
Commonwealth Child Safe Framework Statement of Compliance

Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) has a zero-tolerance approach to abuse, harm or exploitation of any person. We strongly support the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework which sets minimum standards for creating and embedding a child safe culture and practices in Commonwealth entities.

FSANZ staff do not engage in child-related work as part of their standard duties, however on occasion are invited to attend school events in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Attendance at these events is monitored and, in line with ACT's requirements and legislation, FSANZ staff are not required to maintain Working with Vulnerable People registration. We do not participate in any school events in New Zealand.

Given our interaction with children is minimal and infrequent, our risk rating for child safety risks is low. Nevertheless, FSANZ takes its obligations to ensure the safety of children seriously and is committed to a safe workplace for all. To demonstrate our commitment we:

- Undertake an annual review and risk assessment of our statement of compliance to ensure it remains fit for purpose
- Take all allegations and concerns seriously and respond to them consistently, in line with FSANZ policies and procedures.

Noting that our offices are located in Canberra, Australia and Wellington, New Zealand, our risk assessment was undertaken in these locations.