

Principles for compliance with Child Safe Standards

(1) The oversight and enforcement by the Commission of compliance by relevant entities with the Child Safe Standards should be based on the fundamental principles that—

(a) Relevant entities are responsible, in respect of the children who use their services or facilities or who are engaged to assist in providing their services or facilities, for continuously improving the ways in which, in their operations— S. 5A inserted by No. 63/2016 s. 6. Authorised by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel Part 2—Principles for children Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 No. 83 of 2005 21

(i) the safety of children is promoted; and

(ii) child abuse is prevented; and

(iii) allegations of child abuse are properly responded to; and

(b) relevant authorities of relevant entities have specific knowledge of the relevant entities that they regulate or fund and an important role in overseeing and promoting compliance by those relevant entities with the Child Safe Standards; and

(c) Having regard to paragraph (b), the Commission should collaborate with the relevant authorities of relevant entities for the purpose of promoting compliance by relevant entities with the Child Safe Standards.

(2) The Commission should educate and guide—

(a) Relevant authorities to promote compliance by relevant entities with the Child Safe Standards; and

(b) relevant entities, in respect of the children who use their services or facilities or who are engaged to assist in providing their services or facilities, to continuously improve the ways in which, in their operations—

(i) the safety of children is promoted; and

(ii) child abuse is prevented; and

(iii) allegations of child abuse are properly responded to; and

(b) relevant authorities of relevant entities have specific knowledge of the relevant entities that they regulate or fund and an important role in overseeing and promoting compliance by those relevant entities with the Child Safe Standards; and

(c) Having regard to paragraph (b), the Commission should collaborate with the relevant authorities of relevant entities for the purpose of promoting compliance by relevant entities with the Child Safe Standards.