



OPCAT

For detained people

Preventing
torture and ill-treatment in
places of detention in the
ACT

Visiting places of detention to protect your rights

The *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture* (OPCAT) is an international human rights treaty that Australia has agreed to implement. It aims to prevent torture and ill-treatment in places of detention, through regular visits by independent organisations.



In the ACT, the Office of the Inspector of Correctional Services (OICS), the ACT Human Rights Commission and the ACT Ombudsman are responsible for doing OPCAT visits. We will visit places including prisons like AMC, police cells, mental health facilities like Dhulwa, and youth detention facilities like Bimberi.



We will visit places to understand how people who are detained are being treated, and make recommendations to the government on how to improve how you are treated.

We will only share what you tell us with other people or organisations with your permission or as required by law. Staff are not allowed to get you into trouble if you speak with us or share any information with us.

CONFIDENTIAL

It is important that we have unannounced visits, so we will not always announce our visits to staff and detained people. This means we cannot share when we will next visit. However, you can contact us at the details provided on the next page at any time.



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You can find out more about our OPCAT work in the
[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.