



New South Wales

# Commencement Proclamation

under the

Children's Guardian Amendment (Child Safe Scheme) Act 2021 No 30

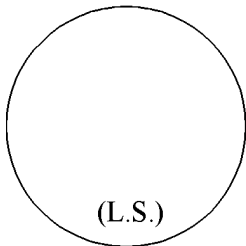
MARGARET BEAZLEY, Governor

I, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of section 2 of the *Children's Guardian Amendment (Child Safe Scheme) Act 2021*, do, by this my Proclamation, appoint 1 February 2022 as the day on which the following provisions of the Act commence—

- (a) Schedule 1[1] and [2],
- (b) Schedule 1[3], except to the extent it would insert sections 8J(c) and 8L(1)(b),
- (c) Schedule 1[4]–[11],
- (d) Schedule 1[16]–[23].

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 15th day of December 2021.

By Her Excellency's Command,



(L.S.)

ALISTER HENSKENS, MP

Minister for Families, Communities and  
Disability Services

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

## Explanatory note

The object of this Proclamation is to commence amendments to the *Children's Guardian Act 2019* to—

- (a) establish a child safe scheme that adopts Child Safe Standards, as recommended by the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse*, and implements regulatory approaches that give effect to those standards, except for certain provisions, and
- (b) amend the guiding principles applied in the administration of the Act, and
- (c) provide the Children's Guardian with an additional power to review systems, policies and processes when monitoring an entity's internal investigation into a reportable allegation or a reportable conviction.

Provisions that relate to the following will commence on a later date—

- (a) a requirement that a prescribed agency that provides services to Aboriginal children consult with 1 or more Aboriginal controlled entities of a prescribed class in developing its child safe action plan,
- (b) a requirement that a prescribed agency's child safe action plan be made publicly available in a way prescribed by the regulations,
- (c) enforcement measures.