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Who are we and what do we do?

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Who We Are

ALARM is a not-for-profit group of volunteers incorporated in Victoria pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. It was established in October 2020, by senior legal and medical professionals. ALARM's Chairman is Dr Bryan Keon-Cohen, AM QC, a member of the Victorian Bar, now retired, and is supported by other voluntary Board members.

ALARM is also supported by several volunteer law students from the Monash University Law School. They provide secretariat and research assistance.

[Read our Model rules here.](#)

What problems did we see?



Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety

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CASE STUDIES

Negligent Care Within Aged Care Facilities All Too Common

We acted for the daughter and granddaughter of a man (Mr W) who died as a result of the negligent care he received at an aged cared facility in Parramatta, New South Wales.

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Mother murdered by a nursing assistant

We successfully settled a negligence claim for our client who suffered mental harm (also known as 'nervous shock') when her mother was murdered by a nursing assistant at a facility in the Hunter Region.

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What are we doing about it?



**DR BRYAN KEON-COHEN
AM QC**
Chairman

Dr Bryan Keon-Cohen AM QC, now retired, practised at the Victorian Bar for 35 years, focusing on the protection of human rights, including native title claims.



SUE WILLIAMSON
Deputy Chair

Sue is a partner with Holding Redlich and is actively involved in volunteering in the palliative care industry.

Our Patron



**THE HONOURABLE TONY
PAGONE QC**

We welcome The Honourable Tony Pagone QC, as Patron of ALARM, a former Federal Court Judge and Chair of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

How can effective litigation help?

Bupa Aged Care faces ACCC action over alleged false claims at aged care centres

By business reporter [Stephen Letts](#)

Posted Tue 16 Apr 2019 at 10:49am, updated Tue 16 Apr 2019 at 2:49pm



Our Activities

ARTICLES

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The following articles were written either by ALARM volunteers or ALARM volunteers in collaboration with others. We would like to thank the authors for their contribution.

Whistleblowing Protections in Aged Care

Those who experience or witness malpractice, in any medical setting, must be assured that they will not face retribution if they speak out about substandard care. This highlights the importance of protections for individuals who 'blow the whistle' on poor practices, whether they be staff or residents.

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Restraints and Restrictive Practices in Aged Care Facilities

Recent legislative reform regarding the use of restraints and restrictive in aged care is insufficient to protect residents' rights.

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Don't Tie our Hands on Restrictive Practices

Australian legislators are at a crossroads with the current opportunity to improve the dismal state of aged care services.

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Where to next?: Some words from the Commission

Conclusion: abuse and restrictive practices

Australians deserve an aged care system that protects older people from abuse and inappropriate restrictive practices. The evidence about abuse of vulnerable people in aged care has been some of the most difficult for us to hear. The aged care system must have safeguards built in to protect older people from abuse.

The inappropriate use of unsafe and inhumane restrictive practices in residential aged care has continued, despite multiple reviews and reports highlighting the problem. It must now be stopped.

Thank you for listening!

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