



The Victorian Child Friendly Cities and Communities

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The Victorian Child Friendly Cities and Communities Charter is a statement of principles that underpin actions that support communities to be child friendly.

This Charter is consistent with Victorian, Australian and international protocols and embraces the universal rights of children aged from birth to 17 years as defined in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990) and the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities (2006).

Fundamental to positive health and wellbeing is the right for children to experience environments that consider their needs. Because children are valued members of communities, we commit to these principles:

- Act in the best interests of the child
- Freedom for children to express their individual opinions and right to have these considered in decisions that affect them
- Create equity for all children based on their needs

This Charter guides all organisations and individuals with a mandate to respond to the needs of children to:

- Uplift Child Safety and Child Friendly organisational culture
- Improve the effectiveness and responsiveness of initiatives that support children to participate in civic life
- Amplify the voice of the child in decision-making forums