

Commonwealth of Australia Start Date.

Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1901 consisting of its Preamble, Clauses 1 to 9 and the Schedule.

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The appointed day was January 1, 1901. See notes to s. 3, *ante*.

