

2026 Annual Child Safety Statement of Compliance with the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework

The Australian Submarine Agency (ASA) is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe environment that protects all children from harm or risk of harm. The ASA is committed to complying with the *Commonwealth Child Safe Framework*, the *National Principles for Child Safe Organisations*, and the relevant state/territory legislation. The ASA has a zero-tolerance approach to child neglect, exploitation and abuse, and promotes individual and collective responsibility for child safety and protection.

The ASA's primary engagement with children is through community engagement, entry-level pathways and education programs. These activities aim to increase youth engagement with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), in particular through the ASA Discovery Centre in Western Australia and South Australia.

The 2026 ASA annual child safe risk assessment has determined that the overall risk rating is low. The strategies implemented to manage those risks have been assessed as appropriate and fit-for-purpose. Our control measures ensure we both operationalise our commitment to the safety and protection of children and young people, and meet our obligations under the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework.

Over the next 12 months, our focus will be on:

- Reviewing ASA child safety policies and procedures to ensure they remain fit for purpose.
- Distributing internal communications aimed at supporting greater awareness and understanding of our obligations under the Framework.
- Investigating the adoption of an externally accessible child safe complaints portal.
- Regular stakeholder meetings with personnel undertaking child related roles to ensure ongoing upskilling and awareness of best practice in relation to child safeguarding.
- Annual promotion of National Child Protection Week.

The ASA recognises that it is our collective responsibility to promote and maintain a child safe environment. We remain committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement to ensure the ongoing protection, safety and wellbeing of children.