



PeakCare
Queensland Inc.

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Ms Rebekah Kilpatrick
National Office for Child Safety
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

By email: nationalofficeforchildsafety@pmc.gov.au

Dear Ms Kilpatrick

RE: Submission on National Strategy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Final Development Consultation Paper

PeakCare Queensland Incorporated (PeakCare) welcomes the opportunity to provide information in response to the *National Strategy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Final Development Consultation Paper*.

ABOUT PEAKCARE

PeakCare is a not-for-profit peak body for child and family services in Queensland, providing an independent and impartial voice representing and promoting matters of interest to the non-government sector.

Across Queensland, PeakCare has approximately 50 member organisations which include small, medium and large, local and state-wide non-government organisations which provide prevention and early intervention, generic, targeted, and intensive family support to children, young people, adults and families. Member organisations also provide child protection services, foster and kinship care and residential care services for children and young people and their families who are at risk of entry to, or who are in the statutory child protection system.

A network of registered supporters also subscribe to PeakCare. Supporters include individuals and other entities with an interest in child protection and related services, and who are supportive of PeakCare's policy platform around the rights and entitlements of children, young people and their families to safety, wellbeing and equitable access to life opportunities.

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Do the proposed vision and objective reflect what our aims should be and what success should look like under the National Strategy?

PeakCare supports the proposed vision, as described, which appropriately reflects the aims of the National Strategy. PeakCare recommends consideration be given to explicitly including 'prevention' within the proposed objective of the National Strategy so that it better aligns with both the proposed vision, and what success should look like under a National Strategy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse.

Do the proposed values reflect the values that should be guiding our work under the National Strategy?

PeakCare supports the six proposed values which we consider provide strong guiding principles for delivering on the national strategies vision and objective. PeakCare recommends consideration be given to the following, either in the wording of the values or in their future operationalisation as part of the National Strategy and associated action plans:

- Value Two: In addition to shaping the design and implementation of the National Strategy, the diverse voices of victims and survivors should also be considered in the development and implementation of actions associated with this strategy.
- Value Five: In addition to ensuring initiatives are evidence-based, and that data and research is used to build and understanding of what works to prevent child sexual abuse, appropriate evaluation of initiatives under the National Strategy should be undertaken to determine their effectiveness in practice. This would include identification of opportunities to strengthen and adapt initiatives to best deliver on their intended outcomes over the lifespan of the National Strategy.

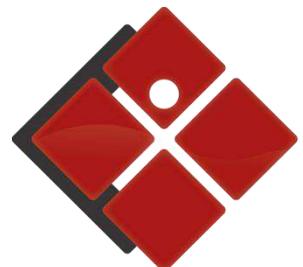
Do these strategic priority themes reflect the areas of focus for Australia over the life of the first National Action Plan and First Commonwealth Action Plan under the National Strategy?

PeakCare supports the five priority themes and notes further work is required to develop suitable actions for each under both the First National Action Plan and First Commonwealth Action Plan.

Working in partnership

As the not-for-profit peak body for child and family services in Queensland, PeakCare is well placed to participate in activities relating to the design and implementation of actions under the National Strategy. PeakCare would welcome the opportunity to participate in future consultation and design activities across all five identified focus areas.

If you have any questions in relation to this submission, please contact Mr Thomas Allsop, PeakCare's Principal Policy Adviser, by phone at (07) 3368 1050 or email at tallsop@peakcare.org.au.



Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the *National Strategy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Final Development Consultation Paper*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Wegener', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lindsay Wegener
Executive Director
PeakCare Queensland Incorporated

