

IMAGES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY

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Our policy to ensure that children and young people’s rights are upheld when we take or publish their photograph or other image

Why do we need this policy?

From time to time the Commissioner for Children and Young People uses photographs or other images such as video images of children and young people in printed and electronic publications. These publications may be made available to third parties (including the media), or published on our website or social media.

While we often use stock photos of models, sometimes we use images of the Tasmanian children or young people who participate in our consultations or events. Images can include still photographs or video images.

This policy is intended to ensure that the Commissioner and staff uphold the rights of children and young people when taking or publishing their images.



How do we ensure the images we take or use do not Contravene children's rights?

- We only take and use appropriate photographs or other images of children which are relevant to Commissioner for Children and Young People events or activities and which portray children and young people in positive ways.
- We do not take or use images of children without first obtaining appropriate consent(s) in accordance with our Consent Policy.
- We ensure that all concerned are aware of the way in which an image is to be used.
- As a general rule, we avoid publishing the names of children or other personal information with their image. Exceptions might be where it is appropriate to specifically acknowledge a child (e.g. the child has won an award or contributed to the work of the Commissioner for Children and Young People), and in that case specific consent must be obtained in accordance with our Consent Policy.
- We are conscious that additional efforts must be taken to protect children who are, or have been, involved in child protection, family court or criminal proceedings so that they are not identified in relation to legal matters.
- We never use our personal mobile devices to take photos or images of children.
- From time to time we may engage a professional photographer or videographer to take photos or images for us. We make sure professional photographers are aware that any images taken will remain ours and cannot be used or sold for other purposes.
- We do not allow photographers to be unsupervised or to have individual access to children.
- The Commissioner for Children and Young People cannot take responsibility for information or images recorded or published by the media. Children and young people may choose not to talk to or have their photo taken by media if they wish.
- We provide details for parents/guardian or children about who to contact if they have concerns or complaints around the use of inappropriate images or inappropriate behaviour in obtaining images.

For more information:

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