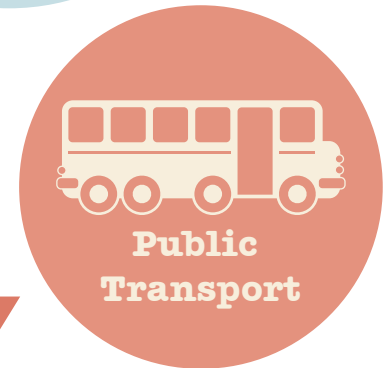


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Agriculture

The state government provides financial support and aid in time of disasters like bush fires, floods or droughts. They also provide funding for research to improve farming practices, disease prevention and pest control.



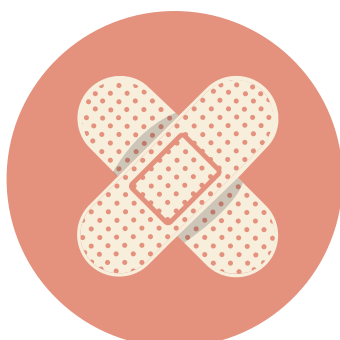
Education

The Education Department is a state government body that provides a public school system. They are in charge of standardised exams and maintaining and building new schools. This is one of the most important and publicly debated jobs of the state government.



Electricity and Gas Supplies

For the most part, government-owned corporations run power stations that make and provide electricity and gas to Australians.



Health

Public hospitals are run and maintained by the state government. The state also runs ambulance services and community health projects.

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Housing

The state government is in charge of planning for future housing and community developments - ensuring there is enough housing for growing populations. The state also provides some housing for people who can't afford to rent.



Law and Order

The state governments also run the police force and prison system. They ensure courts are able to interpret and apply laws.



Main Roads

The state ensures main roads and highways are maintained and that roads are planned to deal with future traffic needs.



Public Transport

The state government runs public transport systems, such as buses, trains, trams and ferry services.



Water

The state government provides drinking water to cities and towns across Australia. They also ensure there is enough water for farmers to irrigate their crops.