



Parliament and Government in Queensland

Community Engagement Services
Queensland Parliament





Three Levels of Government in Australia



- Federal



- State



- Local





Local Government

- Town Planning, Zoning
- Land Subdivision
- Local Roads, Footpaths and Drains
- Health Inspection
- Garbage and Sewage Disposal
- Public Libraries
- Traffic Control





State Government

- Education
- Health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
- Roads
- Railways and Public Transport
- Forestry, Conservation





Federal Government Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, Section 51

- Trade and Commerce
- Defence
- Banking and Currency
- Immigration
- Quarantine
- Family Law
- Bankruptcy



Separation of Powers in Queensland

Queensland Parliament

Legislative Power: make the laws

Executive Government:

Executive Power: Administers the laws

Governor (Appointed)

Legislative Assembly:

89 Elected Members of Parliament

Cabinet:

Premier & up to 18 Ministers

Judiciary:

Judicial power: Interprets and adjudicates upon the law

Supreme Court

and other Courts with State Jurisdiction





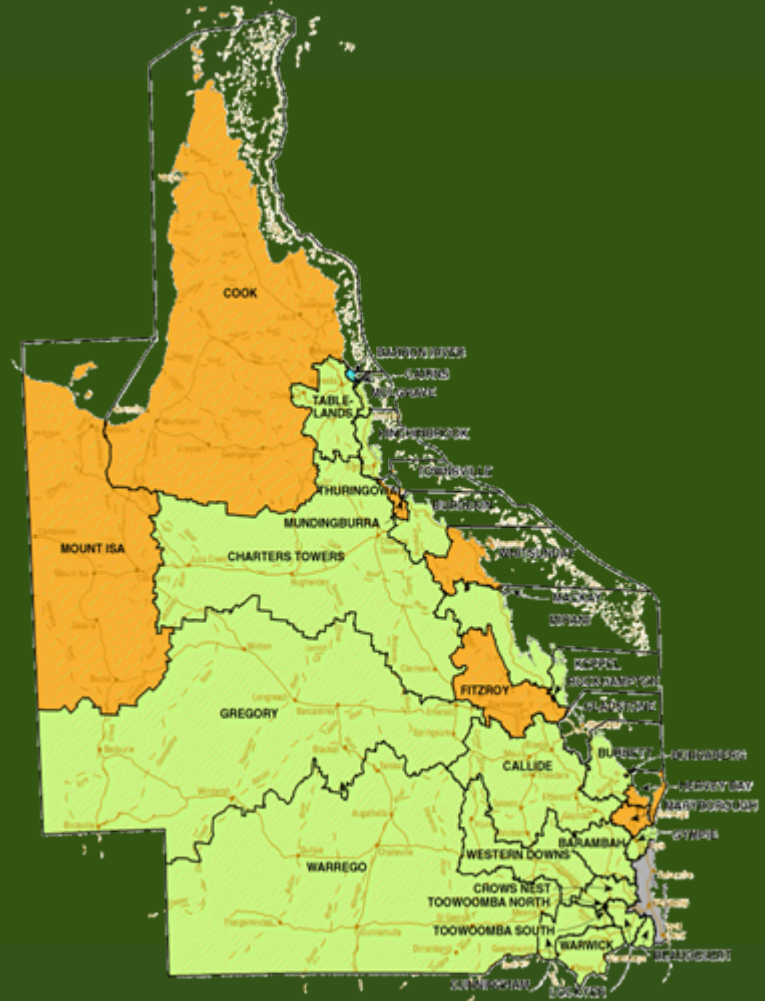
Queensland Parliament

- Queen represented by the Governor
- Legislative Assembly (89 members)



Queensland Parliament

- 89 Members of Parliament elected every 3 years to Parliament
- Each Member of Parliament represents a single Electoral district of approximately 30,000 voters





Roles of State Parliament

- To make laws
- To make the State Government accountable to the people
- To represent the people of Queensland
- To grant supply (money)
- Forum for debate
- Form a Government





Queensland Parliament - Structure

The Government is formed from the political party or coalition of parties with the majority of Members in the Parliament



[Current structure](#)

[Seating Plan](#)





Executive Government

- **The Executive implements the laws made by Parliament through Government Departments.**
- **Government Departments are staffed by public servants.**





Executive Government

The Cabinet consists of the Premier and up to 18 other Ministers

Each Minister is responsible for administering one or more Government Departments

Example

**Education
Queensland**



**Minister
for
Education**



State Schools



Judiciary

- Supreme Courts and other Courts
- interpret and adjudicate on the law

