

Schedule 1: Mandate for an Advisory Body

Name:	Australian Catholic Media Council
Area(s) of Responsibility:	<p>The Council advises the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The promotion of the life and mission of the Catholic Church in Australia by the efficient utilisation of strategic communications through liaison with Catholic and secular media • Ways in which the Church might use digital media and communications technology to proclaim the Gospel message • Offering expert advice on issues pertaining to the voice of the Church in society • Significant developments in media and communications industry through the triennial Catholic Communications Congress • Developing and promoting the use of media responsibly and conscientiously to encourage the faithful, through education and other means • The promotion and observance of World Communications Day throughout the Church in Australia • Fostering relationships between Church authorities and the media
Number of Councillors:	The Council will comprise no more than (10) appointed councillors. The Bishops' Delegate for Media is a member of the Council. The Communications Director of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is an ex officio councillor.
Appointment of Councillors:	The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation will appoint Councillors for a three (3) year term. Councillors will be eligible for re-appointment for two subsequent terms.
Appointment of the Chairman:	The Council will elect the Chairperson in consultation with the Bishops delegate for media. Bishops Commission for Evangelisation will appoint the Chair for a three (3) year term on recommendation from the Council.
Frequency and Place of Meetings:	The Council will meet twice a year between each Plenary Meeting at a venue of mutual convenience. Additionally, the Council will meet through the use of various digital communication means.
Administrative Support:	The Communications Director of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference General Secretariat will provide administrative support to the Council.