



The Members of the Refugee Review Tribunal

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The Refugee Review Tribunal (the Tribunal) is an independent merits review tribunal. Its main function is to review decisions made by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (the Minister) or his delegates to refuse to grant protection visas to non-citizens in Australia or to cancel protection visas held by non-citizens in Australia in accordance with the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) and the *1951 United Nations (UN) Convention and 1967 UN Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees*.

The Tribunal's structure

The Tribunal's structure comprises a Principal Member, a Deputy Principal Member, Senior Members and Members. The Tribunal is headed by the Principal Member who, as the chief executive officer, is responsible for its overall operation and administration. The Membership includes the Principal Member, Deputy Principal Member, Senior Members and Members. The Registrar, who is appointed by the Minister, is responsible for the general operations of the Tribunal and for Tribunal staff. Tribunal staff provide administrative support and specialist advice to Members. For more information about the Tribunal's structure, please refer to [R8: The Refugee Review Tribunal – An overview](#).

Who are the Tribunal's Members?

The Tribunal's Members are the decision-makers, who hear and determine applications for review. Members are selected for the high level of skills and experience they possess through a competitive and extensive nation-wide recruitment process.

This process is conducted in accordance with the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) selection guidelines on statutory office holders. Ministerial recommendations for appointment are then considered and approved by Cabinet, and presented to the Governor-General. Members are then appointed by the Governor-General to statutory offices for fixed terms on a full or part-time basis under section 459(1) of the Act, usually for 5 years.

The Tribunal currently has a total Membership of 105, comprising the Principal Member, Deputy Principal Member, 8 Senior Members, 35 full-time Members and 60 part-time Members. A list of Members as at July 2011 is provided overleaf.

Members' qualifications, skills and experience

Persons appointed as Members to the Tribunals have a wide variety of backgrounds. They typically have worked in a profession or have had extensive experience at senior levels in the private or public sectors. At present, more than 50% of Members have a legal background, and many have had extensive experience at senior levels in the private and/or public sectors in a variety of organisations, including other tribunals, and the community sector.

Membership	Member	State
Principal	Mr Denis O'Brien	NSW
Deputy	Ms Amanda MacDonald	NSW
Senior	Ms Linda Kirk	VIC
Senior	Mr Peter Murphy	VIC
Senior	Mr John Billings	VIC
Senior	Mr Giles Short	NSW
Senior	Mr John Cipolla	NSW
Senior	Ms Kira Raif	NSW
Senior	Mr Shahyar Roushan	NSW
Senior	Mr Donald Smyth	QLD
Full-time	Dr Jennifer Beard	VIC
Full-time	Ms Danica Buljan	VIC
Full-time	Mr Tony Caravella	WA
Full-time	Ms Ruth Cheetham	NSW
Full-time	Ms Denise Connolly	NSW
Full-time	Mr Richard Derewlany	NSW
Full-time	Ms Dione Dimitriadis	NSW
Full-time	Mr Antonio Dronjic	VIC
Full-time	Mr Alan Duri	NSW
Full-time	Ms Suseela Durvasula	NSW
Full-time	Mr Paul Fisher	VIC
Full-time	Mr Patrick Francis	VIC
Full-time	Ms Michelle Grau	QLD
Full-time	Mr George Haddad	VIC
Full-time	Mr Ismail Hasan	NSW
Full-time	Ms Margret Holmes	VIC
Full-time	Mr Simon Jeans	NSW

Full-time	Mr Don Lucas	VIC
Full-time	Ms Alison Mercer	VIC
Full-time	Mr Paul Millar	NSW
Full-time	Mr Adam Moore	VIC
Full-time	Mr David Mitchell	VIC
Full-time	Ms Louise Nicholls	NSW
Full-time	Mr Charles Powles	VIC
Full-time	Mr Andrew Rozdilsky	NSW
Full-time	Mr Hugh Sanderson	NSW
Full-time	Mr Chris Smolicz	SA
Full-time	Ms Wan Shum	NSW
Full-time	Mr James Silva	NSW
Full-time	Ms Jan Spiers	QLD
Full-time	Mr Fraser Syme	QLD
Full-time	Ms Linda Symons	NSW
Full-time	Ms Mary Urquhart	VIC
Full-time	Mr Robert Wilson	NSW
Part-time	Ms Diane Barnetson	NSW
Part-time	Mr Sean Baker	VIC
Part-time	Ms Margie Bourke	VIC
Part-time	Ms Melissa Bray	VIC
Part-time	Ms Nicole Burns	VIC
Part-time	Ms Mary Cameron	VIC
Part-time	Ms Catherine Carney-Osborne	NSW
Part-time	Ms Jennifer Ciantar	NSW
Part-time	Ms Christine Cody	NSW
Part-time	Mr Tim Connellan	VIC
Part-time	Mr Clyde Consentino	QLD

Part-time	Ms Angela Cranston	NSW
Part-time	Mr Glen Cranwell	QLD
Part-time	Ms Gabrielle Cullen	NSW
Part-time	Ms Megan Deane	NSW
Part-time	Mr Edwin Delofski	NSW
Part-time	Mr David Dobell	NSW
Part-time	Mr Jonathon Duignan	NSW
Part-time	Ms Jennifer Ellis	VIC
Part-time	Ms Jennifer Eutick	QLD
Part-time	Ms Bronwyn Forsyth	NSW
Part-time	Ms Mila Foster	NSW
Part-time	Ms Rosa Gagliardi	VIC
Part-time	Mr Steve Georgiadis	SA
Part-time	Mr Brook Hely	VIC
Part-time	Ms Diane Hubble	VIC
Part-time	Ms Lesley Hunt	QLD
Part-time	Ms Sally Hunt	NSW
Part-time	Ms Rowena Irish	NSW
Part-time	Ms Naida Isenberg	NSW
Part-time	Mr Andrew Jacovides	NSW
Part-time	Ms Deborah Jordan	VIC
Part-time	Ms Suhad Kamand	NSW
Part-time	Ms Josephine Kelly	NSW
Part-time	Mr Marten Kennedy	SA
Part-time	Ms Kay Kirmos	QLD
Part-time	Mr Anthony Krohn	VIC
Part-time	Ms Suzanne Leal	NSW
Part-time	Mr Gary Ledson	VIC

Part-time	Ms Patricia Leehy	NSW
Part-time	Ms Christine Long	NSW
Part-time	Mr Bruce MacCarthy	NSW
Part-time	Ms Rosemary Mathlin	NSW
Part-time	Ms Vanessa Moss	WA
Part-time	Ms Sydelle Muling	VIC
Part-time	Mr Andrew Mullin	NSW
Part-time	Ms Alison Murphy	VIC
Part-time	Ms Ann O'Toole	NSW
Part-time	Ms Sophia Panagiotidis	VIC
Part-time	Ms Susan Pinto	NSW
Part-time	Ms Pauline Pope	NSW
Part-time	Ms Rania Skaros	NSW
Part-time	Ms Meena Sripathy	NSW
Part-time	Ms Pamela Summers	NSW
Part-time	Mrs Karen Synon	VIC
Part-time	Ms Alexis Wallace	QLD
Part-time	Ms Phillippa Wearne	NSW
Part-time	Ms Belinda Wells	SA
Part-time	Ms Carolyn Wilson	SA
Part-time	Mr David Young	VIC
Part-time	Ms Kirsten Young	VIC

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