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OPCAT Visit to Jervis Bay Police Station

The Commonwealth National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), and the ACT Ombudsman, as part of the ACT NPM, jointly monitor the conditions of detention in AFP and ACT Policing facilities, to prevent the risk of torture or ill-treatment of detainees.

Last year we conducted our first visit to the Jervis Bay Police Station.

We made 15 suggestions for improvement across the facility.

ACT Policing facilities largely comply with the Recommendations of the 1991 *Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* and with international standards, but improvements can be made for the safety of people in detention and staff.

Commonwealth Ombudsman, Mr Iain Anderson, said *"This was the first NPM visit conducted at the Jervis Bay Police Station. I was pleased to receive advice from the ACT Chief Police Officer, Deputy Commissioner Scott Lee APM, that as of April 2024, ACT Policing had already implemented numerous suggestions."*

These suggestions to the AFP and ACT Policing relate not only to the conditions and facilities in which people are detained, and practices in the management of people in detention, but also to increasing safety through infrastructure upgrades.

Read the full Post Visit Summary [here](#).

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