Australian Power Structure

The Australian Constitution

The Constitution originates in and can only be changed with the consent of the people.

Legislature
Parliament makes the laws
House of Representatives
Senate
(The Opposition)
Senate
Parliament accountable to the people at elections

Executive
Executive selected from and must have the confidence of the Parliament
Prime Minister
Cabinet, Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries
Government Departments and Public Servants
Executive accountable to the Parliament

Judiciary
Judiciary appointed by the Executive
The Courts interpret the law
High Court of Australia
Federal Court
Family Court
Federal Magistrates Service

State Constitutions
Each State has its own Constitution
However, unlike the Australian Constitution, these can be amended under certain conditions by the State Legislature without the express consent of the people (through referendum)

Legislature
Executive
Judiciary

Judges may be removed by the vote of both Houses of Parliament on the grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity