

alternative dispute resolution

dispute resolution processes that do not involve courts, such as mediation, arbitration and conciliation

apprehended violence orders

court orders to protect a person who fears violence or harassment from a particular person

arbitration

a form of alternative dispute resolution in which the disputing parties present their cases before an arbitrator, who makes a decision that is binding on the parties

Australian Federal Police

the federal police agency of the Commonwealth of Australia, set up to enforce federal laws

freedom of information

the principle that people should be able to have access to information relating to the administration of government decision-making and information held by the government

law enforcement agencies

those bodies that have the role of enforcing the law, including police and some government departments

mediation

a process in which two parties are brought together for the purpose of discussing and resolving a conflict

negotiation

any dialogue intended to resolve disputes and/or produce an agreement on further courses of action

state police

law enforcement agencies with statewide jurisdiction