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Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

I, Jenny Mikakos, Minister for Families and Children, in accordance with section 17 of the **Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005**, make the following:

1. Child Safe Standards

In complying with the child safe standards a relevant entity must include the following principles as part of each standard:

- promoting the cultural safety of Aboriginal children
- promoting the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- promoting the safety of children with a disability.

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, a relevant entity must have:

- Standard 1: Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
- Standard 2: A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
- Standard 3: A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
- Standard 4: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
- Standard 5: Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
- Standard 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
- Standard 7: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

2. Revocation

The Child Safe Standards published in the Government Gazette No. G52 on 31 December 2015 are revoked.

3. Commencement

This comes into effect on 1 November 2018.

HON. JENNY MIKAKOS MP
Minister for Families and Children

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