

Australian colonies/states, Commonwealth of Australia, United Kingdom

	NSW	VIC	SA	TAS	QLD	WA	Aust	UK
Secret ballot	1858	1856	1856	1858	1859	1877	1901	1872
Adult male suffrage for lower house	1858	1857	1856	1901	1872	1893	1902	1918
No property qualification for members of lower house	1858	1857	1856	1901	1872	1893	1901	1858
Separation of Church and State	1862	1870	1851	1869	1860	1895	1901	
Payment of members	1889	1870	1887	1890	1886	1900	1901	1911
No plural voting	1893	1899	1856	1901	1905	1907	1901	1948
Female suffrage	1902	1909	1894	1903	1905	1899	1902	1928
Adult suffrage for upper house	1978	1950	1973	1968	*	1964	1902	
Ombudsman	1974	1973	1972	1978	1974	1971	1976	1967**
Freedom of information	1989	1982	1991	1991	1992	1992	1982	2000
Votes for Aborigines	Officially Aboriginal people had the same rights as others, but from 1902, because they were denied the right to vote in Commonwealth elections, they were often illegally denied the vote in state elections.				1965	1962	1962	N/A

* Legislative Council abolished in 1922.

** All complaints to be directed through MPs.