Australia became a nation on 1 January 1901 when 6 British colonies—New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania—united to form the Commonwealth of Australia. This process is known as federation. Reasons for federation. On 6 February 1890 delegates from each of the colonial parliaments and the New Zealand Parliament met at the Australasian Federation Conference in Melbourne. The conference agreed 'the interests and prosperity of the Australian colonies would be served by an early union under the crown'. It called for a national convention to draft a constitution for a Commonwealth of Australia. 1891 federation convention. New South Wales (abbreviated as NSW) is a state on the east coast of Australia. It borders Queensland to the north, Victoria to the south, and South Australia to the west. Its coast borders the Coral and Tasman Seas to the east. The Australian Capital Territory is an enclave within the state. New South Wales' state capital is Sydney, which is also Australia's most populous city. In June 2020, the population of New South Wales was over 8.1 million, making it Australia's most populous state. Just under A decision was made to attempt an emergency landing once the problem was noticed, according to a source who spoke with Russian media. The plane was reportedly carrying a group of parachutists when the accident occurred. Emergency services told the media that there were 13 people wounded. The regional government put the figure higher, at 15 injuries. A helicopter was sent to the crash site to evacuate the wounded. The crash occurred at a ski resort around noon on Saturday just as the aircraft took off, according to news reports, citing local rescue services. Subscribe to RT newsletter to get sto