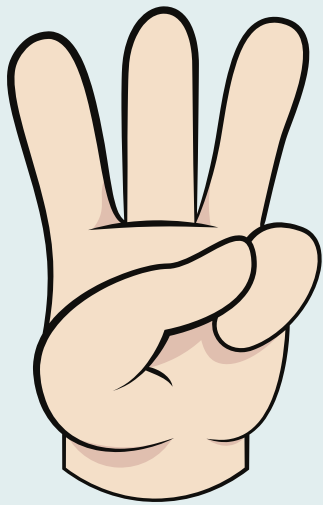


Understanding the Australian Government



Three Levels

The Australian government is made up of three levels: federal, state and local. Each level is responsible for different services for Australians.

Federal Government

The federal government is in Canberra and collects money through taxes on individuals, businesses and goods and services which is spent on national matters. The federal government is responsible for money, immigration, defence, postal services, telephone services and the internet.



State Government

State governments are found within each of Australia's states and territories. They also collect taxes and the federal government provides over half of their money to use on state and territory matters. State governments are responsible for public transport, health, housing and education.

Local Government

Local government or councils are located across Australia in local community areas. They collect local taxes or rates and receive money through grants from state and federal government for local matters. They are responsible for parking, pet control, garbage collection, parks, swimming pools and sport grounds.

