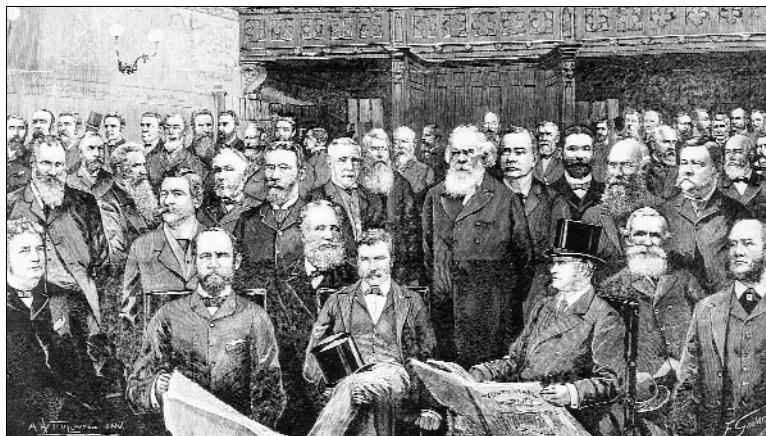


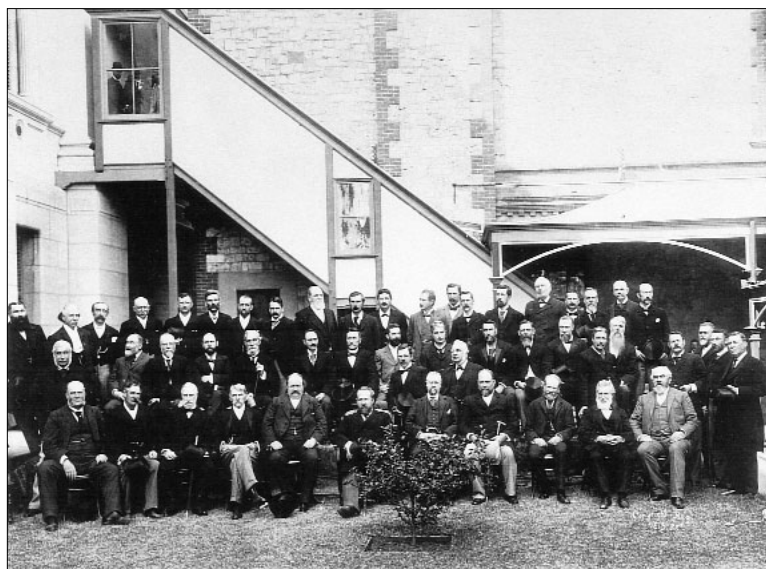
## Who attended the conventions?



Courtesy National Library of Australia

- 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.**



Courtesy Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales

- 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.**



Courtesy Auspic

- 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.**