

The Three Levels of Government

There are three levels of governments in Australia; each has different powers and responsibilities although sometimes these overlap.

FEDERAL

The Federal Government is responsible for running the country as a whole, and for matters that concern Australia as a nation rather than as individuals. It was formed in 1901 at Australia's Federation.



Head of Government: **Prime Minister**

STATE/TERRITORY

State & Territory Governments are responsible for matters which are best dealt with at that level. Being a territory, the Northern Territory has different powers (more limited) to the States.



Head of Government: **Premier (States) or Chief Minister**

LOCAL

The states and territories are divided into city and shire councils who look after the particular needs of their city or local community. Local government members are called councillors.



Head of Government: **Lord Mayor, Mayor or President**

ACTIVITY → Using the pictures and letters provided, write in the responsibilities for each level of government. (hint: many are plural)



FEDERAL	STATE/TERRITORY	LOCAL
• D _____ (7)	• E _____ (9)	• L _____ (9)
• P _____ O _____ (4, 7)	• H _____ (6)	• P _____ (5)
• T _____ (18)	• P _____ (6)	• DOG REGISTRATION
• TRADE	• MAIN R _____ (5)	• R _____ C _____ (7,10)
• M _____ (5)	• R _____ (8)	• S _____ S _____ (6,5)
• CENTRELINK	• P _____ SUPPLIES (5)	• CHILD CARE CENTRES
• TAXATION	• VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	• S _____ P _____ (8,5)
• P _____ (9)	• J _____ (7)	• S _____ G _____ (6,7)
• I _____ (11)	• P _____ T _____ (6,9)	• LOCAL ROADS
• C _____ (7)	• E _____ SERVICES (9)	
• F _____ A _____ (7,7)	• H _____ (7)	

ANSWERS— Using the pictures and letters provided, write in the responsibilities for each level of government. (hint: many are plural)

FEDERAL	STATE/TERRITORY	LOCAL
DEFENCE	EDUCATION	LIBRARIES
POST OFFICES	HEALTH	PARKS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	POLICE	DOG REGISTRATION
TRADE	MAIN ROADS	RUBBISH COLLECTION
MONEY	RAILWAYS	STREET SIGNS
SOCIAL SERVICES/SECURITY	POWER SUPPLIES	CHILD CARE CENTRES
TAXATION	VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	SWIMMING POOLS
PASSPORTS	JUSTICE	SPORTS GROUNDS
IMMIGRATION	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	LOCAL ROADS
CUSTOMS	EMERGENCY SERVICES	
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	HOUSING	