

# Three Levels of Government Online Program

## Key words



**Federation:**  
The joining together of the six British colonies in Australia in 1901.



**Westminster:**  
The British system of government Australia used when setting up Federal Parliament.



**Federal:**  
The level of government that makes laws for Australia as a whole nation.



**State:**  
The level of government that makes laws for their own state. The ACT and NT are territories.



**Local:**  
The level of government that takes care of things in the community.



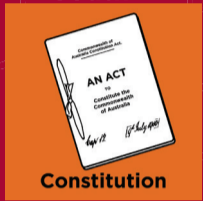
**Government:**  
A group of people with the authority to run a country, state or local area.



**Parliament:**  
A place where laws are debated and made by representatives of the people.



**Governor-General:**  
The Monarch's representative in Australia.



**Constitution:**  
This document sets out the rules on how Australia should be governed. There are eight chapters, and it came into effect in 1901.



**Vote:**  
The way Australian citizens aged 18 years or older can have their voice heard.



**Democracy:**  
A system of government allowing citizens to choose who should govern their country, state or community.

## Who am I?



**Her Excellency the Hon Ms Sam Mostyn AC**

I was born 13 September 1965.

I am a former business leader who has worked in many industries such as sport, social justice and climate.

I am the current Governor-General



**The Hon Anthony Albanese MP**

I was born 2 March 1963.

I am the leader of the Australian Labor Party.

I am the current Prime Minister of Australia.



**His Excellency the Hon Christopher Dawson AC AMP**

I was born 28 November 1958.

I was the Police Commissioner of Western Australia from 2017 to 2022.

I am the current Governor of Western Australia.



**The Hon Roger Cook MLA**

I was born 20 August 1965.

I am the leader of the Western Australian branch of the Labor Party.

I am the current Premier of Western Australia.

## Responsibilities of the Three Levels of Government

### Federal



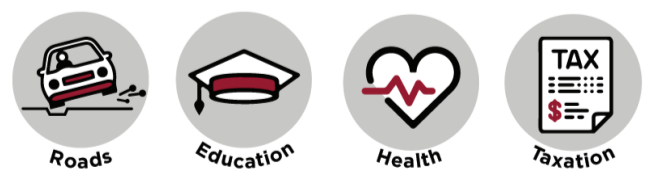
### State or Territory



### Local



### Shared



## How each level of the Australian Government is organised

Federal	State	Local
<b>Governor-General</b> Monarch's representative	<b>Governor</b> Monarch's representative	No representative of the Monarch
<b>Prime Minister</b>	<b>Premier</b>	<b>Mayor/ Shire President</b>
<b>Bicameral (two houses)</b> • House of Representatives • Senate	<b>Bicameral (two houses)</b> • Legislative Assembly • Legislative Council	<b>Council chambers</b>
<b>Parliament House Canberra</b>	<b>Parliament House Perth</b>	<b>Council House</b>
<b>Makes laws for Australia</b>	<b>Makes laws for the state</b>	<b>Makes by-laws for the local community</b>

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### Acknowledgement of Country

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.