Here are some of the most important points from this unit to help you complete your poster:

### A Important principles of law
- Everybody is equal before the law.
- Everyone, including the government, must obey the law.
- Judges are independent (no one can tell them what to decide).
- The jury consists of ordinary people.
- Adults have a say in making the laws by voting for parliament.

### B Who makes the law?
- In Australia today parliament, which is elected by the people, makes the law and sets out the consequences for breaking the law.
- The courts decide whether someone has broken those laws or not.
- Laws are handed down from the past and the courts decide how these laws should apply in the present. The parliament can change these laws if it wishes to.

### C Who enforces the law?
- The police have the job of enforcing the law by bringing people they think have broken the law before the courts. They have no say in the decision of the court.
- In courts, the decisions are made either by judges, magistrates, or judge and jury.
- Judges and magistrates are appointed by government, but cannot be sacked by government when government disagrees with their decisions. They are independent.
- Juries are selected at random from the general population. Where a jury is used it is the judge’s job to make the law clear to the jury and advise them. The jury decides whether a defendant has been proven guilty or not. The judge decides on which punishment should be applied.

Note: If the government doesn’t like a decision of the courts, it cannot change that particular decision. All it can do is change the law itself.