



REVIEW OF HUMAN TISSUE LAWS

What is the Inquiry about?



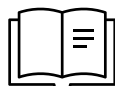
The ALRC has been asked to review Australia's human tissue laws. These laws provide the framework for the donation, retrieval, transplant, and use of human cells, tissues, and organs in Australia.

The ALRC will consider how relevant laws are working. With your input, we will look at how to update and align relevant laws across Australia.

In our review, we have also been asked to consider:

- equity and ethical approaches to improving access to cell, tissue, and organ transplantation;
- contemporary research and emerging technologies and practices;
- international experience and approaches.

What is the Inquiry process?



We will begin by publishing an **Issues Paper** seeking input on what people consider are reform priorities and the most significant issues raised by our inquiry. We will then publish a **Discussion Paper** setting out reform options and proposals, and will invite your input in relation to these.

The timelines for our publications and consultations will be published on [our website](#) as soon as they are available, where you can also [subscribe](#) to receive updates from the Inquiry.

We will give our final report to the Australian Government by **16 August 2026**.

How do I participate?



Anyone is welcome to participate in the Inquiry. We want to hear from a wide range of people, including from people who have experience of and/or expertise in human tissue donation, retrieval, transplant, use, and trade.

There are 3 main ways to participate:

1. We will be holding consultations and meetings with different stakeholders.
2. We will call for submissions. Anyone is welcome to make a submission.
3. You can get in contact with us at any time during the Inquiry, via email, mail or phone.

Learn more via the ALRC website at: www.alrc.gov.au/inquiry/review-of-human-tissue-laws/.

Who is the ALRC?

The Australian Law Reform Commission is an independent statutory body. We conduct inquiries and make recommendations to the Australian Government about how to reform the law.

This Inquiry will be led by Commissioner Dr Maeghan Toews, and the ALRC President, Justice Mordy Bromberg.

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