

Creating a Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework for Tasmania



All children have a right to safety. It's a fundamental human right.



There are lots of different rules and processes aimed at protecting this right. This includes things like:

- mandatory reporting
- working with vulnerable people registration.



The Royal Commission that ran for five years explored some of these rules. It looked at where they did or didn't work.



It heard many stories where agencies and organisations failed to protect children in their care from abuse.

It also found abuse wasn't something that 'only happened in the past'.



The Royal Commission said governments across Australia should create new rules for organisations that work directly with children and young people.



It said these rules should be legally mandated. This means that organisations have to follow them or they might be punished under the law.



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These new rules make up the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework.

The Framework itself is made up of two parts.



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The first part is the Child and Youth Safe Standards.

These are 10 standards to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.



All 10 standards are covered by a universal principle that says the rights of Aboriginal children to cultural safety must be respected.

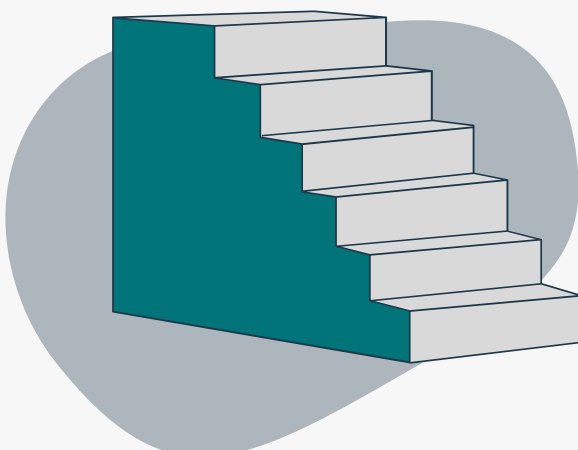


The second part of the framework is the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

This requires leaders of organisations to report to an independent body when they have concerns related to child abuse involving an employee or volunteer.



The framework doesn't cover everything related to child safety. It also doesn't replace existing systems like mandatory reporting.



But it is still a really important step towards trying to fix some of the issues highlighted by the Royal Commission.



Lots of different organisations will have to follow the new rules set by the framework.

The organisations that have to follow the rules will be the same ones picked by the Royal Commission.



Right now we are focusing on making the law that sets up the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework.



People are sharing their ideas about the Bill right now.

A Bill is what we call a law that hasn't been passed by parliament yet.



Groups of people with special knowledge have already been sharing their ideas about the Bill.

One of these groups is made up of people with lived experience and who want to make a difference.



The next step after the Bill is made into a law will be to put the framework into action.

You can share your ideas about the Bill by writing them down and:

- sending an email to haveyoursay@justice.tas.gov.au
- sending a letter to
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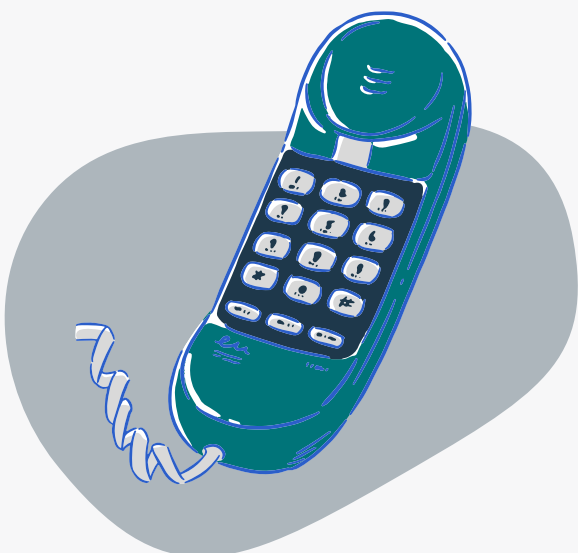




Do you have any questions or want to know more?



Please send an email to the team that's working on the framework via cysof@justice.tas.gov.au.



They will get back to you as soon as possible to answer your questions.