

Statement of Commitment

Child Safe Organisation

Statement

- Lake Macquarie City Council is committed to being a child safe organisation, by embedding the NSW Child Safe Standards into our leadership, governance and organisational culture.
- We acknowledge the significant lifelong impact any form of abuse can have on children and young people, and we strive to ensure all children are kept free from harm whilst engaging with our services.
- We recognise that feeling safe is just as important as being safe.
- We are committed to upskilling our workforce to build awareness and accountability in embedding the standards, particularly in responding to child safety in everything we do.
- We will engage with our youngest population in ways that are meaningful and relevant to them.
- We strive to ensure our community is a place where all children are valued, respected and, above all, safe.

Review and evaluation

This Statement of Commitment will be reviewed every four years in line with Council elections.

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Related Legislation:	(Legislation Name) Children's Guardian Bill 2019	(Relationship/Context)
Related Policies:	(Policy Name) Child Safe Organisation Policy (Internal)	(Relationship/Context) Internal Council Policy
Related Procedures, Guidelines, Forms, WHS Modules/PCD's, Risk Assessments, Work Method Statements:	(Document Name)	(Relationship/Context)
Standards, COP's & Other References	(Standard, COP or Other References)	(Relationship/Context)

Definitions

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
Nil	

Consultation (update for each version created)

Key Departments, Teams, Positions, Meetings:	Council's Child Safe Working Group, which consists of representatives across Council, including Child Officers, Organisation Capability Officers, Supervisors and Managers
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Version History

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