

The political system of Australia



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- An aerial photograph of a city, likely Atlanta, Georgia, showing a large highway interchange (I-75/I-285) and surrounding urban areas. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark, and light blue clouds. A semi-transparent yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing two lines of text in a blue, serif font.
- Australia is an independent country within the Commonwealth.*
 - It is a monarchy and a parliamentary democracy.*

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***LEGISLATIVE
BRANCH***

***Federal
Parliament***

***EXECUTIVE
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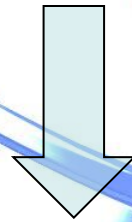
***Prime Minister
And Cabinet***

About the Parliament

□ *It is made up of two houses:*



*The Senate
with 76
senators*



*The House of
Representatives
with 148
members*

About the elections

- ☐ *Voting is compulsory.*
- ☐ *Citizens can vote by mail.*
- ☐ *Those who abstain from voting are fined.*

About political parties

- ❖ *The main political parties are the Liberal Party and the National Party.*
- ❖ *They act in coalition.*
- ❖ *The Australian Labour Party and the Australian Democrats also play a great role in politics.*

The Labour Party



- It is Australia's oldest political party.
- Founded in the 1880s, the Labour Party was formed in the midst of depression & high unemployment.
- Traditionally the Labour Party has taken a role in voicing the needs of the common workers, & has taken the side in upholding social justice.

THE NATIONAL PARTY

- The National Party, formerly the Country Party founded in 1920, was established to better represent the interests of the industries & residents of rural Australia.***
- It represents a unique aspect of Australia, from which we see not only their heritage as a nation as a whole, but also in that rural Australia represents a large & important part in Australia's economy.***
- It shows the considerable influence rural Australia exerts on the government.***

The Liberal Party

- The original Liberal Party, known as Fusion, emerged in 1909 as an alliance of various groups opposed to the Australian Labour Party.
- The modern Liberal Party, founded in 1944 at a conference held by Robert Menzies, is by far the youngest of the three major political parties.
- It has been one of the most important of all formative political influences on contemporary Australia.