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# CDRT Strategic Plan

## 2013 – 2016



## Statement of purpose

To prevent and reduce the likelihood of deaths of children in NSW.

## Aims

- 1. To identify patterns and trends relating to child deaths in NSW through the analysis of data on the child deaths register**

### Initiatives

- Establish an integrated NSW Ombudsman death review data system
- Bring the CDRT approach to identifying and reporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in line with best practice
- Explore opportunities for including injury/morbidity data in CDRT analysis and reporting, and establish processes for obtaining the relevant information
- Undertake cohort reviews of deaths over a 10-year period from specific causes – including off-road vehicle fatalities (2013) and asthma (2014)
- Develop information exchange arrangements with substantially similar CDRTs

- 2. To undertake research that aims to help prevent or reduce the likelihood of child deaths**

### Initiatives

- Develop standard protocols for requesting CDRT data and for assessing such requests
- Explore data linkage opportunities – to enhance CDRT work, and to enable research by others that is relevant to prevention

- 3. To make recommendations as to legislation, policies, practices and services for implementation by government and non-government agencies and the community to prevent or reduce the likelihood of child deaths**
- 4. To effectively communicate the Team's findings, recommendations, and the extent to which previous recommendations have been implemented in practice**

## **Initiatives**

- (a) Identify key agencies undertaking injury prevention or child safety activities and explore opportunities for collaboration or where we can add value
- (b) Develop a media strategy for communicating the key prevention messages
- (c) Identify key issues from annual analysis and reporting of child deaths that warrant broader communication (and identify the best method for doing so, such as issues papers)
- (d) Explore alternative reporting methods, such as geographic reporting and web-based interactive reporting
- (e) Examine ways in which child deaths functions can be integrated (such as reporting)
- (f) Develop methods for evaluating the outcomes/ impact of CDRT work and recommendations on changing behaviour.