

How Australia is Governed — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Australia is a democracy: citizens vote to choose who makes the laws.
- There are three levels of government: federal, state and local.
- The federal parliament meets in Canberra, the capital.
- Voting is compulsory for adults in Australia.

Key vocabulary

- Democracy — government chosen by the people.
- Parliament — the body that makes laws.
- Compulsory — required by law.
- Federal — the national level of government.

Three levels

Federal government handles the whole country (like defence); state governments run things like schools and hospitals; local councils look after roads, parks and rubbish in your area.

Your vote counts

Because voting is compulsory, almost all adults take part in choosing their government — one reason Australia is seen as a strong democracy.