



ROLE DESCRIPTION

1. POSITION DETAILS			
Position Title	Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Advocacy Committee Member	Date Created	29 May 2023
Reports To	Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Advocacy Committee Chair	Date Approved	14 July 2023
Term	The tenure of the State President	Review Date	July 2025
2. POSITION CONTEXT			
Position Purpose	<p>Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker (VRAS) Advocacy Committee is an advisory committee of the St Vincent de Paul Society SA (SVDPSA) established by the State Council to guide the advocacy efforts of SVDPSA to support refugees and people seeking asylum.</p> <p>The State President of SVDPSA appoints VRAS Advocacy Committee members. The Committee reports and makes recommendations to State Council through the Chairperson to the State President.</p> <p>Overall purpose and responsibilities of the VRAS Advocacy Committee are in the Terms of Reference approved by State Council.</p> <p>This document clarifies the expected commitment and competence of individual advocacy committee members.</p>		
3. PRIMARY OUTCOMES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES			
KEY RESPONSIBILITIES			
Ensure relevant knowledge	<p>VRAS Advocacy Committee members should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have sound basic knowledge of current asylum seeker and refugee issues and broad government policy changes in Australia.• Have up-to-date knowledge of legislation, regulations and policies that affect people seeking asylum and refugees.• Be available to attend briefing and training sessions to update knowledge covering the previous two points.		
Participate in advocacy activities	<p>VRAS Advocacy Committee members should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have sufficient time to be directly involved in the active implementation of agreed advocacy strategies.• Be available to attend at least four face-to-face and two on-line meetings of the advocacy committee each year.• Bring to the table an active connection with one or more; lay church work, community groups, education awareness programs, asylum seeker and refugee support, other organisations involved in asylum seeker and refugee advocacy.		