



Australian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)

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On 27 November 2023 members of the Australian NPM held their sixth 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'.

At the meeting, Australian NPM members discussed a range of matters including:

- opportunities for strategic planning and collaboration
- forensic disability facilities and indefinite detention
- the findings and recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission
- further work towards a common identity for the Australian NPM, including to support greater public awareness of its role.

Australian NPM members also shared updates with each other on their recent work. Australian NPM meetings continue to be important opportunities for members to share information with and learn from each other on issues of common concern.



Despite challenges with OPCAT implementation in Australia, particularly the resourcing of NPMs, members of the Australian NPM remain committed to the objectives of OPCAT.

Members of the Australian NPM intend to meet again in early 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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