

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a peer-review dialogue undertaken by the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council and all 192 Member States of the UN.

Every five years, the UPR considers the progress of every country in the realisation of all human rights. It identifies human rights achievements and challenges, with countries making recommendations to the country undergoing review.

In 2026, Australia will appear before the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council in Geneva, for its fourth Universal Periodic review.

The UPR is an opportunity to:

- take stock of how well we are protecting the human rights of all people in Australia
- inform the international community of the human rights situation in Australia
- engage with other countries about specified steps Australia will take to improve the enjoyment of human rights in Australia.

Australia has undergone three reviews, the first in 2011, the second in 2015 and the third in 2021.

The review will take place on the basis of three documents:

- the national report prepared by the Australian Government
- the United Nations human rights report
- the stakeholders report which includes contributions by the AHRC and NGOs from Australia.