

Images and Other Recordings of Children and Young People Policy

Purpose

From time to time, the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Commissioner) may produce photographs or other images, videos, audio recordings and/or written (transcript) recordings of children and young people for use in printed and electronic publications. These publications may be made available to third parties (including the media) or published in hardcopy format or online, including on our website or social media accounts.

While we sometimes use stock photos of models, we also use, with consent, images of children and young people who participate in our consultations or events.

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

Who this policy applies to

This policy applies to the Commissioner, CCYP staff, contractors, volunteers and any other authorised persons engaged by the Commissioner.

How we ensure our processes for producing, using or disseminating images or other recordings uphold children's rights:

- We only take and use appropriate photographs or other images or recordings of children and young people at CCYP consultations and events which portray children and young people in positive ways.
- We do not take or use images or recordings of children and young people without first obtaining appropriate consent(s) in accordance with our Consent Procedure.
- As a rule, we avoid publishing children's names or other personal information with their image or recording. Exceptions might apply 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). In such cases, specific consent must be obtained in accordance with our Consent Procedure.
- 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.



- For children in out-of-home care, no identifiable photograph or recording of a child is published without specific consent. Risks to children in care might include inappropriate identification of their location or school.
- From time to time, we may engage a professional photographer or videographer to take photos, images or other recordings for us. We ensure that any images or recordings taken by professional photographers, artists and producers remain the property of the Commissioner and cannot be used or sold for other purposes.
- We do not allow photographers, artists or producers to be unsupervised or have individual access to children. Photographers, artists and producers must have a current Working with Vulnerable People registration and comply with relevant child-safety policies.
- The Commissioner cannot take responsibility for information or images recorded or published by the media. Children and young people may refuse to talk to or have their photo taken by media personnel if they wish.
- We provide details for parents/guardian of children about who to contact if they have concerns or complaints around the use of images or other recordings, or any inappropriate behaviour of CCYP staff or third parties in obtaining images or recordings.

Legislation

- *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2016 (Tas)*
- *Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (Tas)*
- *Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013 (Tas)*
- *Youth Justice Act 1997 (Tas)*
- *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023 (Tas)*

Related policies and procedures

CCYP

- Consent Policy and Consent Procedure
- Complaints Management Policy and Complaints Management Guide
- Digital and Social Media Policy
- Engagement Policy and Engagement Procedure
- Reporting and Responding to Child Safety Concerns, Disclosures and Incidents Procedure

DECYP (some links may not be accessible outside DECYP's systems)

- [Social Media Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Publications – Photo and Video Permissions – FAQs](#)

Authorisation

Authorised by: Ros Cornish, Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People
Last significant review: July 2026
Review due: June 2027