

Scenarios

Use these scenarios to help your students complete the Explore the three levels of government classroom activity.

For younger students

Bushfires in Tasmania

After a dry winter, a fire danger rating of 'extreme' has been declared across the state of Tasmania. Weather conditions are hot and windy, meaning that the danger could be upgraded to 'catastrophic' very quickly. Small fires have broken out near St Helen's (population 1500) and may spread.

Olympics in Perth

Perth has won the bid to host the next summer Olympic Games. Athletes will be coming from all over the world to compete, and up to 2 million people may visit the city to watch the games.

Student protests in Brisbane

Thousands of students are taking to the streets in Brisbane to protest standardised testing in schools. The planned protest march will go all day and may disrupt traffic in the centre of the city.

Cyclone in the Northern Territory

A category 4 cyclone is just days away from the Northern Territory. It is going to hit Darwin, which has a population of more than 100 000 people. The winds are strong enough to damage buildings, and the cyclone is likely to cause flooding across the city.

For older students

Centenary of Parliament moving to Canberra

More than 500 000 people will visit Australia's capital to celebrate the centenary of the Australian Parliament's move from Melbourne to Canberra. Celebrations will occur throughout the month of May, and include visits by important people.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Adelaide

The heads of the governments of the 16 nations that make up the Commonwealth will be meeting in Adelaide. The meeting will also be attended by members of the royal family and, of course, a large number of protestors.

Flooding in Sydney

Severe weather has caused flooding in the centre of Sydney, affecting around 1 million people. Shops, businesses and government buildings are affected, as well as roads and the public transport system.

Explosions in Melbourne

A series of explosions has occurred in the city of Melbourne—the Victorian Parliament, Flinders Street Station and the Bourke Street Mall have all been targeted. People are panicking and the public transport system has been shut down.