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TOPIC – A GENERAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA 1850S GOLD RUSHES TO 1901 FEDERATION

TIMELINE

1850s – Gold found – Bathurst, Ballarat, Bendigo and other

1851 – Victoria separated from New South Wales

1854 – Eureka Rebellion against miners' licences

1855 – Van Diemen's Land renamed Tasmania

1856 – Introduction of the secret ballot in voting for government representation

1857 – NSW, Vic and SA start to discuss a federal union

1859 – Queensland separated from New South Wales

1863 – Colonial Treasurers discuss uniform tariffs and customs

1868 – very last convicts sent to Australia – WA – on board the *Hougoumont*

1871 – Australian Natives Association established to push for federation

1872 – Overland telegraph completed between Adelaide and Darwin

1881 – Henry Parkes' Tenterfield speech proposed a Federal Council to establish joint interests

1883 – railroad between Sydney and Melbourne opened

1885 – Soldiers sent to the Sudan

1885 – British Parliament passed An Act to Constitute the Federal Council of Australasia

1886 – Federal Council meets in Hobart – WA, Fiji, Qld, Tas and Vic attend. No NSW

1890 – 1891 Meeting to hold a National Australasian Convention in Sydney and then held

1893 – Corowa Convention

1890 – Expressions of Australian nationalism seen – Banjo Paterson

1895 – 1896 – 1897 – 1898 – Conferences held to establish a Constitution

1899 – 1st Boer War – Australian soldiers sent

1900 – Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act passed by British Parliament

1901 – Commonwealth of Australia formed

ROBERTSON LAND ACTS

- Reform land holdings in NSW
- Break the squatters' hold on the land
- Remove the limits of location and settlement
- Allow settlement on Crown land
- Fear of the unemployed mobs in the cities
- Answer the demands for rights, recognition and progress

MIGRATION EXAMPLES

ABS - Australian Historical Population Statistics						
NSW						
	1851	1856	1861	1871	1881	1891
Britain	81391	113114	164992	30863	511910	818156
Austria					327	588
Belgium					97	181
China		1806	12988	7220	10205	
Denmark					1069	1488
France		571	690	891	1497	2270
Germany		5245	5467	6623	7521	9565
Holland					279	284
Italy					521	1477
Portugal					165	249
Russia					322	1176
Spain					120	138
Swe/Nor					1755	3397
Switz					482	594
USA		791	1067	1340	2518	3379
VIC						
British			327850	333387	287780	180183
Other			406	285	277	1496

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Railways** – every state a different gauge

Vic – broad (1854) Melbourne to Port Melbourne

NSW – standard (1855) single line Sydney to Parramatta

SA – broad (1856) single line Adelaide to Port Adelaide

Qld – narrow (1865) single line Ipswich to Bigges Camp (on way to Toowoomba)

Tas – broad (1871) Deloraine to Launceston (converted to narrow in 1888)

WA – narrow (1879) Geraldton to Northampton

- **Telegraph**

Vic – 1854

NSW – 1857

SA – 1855

Qld - 1861

Tas – 1857

WA - 1869

- Overland telegraph completed in 1872 – no longer an isolated country