



Australian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)

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Meeting – 13 March 2024

On 13 March 2024 members of the Australian NPM held their seventh 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:

- The Tasmanian NPM's OPCAT Symposium held in Hobart in March 2024.
- OPCAT Training for Australian NPM members being co-organised by the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Australian Human Rights Commission and Association for the Prevention of Torture in May 2024.
- The Australian NPM's joint response to the report of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture's 2022 visit to Australia. See the response [here](#).

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.



The members of the Australian NPM are committed to working together to progress OPCAT implementation in Australia. These collective efforts represent significant milestones in Australia's OPCAT implementation journey.

Members of the Australian NPM intend to meet again in mid-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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