



**Amnesty International Australia (AIA) National Board Report
for the meeting held on 28 February 2026 (minutes confirmed on 28/4/26)**

Agenda item / focus on	Information / Report
Annual governance processes	<p>The Board discussed the results of the Board performance assessment and Chair performance assessment and identified areas of improvement to prioritise.</p> <p>They also attended their annual Directors' Duties training, which was facilitated by a member of the Governance Committee, covering the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director responsibilities • Interaction between ASIC and the ACNC • Risk management • Relationships • Decision-making vs advisory functions
Board membership	<p>Unfortunately, previous efforts to co-opt a First Nations Board member had been unsuccessful. The Board agreed to restart an external recruitment process.</p>
General Meetings	<p><u>Preparations for the Annual General Meeting, to be held on 4 July 2026:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to a skills gap analysis, the Board identified the skills for prioritisation in the call for Board nominations. • The Board set at 9 June 2026, 9am AEST, the deadline for ordinary resolutions and questions on notice. <p><u>Next steps further to 28 January 2026 Extraordinary General Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion which proposed to take reference to Activism Leadership Committees out of the Constitution was not passed. • The Board agreed to reconsider the work on reforming Clause 14 of the Constitution in conjunction with the work on redefining Regions and to develop a proposal in relation to redefining Regions.
Activism Leadership Committees	<p>The Board approved the changes in Activism Leadership Committee membership numbers for the following two Regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT/Southern NSW: from 8 members to 6 • Victoria: from 7 members to 8
Management reports	<p>Directors reviewed the management reports, fundraising dashboard, and finance reports for the reporting period.</p>
Reconciliation Action Plan	<p>Since the board last met, the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) working group had sought an extension from Reconciliation Australia, however this was not possible. Therefore, AI Australia's RAP will come to its natural end in March 2026. The team was trying to meet the most practical goals.</p>
Global update	<p>The National Director provided a verbal update on her recent attendance at the global Directors meeting in Amsterdam, "Krutu", and other global matters.</p>
Risk oversight	<p>The Board reviewed the February 2026 risk register.</p>



Policy Review	The Board amended the Appeal Policy and Procedures to allow a minimum of 2, and maximum of 3 members on the Appeal Committee.
Standard Action Report	The Board noted the Standard Action Report (SAR) for 2025, which was lodged with the International Secretariat. Amnesty International National Entities (such as AI Australia) report on their impact and organisational development through the SAR. The information collected is analysed and reported back to National Entities in the Movement Impact Report which is presented at the Global Assembly every year.
Board Committees	<p>The Board noted the minutes of Board Committee held during the period.</p> <p>Board Committee appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Holloway and Ili Anuar to the Activism and Membership Committee (who had been have been elected as members of the AMCs by the Activism and Leadership Committees) - Clive Weston to the Activism and Membership Committee as a fifth ALC-nominated committee member - Re-appointment of Carol King as Chair of the AMC for a further term to 24 February 2028 - Peter Reading to the Appeals Committee - Katrin Robinson to the Appeals Committee - Re-appointment of Susan Staples, Matthew Burrows and Merelyn Aked to the Governance Committee - Vicki Jacobs to the Governance Committee - Extension of Shelley Rogers' term on the Nomination & Assessment Committee to the 2029 Annual General Meeting
Human Rights Impact information session	<p>The National Director delivered a presentation on the Global Relief Program, its role and objectives.</p> <p>The Global Relief Program is run by the International Secretariat and provides financial assistance to victims and survivors of human rights violations and abuses. This includes legal help, medical/psychosocial support, relocation and security measures.</p>
AI Australia activities	To read about our latest campaigns and activities, please refer to our website .
Link to governance information and Section Policies on the website	<p>Governance: How we're run - Amnesty International Australia</p> <p>Section Policies are available here.</p>