

Overview of Australian Government

Australia has three tiers of government: **Federal, State**, and **Local**. Each tier has distinct roles and responsibilities to ensure effective governance.

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Guide to Government 2024–2025

Federal Government

Portfolios: National defence, foreign affairs, immigration, trade, taxation.



State Government

Portfolios: Education, health, transport, police, emergency services.



Local Government

Portfolios: Local infrastructure, community services, local planning, waste management.



Resources

Parliament of Australia
<https://www.aph.gov.au/>

Parliament of Victoria
<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/>

Local Government Victoria
<https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/>

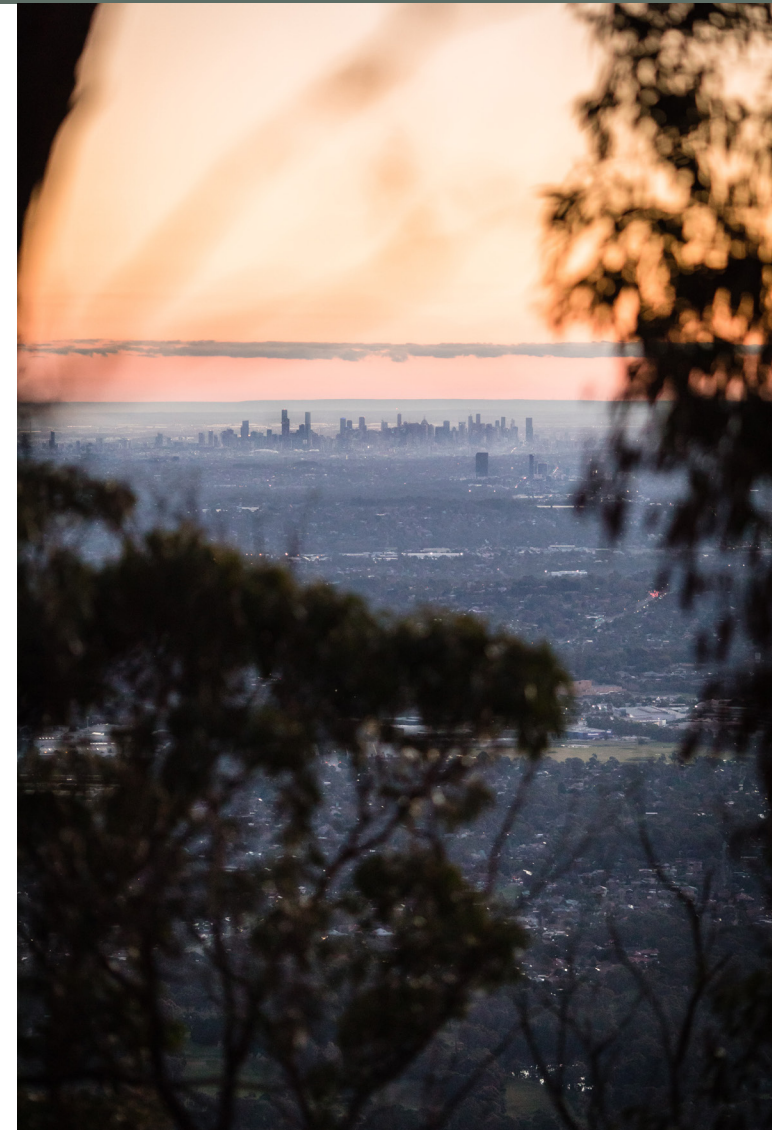
Australian Local Government Association
<https://alga.com.au/>

Municipal Association of Victoria
<https://www.mav.asn.au/>

Vic Councils
<https://www.viccouncils.asn.au/>

Australian Electoral Commission
<https://www.aec.gov.au/>

Victorian Electoral Commission
<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/>



Australian Government

Based in Canberra, the national capital, the Australian Government and Parliament represent all Australians.

Parliament of Australia Structure

House of Representatives (Lower House):

- 151 members. Each member represents an electorate of about the same population (approx 110,000 electors).
- Responsibilities: Proposing new laws, debating and voting on proposed laws, representing the people.
- The Prime Minister is the leader of the government and the majority party in the House of Representatives.

Senate (Upper House):

- 76 senators. Each state has 12 Senators, and each territory has 2
- Responsibilities: Reviewing proposed laws from the House of Representatives, protecting the interests of the states, ensuring laws are fair and effective.

Local context

Federal electorate of Casey



Victorian Government

The Victorian Government is led by the Premier who is the leader of the majority party in the Legislative Assembly.

Parliament of Victoria Structure

Legislative Assembly (Lower House):

- There are 88 Members elected to represent districts/electorates.
- Responsibilities: Proposing and debating state laws, representing local communities.

Legislative Council (Upper House):

- There are 40 Members, with 8 Regions each represented by 5 MPs.
- Responsibilities: Reviewing and amending proposed state laws, representing different regions within the state.

Terms:

- Elections for the Parliament of Victoria are held on 4 year fixed terms. All members in both houses face each election. Next scheduled election is Saturday 28 November 2026.

Local context

Various State divisions



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