

# WHO IS IN CHARGE?



**Learning Intention: Understanding who is involved in decision making and barriers to effective subsidiarity.**

There are three main institutions that make decisions on our behalf: the local; state; and federal governments. For each of the items below, place them in the table as either a local, state or federal power. You might find that some of the below can be placed in more than one column.

- Transport
- Rubbish Collection/Recycling Centres
- Taxation
- Broadcasting laws
- Education (schools)
- Provision and maintenance of physical infrastructures such as roads, bridges, and sewerage
- Library services
- Changes to the constitution
- Town planning and development approvals
- Child care
- Trade, imports, and exports
- ABC TV and Radio
- Health systems (hospitals)
- Consumer laws
- State-run amenities
- Introduction of new and amendment of legislation
- Overseas aid and development

Local Government	State Government	Federal Government

**What social, religious, cultural, economic, environmental, geographical and political factors might limit subsidiarity and participation for communities? Think about this from various levels from governments, businesses, communities and down to individuals.**