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APPENDIX

LIST OF DCJ DISTRICTS

- Central Coast
- Far West
- Hunter
- Illawarra Shoalhaven
- Metro Intensive Support Services
- Mid North Coast
- Murrumbidgee
- Nepean Blue Mountains
- New England
- Northern NSW
- Sherwood House (residential care)
- South Western Sydney
- Southern NSW
- Sydney
- Western NSW
- Western Sydney

LIST OF THE 23 STANDARDS

Standard 1 – Children's rights

Standard 2 – Providing a positive care environment

Standard 3 – Child protection and child safety

Standard 4 – Identity

Standard 5 – Family and Significant others

Standard 6 – Participation in decision-making

Standard 7 – Confidentiality and privacy

Standard 8 – Emotional and social development

Standard 9 – Health

Standard 10 – Education

Standard 11 – Behaviour support

Standard 12 – Living independently

Standard 13 – Initial assessment and permanency planning

Standard 14 – Case planning and review

Standard 15 – Casework and monitoring placements

Standard 16 – Post-adoption support

Standard 17 – Documentation and record keeping

Standard 18 – Recruitment of staff and volunteers

Standard 19 – Assessment and selection of carers, guardians and adoptive parents

Standard 20 – Training and development

Standard 21 – Supervision and support

Standard 22- Governance

Standard 23 – Strategic planning and evaluation

KEY PROVISIONS IN THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN ACT 2019

Division 1 Preliminary

71 Objects of Part

The objects of this Part are —

- (a) to monitor and regulate out-of-home care to ensure a high standard in the provision of out-of-home care, and
- (b) to ensure the rights of and obligations to children in out-of-home care are safeguarded and promoted, and
- (c) (Repealed)
- (d) to clarify the roles and responsibilities of agencies and persons involved in the provision of out-of-home care, and
- (e) to ensure agencies and persons providing out-of-home care to children are appropriately regulated to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of the children, and
- (f) to promote the best interests of all children in out-of-home care, and
- (g) to assess the suitability of agencies for accreditation and to monitor the carrying out of accredited agencies' responsibilities, and
- (h) (Repealed)
- (i) to establish and maintain a register for the purpose of the authorisation of individuals as authorised carers, and
- (j) to establish and maintain a register of residential care workers.