

Candidate	Statement
<p>Stephen Adams Member for 37 years</p>	<p>I have been a member of Amnesty international since 1989. I am currently the Convenor for the Nunawading group. I have taken part in interviewing M.P.'s from both sides of politics regarding Amnesty's campaigns. Such as "Women's Rights in Afghanistan", "Raising the age of Criminal Responsibility", "Increasing the humanitarian intake of refugees and asylum seekers" and shutting down offshore processing.</p> <p>In the early days our group was responsible for CASA (central and South America) when we wrote letters for the Urgent Actions in those regions. Now we receive U.A.'s for the whole world.</p> <p>We hold information stalls at the Blackburn market 2/3 times a year and ask people to sign petitions. we have had stalls at cinemas showing films concerning Human Rights</p> <p>Attend events such as the treaty with the first nations people in Victoria</p> <p>Reason for nominating: I would like to be able to vote for people which I think would be beneficial to the Amnesty International movement.</p>

**Michael
Dundon**



Member for 6
years

I have been a Board member of Amnesty International Australia since 2019 and has actively supported all of our key initiatives including improving our governance structures and rules, restructuring our operations to remain financially viable, establishing a Member Standards Committee (which I Chaired) and most recently supporting the search for a new Chair for when Mario stepped down.

I have been a passionate supporter of activity across the superannuation sector to improve human rights outcomes and financial health of our Indigenous population as well as using the industries influence as an investor to improve human rights outcomes.

Reason for nominating:

I am very proud of the work Amnesty does and after a challenging period I would like to support improving our governance, supporting our members and really focusing on delivering some great outcomes for those groups whose human rights have been denied due to the actions of others. Despite the governance challenges of 2024 AIA has developed a strong program of activity and I am keen to assist them in delivering this.

Ian Gibson



Member for 47
years

Group/Branch

Group convenor, group 316, 1980-83; Victorian Branch Executive Committee: 1983 to 1992 (Branch Secretary, Vice-President, President)

Section

Member, Australian Section Board, 1991-2003 (Secretary, 1992-2000; Vice-President 2000-03); 2015-20 (Secretary 2015-19); attended nearly all NAGMs since 1982.

International

11 International Council meetings between 1983 and 2007 and 4 Global Assemblies 2022-25; Member Borderline Committee, 1989-1991; Member, Standing Committee on Human, Information and Financial Matters: 1999-2003 (Chair 2001-03); Member, International Executive Committee, 2003-2007; Chair, Membership Appeals Committee, 2009-15; Coordinator, Membership Review Committee (2020-)

I care about, and applaud, good governance, attention to AI Australia's place within an international environment, and openness and transparency in how responsibilities are allocated and decisions made. I am very familiar with, and used to contributing to discussions of, AI's character, governance and organization at the national and international level. Also distinctive feature of AI is membership participation. I am also committed to seeing that flourish in Australia.

Reason for nominating:

My current preoccupations are: (1) seeing AI Australia take membership activism seriously, (2) seeing the work that led to the 2026 EGM continued, especially in relation to regions with no ALC; and (3) encouraging the Board to provide mechanisms for GMVs to communicate with all other GMVs (not only the few who come to resolutions workshops) about the business of general meetings ahead of them, and to allow proper debates at general meetings.

**Jamie
Hodgson**



Member for 3
years

I am a dedicated human rights activist and advocate, having supported Amnesty International’s campaigns for many years. My engagement with AI increased from late 2022 to 2024 when I joined the Victorian ALC and I was appointed Regional President of the VALC during the last year of this period. Since that time, I have continued to support Amnesty’s campaigns including at key events and rallies, including Write for Rights day, Palm Sunday, Invasion Day, rallies for Gaza, amongst others. I was elected to the National Board at the 2025 AGM.

Outside my involvement with Amnesty, I am a sustainability practitioner working in the built environment sector, specialising in business and human rights, in particular modern slavery and human trafficking, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and reconciliation. Previously I lived in Kathmandu, Nepal, then Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, gaining experience in disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness in international development and humanitarian settings. I hold a Master of Human Rights from Curtin University.

Reason for nominating:

I am motivated to be a GMV to bring the personal and professional experiences outlined above to, and for the benefit of, Amnesty International Australia at its AGM. This is to complement my role as a Non-Executive Director on the National Board. I am passionate about contributing to the democratic governance of the organisation and having a say in the strategic direction of Amnesty, in a way that best makes use of its capabilities and resources in order to create and sustain the most impact for those experiencing human rights violations in Australia and overseas.

<p>Terence Jeyaretnam</p>  <p>Member for 4 years</p>	<p>Amnesty International is an organisation that I have highly valued throughout my life, and it has been one of my life's greatest achievements to have worked with Amnesty over the past few years. I moved with my parents to Australia under refugee status from Sri Lanka in the 1980s. I therefore understand and value Amnesty International's work – having both a social and environmental benefit to local communities and the voiceless. I oversaw the Reconciliation Action Plan for EY in Australia (2016 - 2022) and thus understand challenges within our First Peoples. I have also worked extensively on cultural diversity programs at EY, after having set up and overseen the Cultural Diversity at EY Employee Network for over nine years (2016 - 2025). The insights from this work allow me to understand the challenges faced by refugees and migrants. I have been on Amnesty International Australia's Board since mid 2022 and have also been a member of the Governance Committee. I have chaired the board since mid-2025. I have also been a GMV. I have engaged closely with the Uyghur community in Australia during this time, as well as the Sri Lankan community.</p> <p>Reason for nominating:</p> <p>I have been on Amnesty International Australia's Board since mid 2022 and have also been a member of the Governance Committee. I have chaired the board since mid-2025. I have also been a GMV. As part of my role on the Governance Committee I have been closely engaged on the internal governance processes, challenges and improvement areas. As a GMV I will be able to continue to support and enhance the governance of Amnesty International Australia and also work with other GMVs and Activism Leadership Committee members to contribute more closely to the work of Amnesty.</p>
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**George
Miller**



Member for 4
years

I am the current Vic ALC President, having served in the role since 2024. Prior to that I served as Vice-President. I have been a longtime supporter of Amnesty International, previously in the UK and now in Australia. In both countries I believe the collective choices we make between optimism and pessimism, between hope and giving in, could still yet become the story of our societies. Amnesty International is fundamentally committed to the belief that things can and must be changed for the better, often by a thousand small decisions to try to help, day-by-day. I am fundamentally committed to that vision.

Reason for nominating:

I am passionate about human rights. Professionally I am the Executive Chairman of a non profit organisation called the Healthcare Leadership Academy which seeks to strengthen health systems across the world. In my medical practice I work between London and Melbourne, although during the pandemic I worked for Public Health England helping to support the UK's pandemic response. From a nonprofit perspective I sit on the International Council of Action Against Hunger. I also head the HLA research Unit- helping to lead the joint research department we have with UCLan.

**Katrina
North**



Member for 25
years

My name is Katrina North and I have been an activist with Amnesty International for 25 years in Australia and while living in the UK. I have a passion and strong commitment to social justice and human rights both at a local level and around the world. I am currently the Deputy Chair of the Activism and Membership Committee, a subcommittee of the AIA National Board. In my role on the AMC, among other activities, I helped organise the 2021, 2023, and 2025 AIA Activism Forums and will help shape the 2027 Activism Forum. I hold peer relationships with the QLD/NNSW region and the SA/NT region. I am also a founding member of the AI National Iran Network. I recently was one of the organisers and the MC for a rally in support of the people of Iran on the steps of our State Parliament building. The event saw hundreds come along to voice their solidarity and anger at what is happening in Iran. The event was lived streamed to millions of people. For nine years I was on the Victorian Activism and Leadership Committee and held the position of Regional President. I am also the Convenor of my local AI Group NE Metro. We campaign on many human rights issues in our community

Reason for nominating:

As an AI Member who has 25 years' experience, I have a strong understanding of AIA governance and the vital role that a General Meeting Voter plays in upholding our AIA values and independence. I have been to 13 AIA National AGMs as an elected voting delegate. I believe that this role is very important to our AIA democracy as we vote not only on who will be on our National Board but also on resolutions that can help our organisation become stronger. I have been part of drafting resolutions and helping others who have drafted their own. We are stronger when we work together

Mario Santos



Member for 11 years

I served on the Amnesty Australia board from 2018-2025, was board chair from 2020-2025 and Standing Representative to the Global Assembly from 2020 to April 2026. I also served during that period as co-chair of the Diversity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Steering Committee, chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, member of the Activism and Membership Committee and member of the International Issues Committee, a position that I continue to hold.

Prior to my time on the board, I was Vic Branch president for three years, and a group organiser supporting local activist groups in metro and regional Victoria. I also worked with the fundraising, finance, movement and impact teams on different projects over time.

I have been privileged to learn from and be inspired by many of those we work with, including people whose rights have been violated or under threat, our activists and supporters, donors, staff and partner organisations and individuals.

Reason for nominating:

If elected, I look forward to working with and learning from this year's fellow General Meeting Voters. I hope our collective focus will be on making decisions in the best interests of Amnesty International Australia and all the individuals and communities we work with for the advancement of human rights in Australia, the Asia Pacific region and around the world.

<p>Clive Weston Member for 9 years</p>	<p>I became an active member and volunteer of Amnesty International in 2018 after retiring from legal practice as a community lawyer and sole practitioner and life member of the Eastern Community Service.</p> <p>I initially joined the Individuals at Risk Network group before being invited to fill the vacant position of Secretary of the then Victorian Branch Committee and then continuing as a member of the Victorian ALC to present. This year I became a member of the Activism and Membership Committee. I am also a member of the Nunawading Action Group.</p> <p>Reason for nominating:</p> <p>I was fortunate to attend the 2018 NAGM and EGM and observe the introduction of Amnesty's new Governance and Constitutional reforms and then, as a GMV from 2019 to date. Having been a member of the 2025 PrepCom for last year's AGM I am aware of the importance and hard work that goes into the meeting and would welcome the opportunity to partake as a voter again this year. I believe that having a say in the strategic direction of Amnesty and promoting its membership and growth are vitally important.</p>
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Anne
Wright



Member for 21
years

Amnesty experience:

- member of Amnesty for over 20 years
- member of the Governance Committee (a Committee of the National Board) for 11 years, 7 of which as Chair
- National Board director (first elected at the 2023 AGM)
- worked on the Rethinking Governance project which has resulted in a new era for Amnesty in Australia.

By way of professional background, I am a lawyer by training (over 20 years' experience) and for the last few years, have specialised in corporate governance, working with a range of organisations in financial services, schools and the not-for-profit sector.

In terms of personal attributes, I take a collaborative approach and believe that the best outcomes are achieved by actively listening to all views and understanding different perspectives before workshopping solutions.

Reason for nominating:

I believe I have the experience and skills to make a significant, informed contribution at AGMs. Being able to be a GMV is a large part of what it means to me, to be a member-led organisation shining a light on human rights abuses and to ensure strong engagement among members and activists.

Good governance and decision-making will enable Amnesty to continue going from strength to strength in achieving maximum human-rights impact. This is especially important when human rights are under threat both at home and overseas, due to an increasingly uncertain geopolitical environment.