

Fact Sheet 1

Role of the Governor of Queensland



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The current Queensland Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, and Mrs Kaye de Jersey



The Queen, Queensland's Head of State, receives the Governor and Mrs de Jersey at Buckingham Palace in March 2017.

Role of the Governor of Queensland

The Governor of Queensland plays important constitutional, ceremonial and community roles in the State.

The Governor is an independent and non-political figure.

The Governor is appointed by the Head of State, Her Majesty The Queen, on the advice of the Queensland Premier of the time. The term of appointment is traditionally five years, which may be extended.

Constitutional Role

In **constitutional** terms, the Governor acts on the advice of the government of the time in giving legal authority to the actions and decisions of government. The Governor's duties include authorising legislation, appointing government ministers, summoning and dissolving Queensland Parliament, and issuing writs for State elections, and elections of Queensland senators in the Federal Parliament.



Ceremonial Role

In carrying out **ceremonial** duties, the Governor represents all Queenslanders at occasions such as the opening of Parliament, at the presentation of Order of Australia awards and other honours, and at other important community events such as ANZAC Day, Australia Day, and the formal celebration of major community milestones and achievements.



Community Role

The Governor traditionally plays an important and visible **community** role. The Governor seeks to lift community spirits by travelling to as many communities as possible throughout the State, and by visiting Queenslanders affected by natural disasters. The Governor also encourages and supports organisations that are active in promoting the progress and well-being of Queenslanders.

