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New Commission for Children

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare welcomes the announcement that Minister Woolridge will introduce the *Commission for Children and Young People Bill 2012*, which will replace the existing Office of the Child Safety Commissioner with a commission independent of government.

The promise of this new commission was a key commitment during the Coalition's 2010 election campaign, and the Centre recognises its delivery as a major milestone.

The Centre is pleased to see the new commission being given the capacity to conduct individual and self-initiated investigations, including reviews of government agencies and community service organisations.

The Centre's acting CEO, Kevin Larkins, stated that it is "important that the new Commission for Children and Young People be adequately resourced to ensure all of its functions can be delivered".

We also acknowledge that the delivery of a new commissioner with responsibility for Aboriginal children and young people is a vital part of the Vulnerable Children and Families Strategy, and necessary to reduce the disproportionate numbers of indigenous children in care.

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