AUSTRALIA

CITIES

- Capital: Canberra
- Largest city: Sydney
- Currency: Australian dollar (AUD)

LOCATION

Australia (/oˈstreɪljə/), officially the
Commonwealth of Australia, is a country
in the Southern Hemisphere inclouding the
mainland of the Australian continent, the
island of Tasmania and numerous
smaller islands in the Indian and
Pacific Oceans.

<u>Government</u>

- Federal parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy -
- Monarch : Queen Elizabeth II
- Queen is represented by General Governor

STATES

- Australia has six <u>states</u>
- New South Wales,
- Queensland,
- South Australia,
- Tasmania,
- Victoria,
- Western Australia
- —and two major mainland territories—
- the <u>Northern Territory</u>
- the <u>Australian Capital Territory</u> (ACT)



Continent

- The world's smallest continent and sixth largest country by total area
- considered the world's largest island
- Australia is the flattest continent, with the oldest and least fertile soils;
- desert or semi-desert land known as the outback makes up by far the largest portion of land.
- The driest inhabited continent, only its southeast and south-west corners have a temperate climate.

 The highest peak is called Mount Kosciuszko at 2,228 metres.

Parliament House Canberra



Sydney Opera House

