Who attended the conventions?

• There were 45 delegates chosen by the parliaments of each colony.
• Delegates were all politicians.
• The delegates were all men (women were not allowed to stand for election).
• All colonies were represented.
• New Zealand also sent representatives.

Members of the 1891 Australasian Federation Convention.

• There were 50 delegates elected by the people of the colonies.
• Ten representatives were chosen by the Western Australian Parliament.
• Queensland did not send any delegates.
• The delegates were all men (although one South Australian woman, Catherine Spence, stood for election).
• The delegates were from a range of backgrounds.

Second session of the second National Australasian Convention, Sydney 1897.

• There were 152 delegates.
• Half the delegates were elected by Australian voters.
• Half were appointed by the Government.
• All states and territories were represented.
• The delegates were both men and women.
• The delegates came from a range of backgrounds.

Delegates at the 1998 Constitutional Convention, Canberra.