

**Amnesty International Australia (AIA) National Board Report
for meeting held on 19 April 2022**

Agenda item	Information / Report
Minutes of past meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2022 were confirmed.
Approval of 2020 Financial Statements	The Board adopted the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021, which will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting in July. A copy is now available on our website .
Insurance declarations	As per the annual process, the Board decided to inform its insurers that it is not aware, after enquiry, of any circumstances or incident that it has reason to suppose might afford grounds for any future claim as would fall within the scope of its proposed directors' and officers' insurance.
Status of past Annual General Meeting resolutions	Directors noted the significant progress made against past Annual General Meeting resolutions.
Annual General Meeting preparations	The Board noted the PrepCom's update regarding the Annual General Meeting preparations. The notice will be sent to members on 4 May 2022. Voting for General Meeting Voter (GMV) positions occurred from 8 to 22 April 2022. Activism Leadership Committee (ALC) elections were not held this year as there were fewer candidates than positions in each region. Candidates will be advised of the outcome of the election by individual email and published on the website in the first week of May.
Board meeting schedule	The Board approved a new meeting schedule starting from July 2022, which will comprise 6 meetings over a period of 12 months. This new schedule will be reviewed in July 2023.
Management reports	The Board noted the April management report, the March 2022 Financial Report and the March 2022 Fundraising dashboard. Key highlights in the last month included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A successful Asia Pacific Regional Forum held in March, at which the Global Assembly motion proposals were discussed, as well as a number of topics focusing



on responding to threats and crises in our region, Anti-Racism, and working in collaboration and partnership.

- Important wins in our work with refugees: the release of those detained in Alternative Places of Detention (APODs) and the New Zealand deal, which saw many being removed from detention.
- A number of high level meetings with major donors, key embassies and Department of Foreign and Trade officials.
- The launch of our Anti-Racism Statement internally and externally.
- Campaign work on the Ukraine crisis, Palestinian human rights, individuals at risk.
- The development of a LGBTQIA+ Ally Guide

As part of the Diversity, Inclusion & Wellbeing plan, the following draft documents are being developed and input was sought from directors:

- draft Reconciliation Action Plan
- draft Engagement Strategy for culturally and linguistically diverse people, organisations and communities
- draft Engagement Strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, organisations and communities.

Media:

During this period there were 1350 pieces of coverage, with a 62% share of voice. Key issues covered included:

- the ongoing war in Ukraine (in particular reference to the evidence being gathered into potential war crimes),
- the news of Australia accepting the offer to settle refugees in New Zealand,
- the release of British dual nationals Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori from prison in Iran
- the tragic death of dual Australian national Shokrollah Jebeli,
- the issue of sportswashing including in the context of the football world cup in Qatar and in the Australian sports industry,
- A proposed new legislation in NSW which has the potential to outlaw protest,
- the possible loss of the Australian Human Rights Commission's A-status accreditation and Amnesty's annual report.



Board Charter	The Board Charter was reviewed and discussed, with a view of finalising it at the May board meeting.
Section Policy and event proposal and evaluation	<p>Further to the review of the Section Policy on Event Proposal and Evaluation and recommendation by the Activism and Membership Committee (AMC), the Board rescinded the policy, as it was outdated and did not encompass the increasing diversity of people who participate in activism and the ways in which they participate.</p> <p>The Inclusive Language and Events Guide was developed in 2021 and includes guidance on organising inclusive events.</p> <p>The process outlined in the draft Events and Tactics Checklist will replace the policy, in effect operationalising the Event Proposal and Evaluation Policy and making it more usable and accessible by having all necessary information and relevant policies as links within a single document. The checklist is currently being consulted on.</p>
Board committee minutes	The Board noted the latest minutes of the Governance Committee, Audit and Risk Committee and IT Roadmap Steering Group meetings.
Next meeting	The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday 21 May 2022.