Levels of government in Australia – text version

## National

Australia has ONE National Parliament. The Federal Government and Parliament are responsible for matters such as:

* defence
* trade and commerce
* communications
* international relations
* quarantine
* immigration
* currency
* tax
* as well as providing funding for social services, education, health, transport and many other matters.

## State and Territory

There are SIX states and TWO Territories. State and Territory Governments and Parliaments are responsible for matters such as:

* energy and water resources
* local government
* health
* police and emergency services
* planning
* agriculture
* education
* environment
* roads and railways

## Local Government

There are about 565 Local Governments in Australia. NSW has 152 Councils. Local Councils are responsible for matters such as:

* waste collection
* local planning
* local health inspection
* libraries
* parks
* sports facilities
* local roads.