

National Compact



National Compact Sector Advisory Group- Terms of Reference

Context

The Sector Advisory Group has been established to advise the Australian Government (Government) on the implementation strategy for the National Compact (Compact); provide high-level leadership and advice; and champion the Compact more broadly across the Third Sector (Sector).

Understandings

The Sector Advisory Group:

- acknowledges that the Compact articulates a new way of working between the Government and the Sector to deliver improved policy and services across all portfolios and better outcomes for Australian communities;
- agrees that a respectful and collaborative relationship between the Government and the Sector is crucial to building a stronger and fairer Australia and supporting communities in meeting challenges and overcoming disadvantage;
- recognises the transformational intent of the Compact to provide a strategic framework for Third Sector Reform; and
- will work collaboratively with the Government to actively support the Compact's shared vision that:

The Australian Government and the Third Sector will work together to improve social, cultural, civic, economic and environmental outcomes, building on the strengths of individuals and communities. This collaboration will contribute to improved community wellbeing and a more inclusive Australian society with better quality of life for all.

Role

The Sector Advisory Group will:

- advise and assist the Government and the Sector to develop the implementation strategy for the National Compact;
- assist in developing an overarching Commonwealth action plan based on the eight priority action areas outlined in the Compact;
- actively promote the Compact and its principles across the Sector;
- assist portfolios with key Sector relationships to develop joint action plans with their Sector partners; and
- advise the Government on the relationship between the Compact implementation action plans and the Third Sector reform agenda.

Appointment and meetings

The Chairperson and members of the Sector Advisory Group are appointed for a period of 12 months. The Sector Advisory Group will meet regularly through a mixture of face-to-face and teleconferenced meetings commencing in February 2010.