



Child Safe Statement


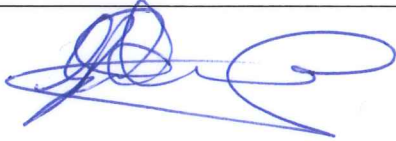
Our Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

BDS Support Services (BDS) is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people:

- This commitment will be the primary focus of our decision-making.
- BDS has zero tolerance for child abuse.
- We actively listen to and empower children.
- We have systems to protect children from abuse; we will take all allegations very seriously and will respond to them consistently in line with the organisation's policy and procedures.
- We will promote a culture of safety that respects cultural safety of all children, including children and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal children.
- We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.
- We will consult with children and families to refine what being a child safe organisation is at BDS.

Every person involved in BDS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role that he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

This commitment is affirmed on behalf of BDS by:

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| Barb van den Vlekkert | Graham Edwards |
| CEO | Chairperson |
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