

The map shows that all the state capitals are on the coast. Canberra is a planned city built inland which became the national capital in 1927. Most Australians live near the coast and most live

in towns. Sydney is by far the largest city. Yet much of the coast is almost uninhabited. The Great Divide separates the green coastal lowlands from the dry interior. The Nullarbor ('no tree') Plain is a desert by the sea.

TRICK QUESTION

Which was the biggest island in the world, before Australia was discovered? Think very carefully – then turn to page 97.

