



## Monitoring places of detention

# Australian NPM Annual Report 2023–24 Snapshot

## Snapshot of OPCAT implementation

The Australian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) currently has 12 members in different parts of Australia but OPCAT implementation in Australia remains incomplete.

Only 6 of Australia's 9 jurisdictions have nominated NPMs, with no NPMs nominated in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

None of the Australian NPM's 12 members are sufficiently funded to undertake their full NPM functions and there is an incomplete legislative framework implementing OPCAT across the country.

Members continue to cooperate as part of the collective Australian NPM and have identified common issues arising in places of detention across the country.

### Key Common themes from Australian NPM members in 2023-24

Youth justice

Use of isolation and  
inadequate time spent  
out of cells

Facility population  
pressures

Overincarceration of  
Aboriginal and/or Torres  
Strait Islander people in  
Australia

Staffing difficulties

Data collection and  
recordkeeping  
shortcomings

Suitability of facilities,  
and other support, for  
people with disability

Management of heat

Shortcomings with  
meaningful engagement,  
and access to appropriate  
programs

The Australian NPM remains committed to OPCAT's objectives. Until implementation gaps are met, we cannot fully realise the enormous potential which OPCAT's system of visits envisages – improving treatment and conditions in detention, and the prevention of torture and other ill treatment in those places.

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