

Politicians

Delegate: Mr Edmund Barton, Member of the Legislative Council, New South Wales

Issue 1: The People's House should be stronger.

Issue 2: The federal capital should be decided by the Commonwealth Parliament.

Delegate: Sir John Forrest, Premier of Western Australia

Issue 1: The Houses should be equal. The States' House should be able to protect states' rights by acting as a check on all decisions.

Issue 2: A new federal capital should be created. The capital should be in the coolest place in Australia, a place members could visit even in the hottest times.

Delegate: Mr George Reid, Premier of New South Wales

Issue 1: The States' House should be weaker; it should have limited powers to decide how money should be spent.

Issue 2: The federal capital should be in New South Wales.

Delegate: Mr Alfred Deakin, representative from Victoria

Issue 1: The People's House should be stronger, to protect the interests of the states with the greatest population and wealth.

Issue 2: The federal capital should be in a major state but not in Sydney.

Delegate: Mr Charles Kingston, Premier of South Australia

Issue 1: The States' House should be weaker because the people should rule.

Issue 2: A new site should be selected but not in Sydney or Melbourne.

Delegate: Sir Edward Braddon, Premier of Tasmania

Issue 1: A strong States' House is needed to protect the small states, particularly in money matters.

Issue 2: Hobart is the best place, because, by going to such a pleasant place, federal ministers would not sacrifice their health or comfort.