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What is the Commissioner's role?

Under the Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006, the Commissioner:

- is independent and reports to the Parliament of Western Australia
- is an advocate for all children and young people aged less than 18 years of age in WA
- must always act in the best interests of children and young people
- is required to give priority to the interests and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and to those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged
- must have regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A Joint Standing Committee monitors the work of the Commissioner's office and tables their own reports to Parliament to outline their views and findings.

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What does the Commissioner do?

The Commissioner undertakes projects, commissions research, publishes reports, and hosts events to highlight specific aspects of children and young people's wellbeing. Using research and the other evidence available, the Commissioner seeks to positively influence legislation, policy, services and attitudes.

The office meets regularly with key decision makers and advises on legislation and policy through submissions and issues papers and speaks directly to government and the broader community.

In particular, the key functions of the office include:

- advocating for all children and young people
- monitoring policies and practices that impact children's wellbeing
- promoting and valuing the voice of children and young people and the positive contributions they make to our society
- consulting with children and young people, parents, families and government and non-government organisations
- researching the latest trends and information that relate to children and young people
- inquiring on behalf of children and young people about issues relating to their wellbeing.



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