
Local

State

Federal



The powers and role of each level of Government were established by the Constitution (a set of rules for governing Australia) and have been developed over the years.



Federal government



There are two “houses” of Parliament:
The House of Representatives and the
Senate



The House of Representatives



The Senate



They are responsible for:

- Medicare
 - Immigration and Customs
 - Employment and Workplace Relations
 - Australia Post
 - Family Support and Pensions
 - Centrelink
 - Funding to the States and Territories
 - Taxation - Income Tax, GST and Company Taxes
 - Control of Television and Radio
 - Imports and Exports
 - Air Safety
 - Passports
 - Defence
 - Broadband
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State government



Government House in Canberra

The State government is responsible for:

- Schools
 - Railways
 - Car Registration
 - Fire Brigade
 - Wildlife Protection
 - Hospitals
 - Most Roads
 - Police
 - Ambulance
 - Prisons
 - Planning
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Local government

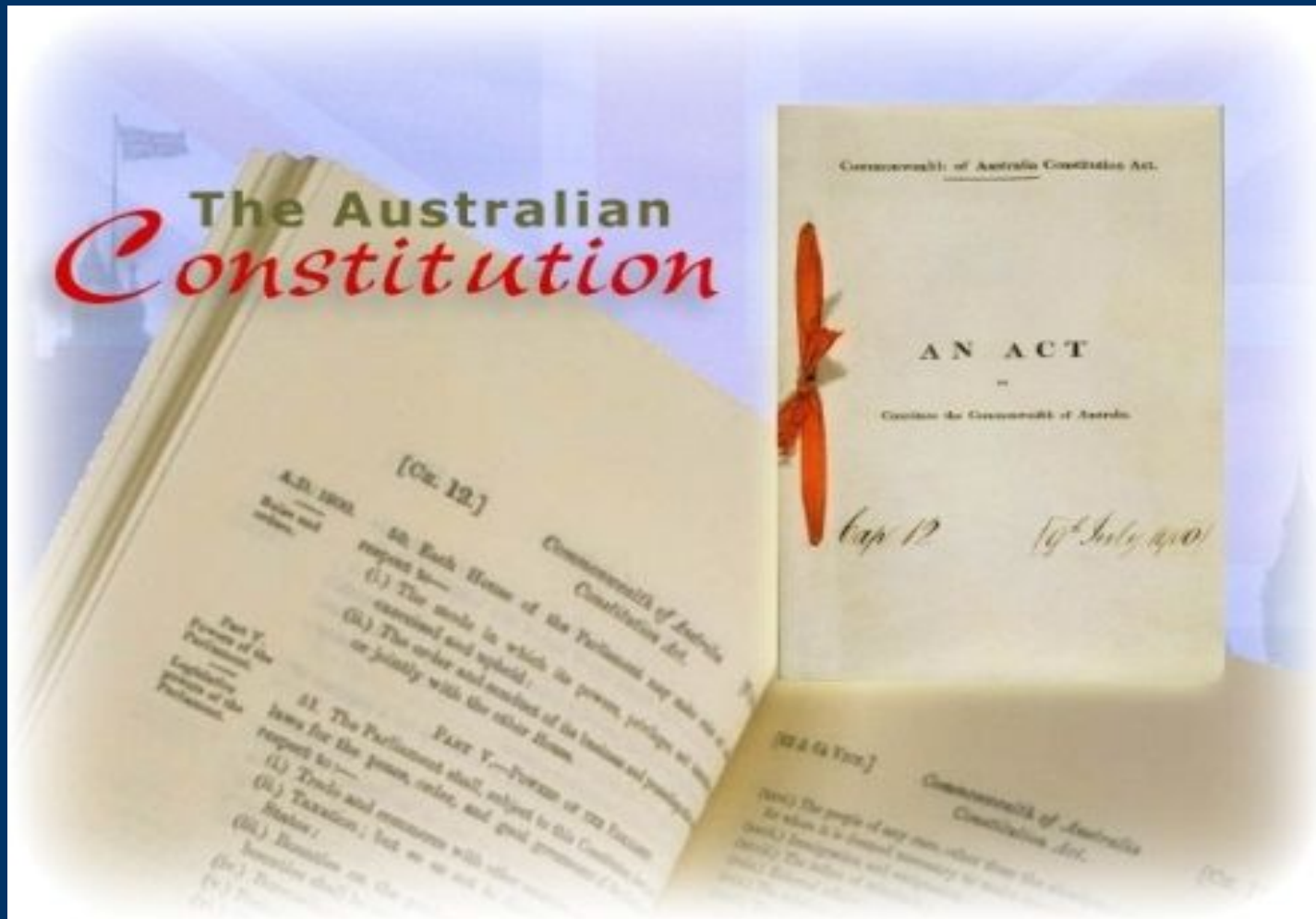


One of local governments in Australia

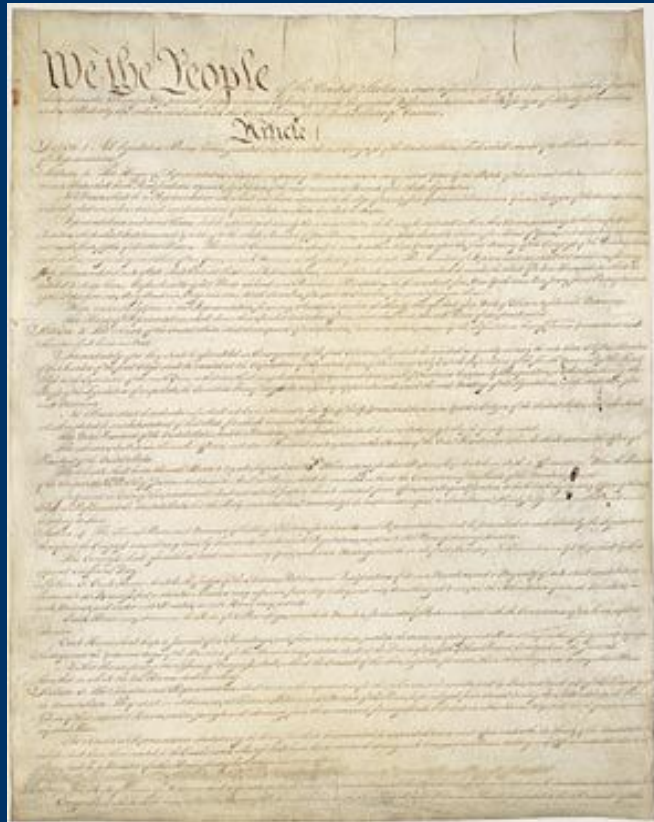
Responsible for:

- Street Signs
 - Sports Grounds
 - Rubbish Collections
 - Building Permits
 - Collecting Rates
 - Traffic Control
 - Animal Control
 - Drains and Footpaths
 - Swimming Pools
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Australia's constitution



The Federal Parliament can change ordinary laws by passing new ones but it can only suggest changes to the Constitution.





Victoria by the Grace of God

of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India do all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting

Whereas We did, by certain Letters Patent under the great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date at Westminster the seventeenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, in the first year of our said Majesty's most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria our said Majesty's especial Commandment, in and under the Great Seal of Great Britain, and its Dependencies, as therein recited, and that the person who should fill the said office should be appointed by Her Majesty's Letters Patent under our said Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet

And whereas an alteration in the constitution of the said Colony has been effected by the Western Australia Constitution Act 1870

From We do by these Presents revoke our said recited Letters Patent, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done hereunder

II We do declare that there shall be a Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies extending from the parallel of thirteen degrees thirty minutes south latitude to that of the Cape Flare in the parallel of thirty five degrees eight minutes south latitude, and from the Herby Island on the Western coast, in longitude one hundred and twelve degrees fifty five minutes to one hundred and twenty nine degrees of east longitude, reckoning from the meridian of Greenwich, including all the Islands adjacent in the Indian and Southern Oceans within the latitudes aforesaid of thirteen degrees thirty minutes south, and thirty five degrees eight minutes south, and within the longitudes aforesaid of one hundred and twelve degrees fifty five minutes, and one hundred and twenty nine degrees east from the said meridian of Greenwich, and that appointment to the said office shall be made by Commission under our said Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet

III We do hereby authorize, empower, and command our said Governor and Commander in Chief hereinafter called the Governor to do and execute all things that belong to his said office, and to exercise the powers and authorities vested in him by the above recited Act, or by any other Act relating to, amending or substituted for the same, or by these our said Letters Patent and by such Commissions as may be issued to him under our said Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet, and according to such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him under our said Sign Manual and Signet, or by Her Order in Council in writing, or by Her Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain and its Dependencies, as are now or shall hereafter be in force in the said Colony

IV We do also by these our said Letters Patent declare our Will and pleasure as follows

Every person appointed to fill the office of Governor shall, with all due solemnity, before entering on any of the duties of his office, cause the Commission appointing him to be sworn to be read and published at the seat of Government in the presence of the Chief Justice or some other Judge of the Supreme Court of the Colony, and of the members of the Executive Council thereof, which being done he shall then and there take before them the oath of allegiance in the form provided by an Act passed in the seventh session in the thirty first and thirty second years of our said Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act to amend the Law relating to Homage to the King, and to the usual oath to the King'



A piece of Australian constitution

The Role of a Federal Member of Parliament



Parliament of Australia



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How Laws are Made...



The Senate of Australia and one the members, Andrew Robb

