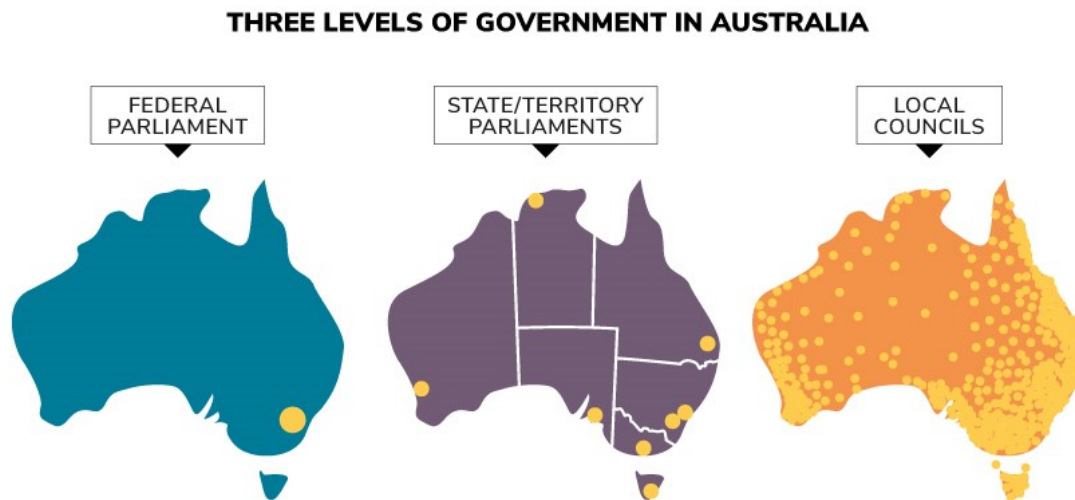


Three levels of government: governing Australia

In Australia the three levels of government work together to provide us with the services we need.



Each level of government provides different services to Australians. Sometimes these services overlap.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	STATE AND TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS	LOCAL COUNCILS
Responsible for issues that affect all Australians (national issues)	Responsible for issues that affect people in that state or territory	Responsible for issues that affect local communities
Post, telephones and the internet	Public transport	Rubbish collection and recycling
Money	Schools	Parks, sports fields and swimming pools
Immigration	Hospitals	Pet control
Defence	Public housing	Parking

All levels of government raise money, through collecting taxes, to pay for services provided to Australians. Local councils also receive funding from the federal government and state governments.

FEDERAL

The federal government raises money to run the country by collecting taxes on incomes, goods and services, and company profits, and spends it on national matters.

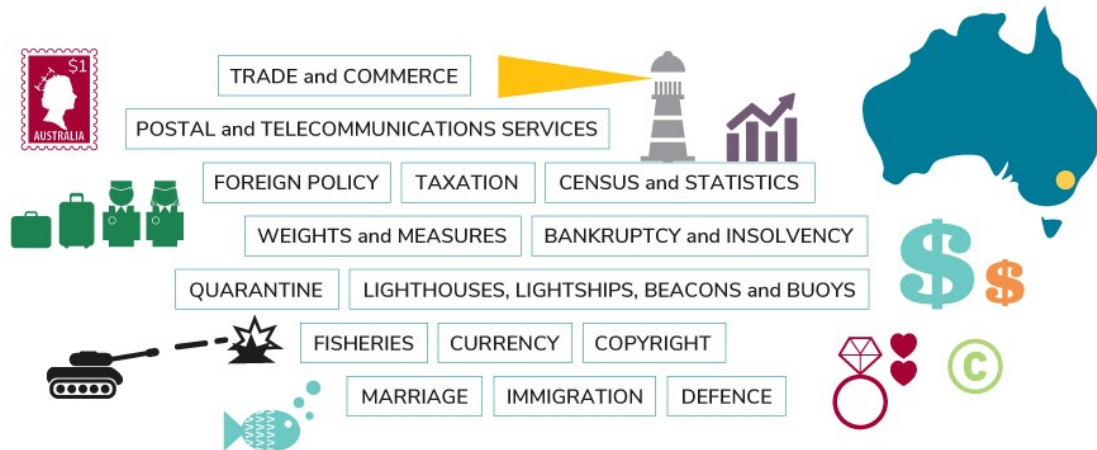
STATE AND TERRITORY

Also raise money from taxes but receive more than half their money from the federal government and spend it on state and territory matters.

LOCAL

Collect taxes in the form of rates from all local property owners and receive grants from federal, state and territory governments, and spend this on local matters.

The law-making powers of the federal Parliament



The law-making powers of the state parliaments



The law-making powers of local government



How governments in Australia raise and spend money.

