



Australian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)

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Meeting – 16 September 2024

On 16 September 2024 members of the Australian NPM held their ninth 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 found on our [website](#) under 'National Preventive Mechanisms'.

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

- thematic areas of focus and identifying cross-cutting issues of concern, such as use of isolation in youth detention, increasing prison populations and issues with data collection and record keeping
- forward planning and priorities for the Australian NPM in 2025
- implications of resource and funding constraints

Despite ongoing 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 2025.

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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