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27 October 2002

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Dear Attorney-General

Federal Magistrates Service – Annual Report

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the Federal Magistrates Service for the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 in accordance with section 117 of the *Federal Magistrates Act 1999*, which requires the Federal Magistrates Service to prepare and give you a report of the management of the administrative affairs of the service during the financial year as soon as practicable after 30 June in each financial year.

Yours sincerely

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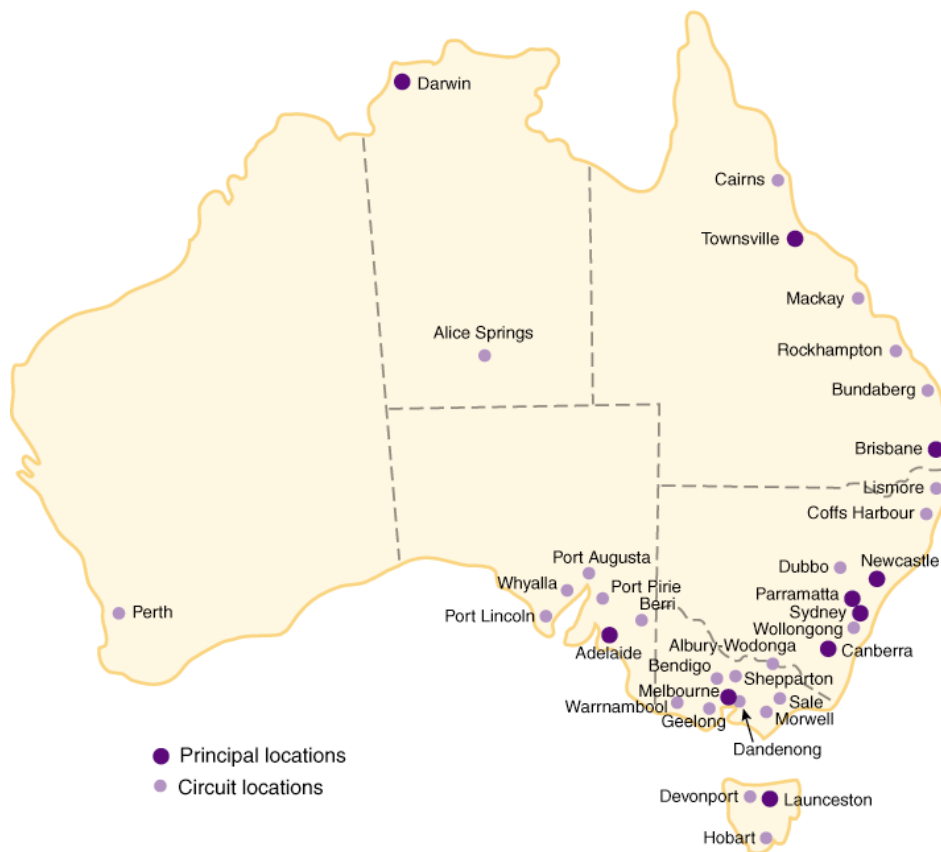
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Figure 1.1: Federal Magistrates Court principal and circuit locations



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Introduction

This is the third annual report of the Federal Magistrates Service.

Part one of the report provides a brief introduction to and overview of the Federal Magistrates Service — its establishment, objectives, organisational details and jurisdiction.

Part two contains reviews of the year by the Chief Federal Magistrate and the Chief Executive Officer. The reviews examine major legal and administrative developments.

Part three contains information on the performance of the Federal Magistrates Service, the work of the court, examples of cases, results from a survey of the Federal Magistrates Service's performance, information on complaints and appeals, court circuits and primary dispute resolution.

Part four contains information on corporate governance, including names and responsibilities of senior executives, committees and their activities. It also reports on corporate and operational planning and performance reporting and review, remuneration of senior executives and an analysis of financial performance.

Information about external scrutiny and management of human resources is contained in part five.

Part six contains information on purchasing, assets management, consultancies and competitive tendering and contracting.

Financial statements are contained in part seven. A compliance index, summary resources table, a list of presentations given by federal magistrates over the past year and information on successful tenderers for primary dispute resolution services are contained in appendixes in part eight.

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