At elections **voters** choose people to **represent** them.

Those elected go to **Parliament** to make Australia’s laws.

**Federal Parliament** has two ‘**houses**’.

**The House of Representatives**
Members are elected for 3 years and represent local areas (electorates).

Members propose laws.

When **both** houses have agreed, the Governor-General has to sign it before it can become a **law**.

Then everyone in Australia has to obey the new law. And if the voters do not like the way the government rules Australia they can elect someone **else** next time!

**The Senate**
Senators are elected for 6 years and represent a State or Territory.

Senators check the proposals.

Did you know ...?
There is a Queen of Australia. Australia’s Governor-General represents the Queen.