

REFERENCE GROUP

INSOLVENCY PRACTICES INQUIRY

The Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman will undertake an inquiry into the insolvency system to establish if it encourages practitioners, in the first instance, to restructure the small or family business to turn it around when facing financial difficulties. Where a restructure is not possible, we will investigate if current insolvency practices achieve the best outcome for all parties.

The Reference Group will act as a forum for input and discussion on the themes and challenges faced by small and family businesses facing insolvency.

Reference Group members

Name	Organisation	Knowledge area
John Williams	Chair	Insolvency system
Fiona Hawkins	Consumer advocate	Hardship/bankruptcy
Nicolas Crouch	Crouch Amirbeaggi	Pre-packs
Shabnam Amirbeaggi	Crouch Amirbeaggi	Insolvency/bankruptcy
David Gregory	Small Business Mentoring Service	Small business challenges
Stephen Mullette	Matthews Folbigg	Restructuring & debt recovery
Douglas Whelan	Litigation Funding Solution	Litigation funding
Vicki Stylianou	Institute of Public Accountants	Accountancy
Elizabeth Skirving	COSBOA - Treasurer	Rural businesses
Fiona Guthrie	Financial Counselling Australia	Financial counselling