



The Australian Government System

Head of State
Governor General
He/She is chose by the Prime Minister and is the Queens Representative in Australia

Federal Parliament

- Party elected every four years.
- The Prime Minister is the leader of the winning party.
- Members of the party are elected by the people to represent them in their area (electorate).
- There are two houses of Parliament

Selected by the prime Minister- no set term

Courts
High Court
members chosen by the government of the day
Other courts
Jury selected from the public

Deals with all crimes
Assists with interpreting
Laws made by parliament

Makes legislation
Elections held every four years

House of Representatives

- The Parties elected every three years (Labour, Liberal, National, Democrats, Greens),
- Prime Minister is head of winning party.
- 150 members in this house elected by the people

Votes on legislation
Elected for six year terms

Senate

- 76 senators total
- 12 each state
- 2 territory

Makes laws for
Australia

State / Territory Governments
Elected by the people, similar to the Federal Parliament

**State Courts/ legislative
Assembly**