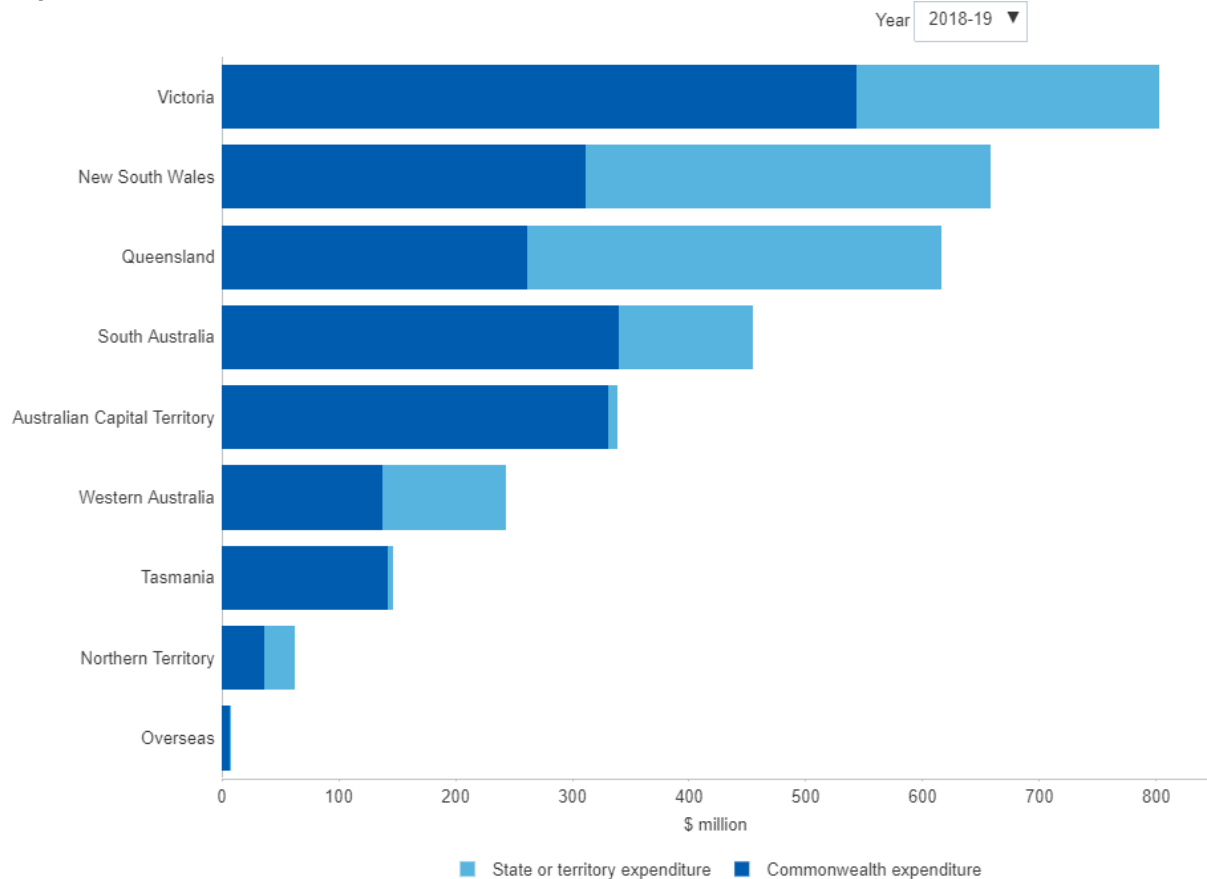


3.2.2 Government expenditure on R&D (GovERD) by location of expenditure

In 2018–19, the *Australian Capital Territory* (ACT) was the third largest jurisdiction of GovERD by the Commonwealth — both in absolute and relative terms (\$331 million and 15.7 per cent of total) — behind *Victoria* (\$544 million or 25.8 per cent of total) and *South Australia* (\$340 million or 16.1 per cent). This pattern of expenditure reflects the significant contribution of the CSIRO, which has its headquarters in the ACT (CSIRO funding is recorded against the ACT, despite having operations nation-wide). Commonwealth GovERD in the ACT peaked in 2011–12 at \$492 million (20.3 per cent of total), and has fallen steadily since then. In 2018–19 it fell by \$37 million from \$367 million in 2016–17, allowing *South Australia* to overtake it for the first time. The ACT was also the second smallest jurisdiction of GovERD by state or territory (under \$8.4 million or 0.7 per cent of total), the smallest being *Tasmania* (\$4.3 million or 0.4 per cent of total). This general pattern has been broadly consistent over the decade to 2018–19.¹

Figure: Government expenditure on R&D (GovERD), by level of government, by location of expenditure, \$ million, latest 2018–19



¹ ABS, *Research and Experimental Development, Government and Private Non-Profit Organisations, Australia*, Cat. No. 8109.0 (<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/technology-and-innovation/research-and-experimental-development-government-and-private-non-profit-organisations-australia/latest-release>)