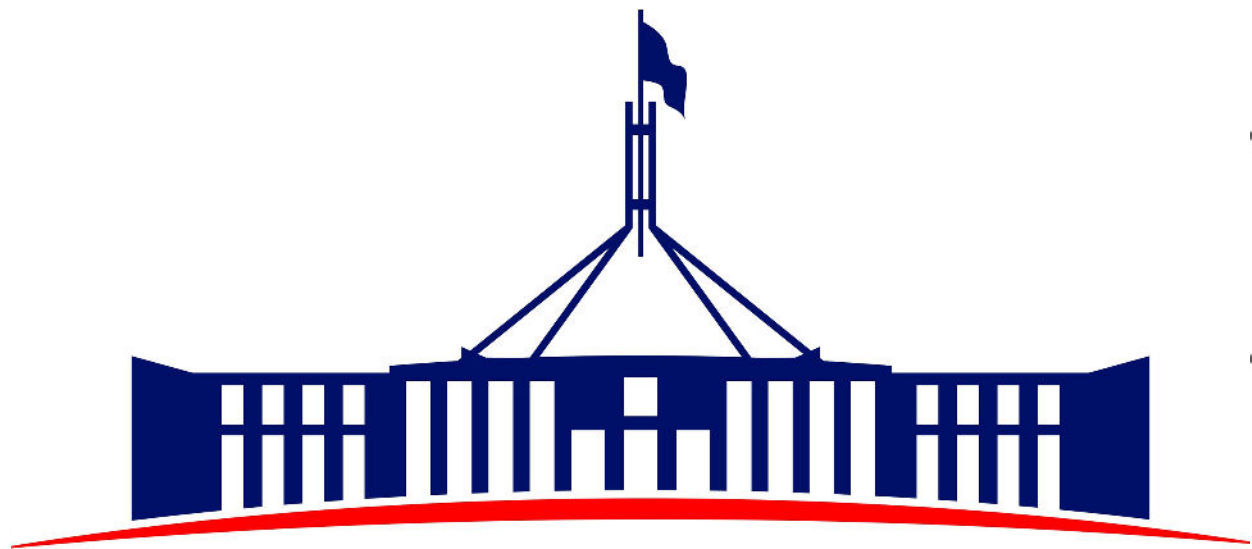


# SEPARATION OF POWERS

## Under the Westminster System



### **THE LEGISLATURE**

A bicameral parliament made up of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Governor General (as the Queen's representative) to debate, change, and pass Australian laws. Members are elected by the people.

### **THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Cabinet - government ministers headed by the Prime Minister. The Executive puts laws into action and administers them through government agencies.



### **THE JUDICIARY**

Judges interpret the Constitution and administer Australian laws through all levels of the federal courts, including the High Court.

The rule of law provides checks and balances through the separation of powers to avoid arbitrary rule

