

ROYAL COMMISSION ADVISORY GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Title

1.1. The Advisory Group to the Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to support and provide advice to the Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (the Commission), by:

2.1.1. providing professional and evidence-based information and opinions to the Commission; and

2.1.2. providing a forum by which the Commission may test ideas, inquiries and potential recommendations.

3. Membership

3.1. Members of the Advisory Group have been selected by Royal Commissioner Natasha Stott Despoja AO.

3.2. Membership is voluntary. Each of the members have agreed to participating in the Advisory Group, in accordance with these Terms of Reference.

3.3. The members of the Group are listed alphabetically in the table below.

Advisory Group membership	
Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AO – Chair	Royal Commissioner
Ms Rosie Batty AO	Family violence prevention campaigner and advocate
Dr Alastair McEwin AM	Disability advocate, Former Royal Commissioner
Dr Anu Mundkur	Gender equality and inclusion advisor
Ms Vicky Welgraven AM	Advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women
Mr Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM	Anti domestic violence advocate with lived experience

4. Engagement of members

- 4.1. Engagement of Advisory Group members is based on an agreed arrangement between the member and the Commission secretariat.

5. Meetings

- 5.1. The Advisory Group and the Royal Commissioner or her delegate will meet up to four (4) times during the term of the Commission's Inquiry.
- 5.2. The Advisory Group will be chaired by the Royal Commissioner, or a person nominated by the Royal Commissioner.
- 5.3. Administrative support for meetings will be provided by the Commission's staff.
- 5.4. In advance of every meeting, as far as is practicable, the Commission will provide an agenda or list of topics to be discussed to all members of the Group.
- 5.5. Minutes of meetings will be prepared by Commission staff and saved in the Commission's electronic document management system.

6. Confidentiality

- 6.1. The fact of each Advisory Group meeting, and the topics to be covered, will usually be made public. The Commissioner or her delegate may determine not to publish information about the topics to be covered if it is determined to be appropriate in the circumstances.
- 6.2. All documents prepared for or distributed to the parties and all discussions carried out during the meetings, will be treated as confidential, unless otherwise agreed.
- 6.3. Minutes of meetings will not be circulated beyond the membership of the Advisory Group unless otherwise agreed.

7. Conflict of Interests

- 7.1. Advisory panel members will abide by the professional conduct standards in relation to conflicts of interests set out at page 7 of the Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector.

8. Review

- 8.1. These Terms of Reference may be reviewed and amended at any time by agreement in writing by all members of the Advisory Group.



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8.2. The Advisory Group will cease its functions no later than 1 July 2025.