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Child Protection – CEO Statement of Compliance

30 October 2026

Austrade is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We uphold a zero tolerance for child exploitation or abuse, and any allegations or concerns for safety of children and young people will be addressed and investigated in accordance with Australian legislation.

As a Commonwealth entity, Austrade adheres to the whole-of-government Commonwealth Child Safe Framework (the Framework).

As part of our commitment, Austrade:

- undertakes an annual risk assessment in relation to Austrade's activities, to identify the level of contact with children, evaluate risks to child safety, and put in place strategies to manage risks
- maintains a system of training and compliance, to make staff aware of, and compliant with, the Framework and relevant legislation
- continues to adopt and implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
- publishes an annual statement of compliance with the Framework.

In line with the Framework, Austrade has undertaken a child safety risk assessment for 2026-27 and identified some roles have contact with children with a risk rating of low.

There were no reportable incidents during 2025-26.

Austrade's contact with children occurs:

- during the delivery of consular activities
- as part of education promotion events
- via dedicated transport services, particularly where drivers transport the children of Austrade staff.

Austrade remains committed to further embedding child safety initiatives into our culture and work practices and will continue efforts to reduce our risk profile.

Key actions for the next 12 months include:

- undertaking an internal campaign to promote Austrade's Child Protection Procedure and child incident notification process among staff in identified roles who may come into contact with children, and
- continuing to identify, assess and control any risks to children and young people.

For guidance on Austrade's commitment to the Framework, please read our Child Protection Procedure.

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