Convention briefing

What structure should the new federal parliament take?

People vote for politicians to represent their interests in federal parliament.

If there is one House, each state sends representatives according to its population.

- Queensland 9 representatives
- NSW 26 representatives
- South Australia 7 representatives
- Victoria 23 representatives
- Tasmania 5 representatives

But ... how can the ‘little’ states get their voices heard?

Have 2 Houses

A People’s House represents the interests of the local area.

A States’ House represents the interests of the state. Each state has an equal number of representatives.

Are they equal?

- People’s House
  - States’ House
  - Option 1: The interests of the people are stronger.

- People’s House
  - States’ House
  - Option 2: The interests of the states are stronger.

- People’s House
  - States’ House
  - Option 3: The Houses are equal. But what if they don’t agree?