Australian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)
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Meeting #14 – 27 July 2026

On 27 July, members of the Australian NPM held their second meeting for 2026.

At the meeting, Australian NPM members discussed matters which included:

- the importance of, and options for, expanding the Australian NPM's engagement with other stakeholders with responsibilities and interest in OPCAT and the prevention of torture and ill-treatment
- the Australian NPM's program of work for 2026-2027, including thematic areas for strategic collaboration
- the Australian NPM's Communication and Engagement Framework, which sets out how communication and engagement support the Australian NPM in exercising its mandate.

Australian NPM members will meet again in November 2026.

The Australian NPM is the collective of bodies and people currently nominated or appointed as NPMs by Commonwealth, state and territory governments, to give effect to Australia's obligations under the **Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment** (OPCAT).

See our **website** for a full list of Australian NPM members, updates on joint work by the Australian NPM, and further information on OPCAT developments in Australia.

As NPM Coordinator, the Commonwealth Ombudsman chairs meetings of the Australian NPM.

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