Activity 2.3 - Tutorial Questions and Tasks

Form into small groups to discuss and produce answers to the following questions. You should be ready to justify your answers.

Select one person from your group to present your answers.

Each group as a whole should be ready to discuss the reasoning for each of the group’s answers.

Group work Questions

1. What types of matters fall within the residual lawmaking powers of the State parliaments? … and give examples of areas where these may overlap.

2. Why is it necessary for business law students to understand the Australian Constitution?

3. How significant are the executive powers of the Governor General in the Australian legal system? When are they most often used and what are the processes leading to this?

4. What is an ombudsman? … and are there limitations to an Ombudsman’s powers?

5. Do judges make law? … and can you offer any examples of how this may happen?

6. What is the doctrine of precedent? … and what is the Court hierarchy?