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Monitoring and evaluation of the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework

The Department of Justice has engaged an independent consultant (First Person Consulting) to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework (the Framework) in Tasmania within its first three years of operation.

What is the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework?

The Framework implements key recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse by legislating the 10 Child and Youth Safe Standards, the Universal Principle for Aboriginal Cultural Safety, and the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

Compliance with the Framework commenced in 2024 and applies to a wide range of organisations all around Tasmania.

The Framework is overseen by the [Office of the Independent Regulator](#).

What is the evaluation trying to do?

The evaluation will assess the extent to which the Framework, as established by the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023*, has promoted the safety and wellbeing of children and young people from all forms of harm in organisations. This will include considering the extent the Framework has:

- facilitated culture change in organisations whereby children and young people's safety and wellbeing is prioritised
- created conditions that reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people
- improved prevention and identification of harm
- improved ability of organisations to conduct investigations of and responses to incidents or allegations of harm
- and other relevant factors.

The monitoring and evaluation project will also give consideration to information sharing provisions and collaboration, Aboriginal Cultural Safety and the Office of the Independent Regulator.



How will it do it?

The evaluation will assess over time how organisations are progressing with the implementation of the Framework. Information gathered will determine whether the Framework is working how it should be over a period of time, and whether any changes could be made.

Methodology will include, but not be limited to surveys, interviews and data analysis.

Survey respondents and people that speak with evaluators will not be identified. All responses will be anonymous, not be tracked to an individual or organisation.

Responses will be aggregated with that of other responses for reporting purposes. Some quotes may also be used.

How does the evaluation relate to other reviews?

This evaluation is likely to contribute to separate review of the legislation as required by the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023*.

The review of the Act will be tabled in Tasmanian Parliament within four years of its commencement.

Evaluation findings will also contribute to recommendation 18.5 of the Commission of into the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, which emphasises the independent review of the Act, focussing on:

- the resourcing and function of the Independent Regulator
- support provided to organisations to implement the regulatory requirements
- information sharing between the Independent Regulator and other agencies
- the Universal Principle requiring organisations to uphold Aboriginal Cultural Safety.

What are the timelines for evaluation?

Commencing at the start of 2024, the Framework will be monitored during the first three years of implementation.

Similar to other evaluation reports, outcomes of the evaluation will be made publicly available.

Further information

For questions about the evaluation, contact FPC Evaluation Project Manager, Dr Alicia McCoy, via email at: admin@fpconsulting.com.au

For questions about the Framework itself, contact the Independent Regulator of the Framework at: contact@oir.tas.gov.au