



Working with Children and Vulnerable People Discussion Paper

HOW TO USE THIS FEEDBACK FORM

The question numbers below relate to those in the Discussion Paper. Please include your response in the area relevant to your question.

Any or all of the questions can be answered.

If you decide not to use this form, please include the number of the question you are answering, as it appears in the discussion paper in your submission.

SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES

Responses can be emailed to wwwcvpconsultation@dhhs.tas.gov.au or posted to the following address: -

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Any telephone enquiries about the review can be made to Bruce Kemp on 6233 2259 during office hours.

Deadline for submissions:

Please provide all submissions by close of business Friday 12 March 2010.

FEEDBACK AFTER CONSULTATION AND USE OF INFORMATION

A paper will be published and available on the DHHS website which will provide an overview of the feedback received through consultation. If you would like to place your name on a register to receive a copy of the feedback paper please complete the form below.

The use of personal information

The personal information you provide will be used for the purpose of notifying you when the public feedback paper (prepared after the close of the consultation period) is available.

De-identified information may be used in an analysis of all responses, eg, the geographical area from where responses are received.

The use of comments you provide

The comments you provide in response to the paper will be used to inform the Legislative reform required to support the establishment Screening Unit. **Quotes from your submission may be used in public documents however no identifying details will be associated with the quotations.**

The Freedom of Information Act 1991

Your submissions may be accessible under normal FOI provisions.

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Q8) Do you support the application of an exemption for people in contact with vulnerable people for infrequent or short periods?

YES.

Do you support the proposed threshold of 7 days in any 12 month period?

NO.

Typical AAC Tasmania camps/activities occur over a 10 day consecutive period. Interstate AAC volunteers and employees can attend these activities.

Q12) Are there any other exemptions that should be considered?

Comment:

YES.

Volunteers and employees attending state and national events.

Q13) Do you have any comments on the proposal that unregistered persons can be engaged in a position pending the outcome of their application?

Question 13 does NOT align with current AAC Policy.

All applicants MUST complete the AAC Induction Package, including a National Police Check and applicable state or territory working with children checks, before commencement of position.

Reference: AAC Policy Manual 2004, Vol 2 Chapter 9
AAC Workplace Induction, January 2009 p.9

Q14) Do you have any comments on the involvement of employers or organisations in the application process?

Volunteer organisations typically struggle with management processes. Many managers of volunteers are part-time. Any extra burden on volunteer organisations can have a negative impact.

Reference: Volunteer Australia, National Survey of Volunteering Issues 09 p.14

Q22) Do you support the proposal for the WWCVS Screening Unit to contact the employer or organisation to advise of the issuance of an interim negative notice or in the other circumstances proposed?

Strongly support.

Q29) Do you have any comments on employees or volunteers being charged a fee for a WWCVS check?

Most volunteers understand the need for a background check; however the issue of cost is still a great concern and potential barrier to applicants.

Reference: Volunteer Australia, National Survey of Volunteering Issues 09 p.23