



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MS17-005470

01 DEC 2017

The Hon Philip Ruddock
c/- Hornsby Shire Council
PO Box 37
HORNSBY NSW 1630

Dear Mr Ruddock

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Philip' in a cursive script, written over the printed name 'Philip' in the recipient's address.

Thank you for agreeing to lead the review of freedom of religion in Australia.

An expert panel, consisting of Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM, the Hon Annabelle Bennett AO SC, and Father Frank Brennan SJ AO will support you in leading the review.

The review will examine whether Australian law adequately protects the human right to freedom of religion. The Terms of Reference are at Attachment A.

I ask that the review is completed and a report delivered to me by 31 March 2018. If you consider that an extension of time may be required, I ask that you inform me as early as possible.

The review will be supported by a secretariat based in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Department will be in contact with you regarding your remuneration and other administrative matters.

If you have any questions about the work of the review, please contact Ms Yael Cass, Acting Deputy Secretary, Governance, in the Department on s 22 or

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Yours sincerely

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MALCOLM TURNBULL

Draft Terms of Reference

Expert Panel to examine religious freedom protection in Australia

Objective

The Panel shall examine and report on whether Australian law (Commonwealth, State and Territory) adequately protects the human right to freedom of religion.

Scope

In undertaking this review, the Panel should:

- consider the intersections between the enjoyment of the freedom of religion and other human rights;
- have regard to any previous or ongoing reviews or inquiries that it considers relevant; and
- consult as widely as it considers necessary.

Membership of the Panel

The review will be conducted by the Hon Philip Ruddock, who will be assisted by an expert panel consisting of:

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Timing

The Panel will report its findings to the Prime Minister by 31 March 2018.



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Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM
President
Australian Human Rights Commission
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Ros,
Dear Emeritus Professor Croucher AM

Thank you for agreeing to support the review of freedom of religion in Australia.

The review will be led by the Hon Philip Ruddock, and supported by an expert panel also including the Hon Annabelle Bennett AO SC, and Father Frank Brennan SJ AO.

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The Hon Dr Annabelle Bennett AO SC
c/- 5 Wentworth Chambers
Level 5, 180 Philip Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Dr Bennett

Annabelle,

Thank you for agreeing to support the review of freedom of religion in Australia.

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Father Frank Brennan SJ AO
c/- Catholic Social Services Australia
GPO Box 1947
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Frank
Dear Father Brennan

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