

## Activity Sheet to accompany Fact Sheet 2

### Overview

1. Who proclaimed the Commonwealth of Australia?

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2. When did this happen?

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3. The responsibilities of the interim ministry were

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### The first federal election

4. As there were no federal election electoral laws in 1901 the first federal election was held:

according to the electoral laws of New South Wales

according to the electoral laws of each State

using no electoral laws at all

5. Why was the election held on two different days?

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6. Voters marked the Senate ballot papers by

crossing out the names of candidates they did want to elect

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crossing out the names of candidates they did not want to elect

7. What was the main national issue in the election campaign?

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