

Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group: Nomination Form

On 4 December 2019, the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Jason Wood, MP, announced the establishment of a Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group (Expert Advisory Group).

The Expert Advisory Group will provide a confidential forum for the Government to seek advice on key issues relating to the implementation of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018*. This includes: strategies for business engagement and awareness-raising; the design of the online register for modern slavery statements; the design and implementation of a recognition scheme for excellence in combating modern slavery in supply chains; and strategies for mitigating modern slavery risks in Commonwealth procurement and investments.

The Expert Advisory Group will meet approximately four times a year in Australia and will be comprised of up to 15 representatives from business, civil society and academia. Expert Advisory Group members will not be remunerated for their work or attendance at meetings and will be required to cover their travel costs. Nominations from representatives of law firms or for profit advisory groups or consultancies will not be accepted.

The 15 members of the Expert Advisory Group will include five permanent representatives from key business peak bodies. The remaining positions will be awarded on a rotating basis to individual experts from businesses, academia and civil society stakeholders for a term of 18 months.

The ABF is now seeking nominations for these rotating positions from experts with practical experience in business and human rights, procurement and/or supply chain management. Nominations can be submitted to the ABF using the form below, prior to 4 March 2020.

For queries relating to the Expert Advisory Group, please contact the ABF's Modern Slavery Business Engagement Unit at slavery.consultations@abf.gov.au.

Nomination Form

Instructions: To nominate for the Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group, please complete this form electronically or in hard copy and email to slavery.consultations@abf.gov.au.

Name:

Contact phone:

Email:

Name of organisation:

Current position:

In 300 words or less, please outline your relevant skills and expertise and why you are nominating to join the Government's Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group.

In nominating for a position on the Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group, I acknowledge that:

- Members will be required to attend all Expert Advisory Group meetings in person (approximately four meetings a year in Melbourne or Sydney) and undertake limited work outside meetings, such as reviewing documents.
- Participation in the Expert Advisory Group will be undertaken in an unpaid capacity.
- Members will be selected for an 18 month term.
- If members change organisations, the ABF will determine whether membership of the Expert Advisory Group remains with the individual or with the organisation.
- Successful nominees will need to disclose any possible conflicts of interest prior to joining the Expert Advisory Group.
- Representatives of for-profit consultancies or law firms are not eligible to nominate for positions on the Expert Advisory Group.

Signature

Name (Printed)

Date