



# Australian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) **Communiqué no 8 – 2024**

## Meeting – 24 May 2024

On 24 May 2024 members of the Australian NPM held their eighth meeting.

The Australian NPM is the collection of bodies and people currently nominated or appointed as NPMs by Australian jurisdictions, 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). A list of Australian NPM members can be accessed on our [website](#) under 'National Preventive Mechanisms'.

This meeting was in the form of a strategic planning discussion. Australian NPM members were joined by colleagues from the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) and the United Kingdom's NPM Coordinator.

The key items discussed included:

- forward planning and internal priorities for the Australian NPM
- improving public understanding of the Australian NPM and OPCAT
- exploring common thematic areas of focus.

**The Australian NPM collaborates with human rights organisations and the NPMs of other countries to progress OPCAT implementation in Australia. These collaborative discussions display Australia's commitment to OPCAT implementation on an international level.**

Members of the Australian NPM intend to meet again in the second half of 2024.

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

More information on OPCAT developments in Australia can be found [here](#).

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