# Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group

# *Statement of Purpose*

The Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group (the Implementation Working Group) will perform a key advisory role to the Government on the implementation of the Government’s response to the recommendations in the Senate Community Affairs References Committee report, Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, February 2012, (the Inquiry report). The Australian Government (the Government) has proposed a range of service responses for those affected by forced adoption policies and practices.

## Roles:

* Provide independent advice to Government as the response to the Inquiry Report is implemented;
* Communicate clearly with Government and Ministers about issues and progress;
* Be a conduit for the views of broader stakeholders and people affected by Forced Adoptions;
* Advocate proactively for key issues for Forced Adoptions stakeholders; and
* Promote the importance of the response to the Inquiry Report and assist with community awareness and education about Forced Adoptions.

## Principles for the operation of the Implementation Working Group:

* Work in the spirit of cooperation to provide advice on a way forward;
* Perform their role impartially and in good faith;
* Not allow the pursuit of their private interests to interfere with the conduct of this group;
* Be frank and honest and deal with other members in an appropriate manner;
* Adhere to the confidentiality guidelines;
* Adhere to the media protocols, including taking care with social media communications; and
* Provide a communique to the public following each meeting, to be posted on the Forced Adoptions page of the Department of Social Services website.