

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

Boards, Councils, Committees, Panels and other bodies

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The *Freedom of Information Act 2016* requires all ACT Government Agencies to provide a statement listing all boards, councils, committees, panels and other bodies that have been established by the agency (whether under an Act or otherwise) for the purpose of advising the agency or a Minister responsible for the agency.

These entities play an important part in the operation of the agency, the formulation of government policy and may also at times involve the expenditure of public money. The Boards, Committees, Panels and other bodies identified in this statement satisfied all of the following criteria:

- play a substantial or important role in formation of government policy;
- advise on policy, rather than administrative matters;
- are permanent, or established for a prolonged period;
- provide reports or recommendations to the Executive (ie Ministers, Cabinet) and senior executives of directorates and other agencies (ie Director-General, Deputy Director-General, Business Unit heads).

List of Board, Committees, Panels and Other Bodies under Justice and Community Safety Directorate

Entities	Description
ACT Bushfire Council	The ACT Bushfire Council is established under Section 127 of the Emergencies Act 2004 . The Bushfire Council has the function of advising the Minister about matters relating to bushfires. Section 10 of the Emergencies Act requires the Commissioner to ask for, and consider the Bushfire Council's advice before exercising a function relating to bushfires prescribed by regulation and may ask for Bushfire Council's advice in the exercise of any other functions relating to bushfires.

<p>Domestic Violence Prevention Council</p>	<p>The Domestic Violence Prevention Council (DVPC) was established in 1997 as an independent statutory body under the Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986. The Council's authority and accountabilities are shaped by legislation and the Council Standing Orders. The Council is the peak body to offer advice to the ACT Attorney-General on issues relevant to its responsibilities on domestic violence.</p>
<p>Firearms Consultative Committee</p>	<p>To advise the Government concerning practical operational issues arising from the implementation of the Firearms Act 1996, and any related legislation which gives full effect to national principles on firearm control agreed to be the Australasian Police</p>
<p>Law Reform Advisory Council</p>	<p>The ACT Law Reform Advisory Council (LRAC) was established in 2009 as a collaboration between the ACT Government and the ANU College of Law. Drawing on the extensive expertise of the academic staff of the ANU College of Law, LRAC responds to requests from the ACT Attorney-General to advise on significant legal policy issues.</p>
<p>Victims Advisory Board</p>	<p>The functions of the board are-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to advise the Minister on policies, priorities and strategies for the acknowledgment, protection and promotion of the interests of victims in the administration of justice; and (b) if asked by the Minister-to help develop and maintain protocols and procedures for the treatment of victims by agencies involved in the administration of justice; and (c) any other function given to the board under The Victims of Crime Act 1994 or another territory law.
<p>Liquor Advisory Board</p>	<p>Provide advice to the minister about matters associated with the operation and effectiveness of the Liquor Act 2010, and measures, including legislative measures that support the harm minimisation and community safety principles contained within the Act</p>

<p>Crime Prevention & Community Safety Forum - As of February 2016 replaced by the Crime Prevention Forum to be established in 2017</p>	<p>The Crime Prevention and Community Safety Forum broadly identifies and prioritises crime and safety concerns, and in response to those priorities, determines effective strategies and initiatives to help reduce crime and improve community safety.</p>
<p>Restorative Justice Phase 2 Reference Group</p>	<p>Smooth implementation of restorative justice phase 2 to integrate Restorative Justice processes effectively achieving the purpose of the <i>Crimes (Restorative Justice) Act 2004</i> for key stakeholders.</p>
<p>Sexual Offences & Restorative Justice consultation group</p>	<p>Consultation and advisory group to consider the best use of restorative justice to respond to sexual offences in ways which prioritise the safety and unmet justice needs of victims.</p>
<p>Restorative Communities Network</p>	<p>Meets with the goal of exploring and furthering the use of restorative practices across Government and community agencies and institutions to support a focus on just relationships and creative peaceful solutions to social problems.</p>
<p>Road Safety Advisory Board</p>	<p>Provide advice and recommendations to the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety on the application of the Road Safety Fund and the implementation of the ACT Road Safety Strategy.</p>
<p>Road Safety Task Force</p>	<p>Working, support and advisory group on progress against the ACT Road Safety Strategy</p>
<p>Galambany Court Advisory Group</p>	<p>To represent the views of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community in relation to the development of policies, procedures and protocols (the operations) of the Galambany Court</p>

Galambany Court Strategic Oversight Group	To support and move forward matters arising from the Galambany Court Reference Group and to provide critical support in relation to the Strengthening Project and Practice Direction
Retirement Villages Act Review Advisory Group	Provide advice to the Minister about the review of the <i>Retirement Villages Act 2012</i> and proposals for legislative amendment
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Partnership Advisory Group	To oversee and implement the deliverable actions under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Partnership
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Partnership Caucus	To monitor progress under the Partnership and provide input to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Partnership Advisory Group