# Federation: For or Against Answers

| FOR Federation | AGAINST Federation |
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| "Each colony has a different rail gauge (distance between the tracks). This makes travelling between colonies a difficult process." | "Being from a smaller colony, I think that New South Wales will have more power in deciding the rules for the new country, which isn't fair." |
| "Moving between colonies is so hard because each one has their own rules and taxes. A unified set of rules and regulations would make life easier." | "A federal parliament will cost so much to set up and be expensive to run." |
| "Australia doesn't have a unified army. If the continent is invaded, will we be able to defend ourselves?" | "Everything is working just fine the way it is." |
| "A unified government would never let federated Australia be flooded with non-British citizens. That's the way it should be." | "A federal government is likely to relax immigration laws and let non-British immigrants into the country. Australia should remain a white continent, if you ask me." |
| "It is unfair how some goods have large taxes charged on them when they move between colonies. Everything becomes so expensive. A unified country would mean no more tariffs on importing goods between states." | "The fact that we are allowed to charge tariffs on our products is great for the economy of our colony. All that will disappear if we can't charge taxes anymore." |
| "Isn't it silly that all the important decisions about our continent are made thousands of miles away in Britain?" | "I just know that if Australia federates, it will be up to New South Wales and Victoria - the wealthy colonies - to carry the debts of the poorer ones. We worked hard for our wealth!" |
| "A federal government would create a national postal service. This would make it easier and cheaper to send goods around the country, and be great for the economy." | |
| "It's time for a national Australian identity. Rail and telegraph lines mean we're really all just neighbours anyway" | |