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## Queensland Family & Child Commission



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### QFCC program builds stronger support sector

Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) has launched a program of work today to help Queensland build a better child and family support system.

The *Strengthening our sector 2017-19* Second Action Plan was developed alongside industry partners to deliver better services to children and families statewide.

This work builds on the First Action Plan 2016-17 which set the foundations for strengthening the sector to continue building a positive and collaborative culture.

QFCC Principal Commissioner Cheryl Vardon said the plan will pave the way forward for building a more sustainable and responsive child and family support system in Queensland.

“Keeping children more than safe is one of the most important jobs there is,” Ms Vardon said.

“Vulnerable children and families need to be able to access quality services when and where they need them, in the way they want to access them with respect for their family circumstances and culture.

“Our approach focuses on supporting the workforce and organisations in our sector and reinforces the growth of a sustainable and responsive system which contributes to children and families and communities being cared for, protected, safe and able to reach their full potential. This work aligns with the whole-of-government priorities to increase employment. A strong community services sector means more jobs for Queenslanders. We are also prioritising engagement with Queenslanders in rural areas to drive this forward.”

QFCC Commissioner Phillip Brooks agreed and said the QFCC is a leader in building relationships and engaging with the sector.

“The QFCC will monitor the implementation of the action plan and progress towards achieving the outcomes for all of Queensland,” Mr Brooks said.

“The launch of this work is exciting and I'd like to thank our sector partners for collaborating with us.”

Under the [Queensland Family and Child Commission Act 2014](#) the QFCC's purpose is to promote the safety, wellbeing and best interests of children and young people, promote and advocate the responsibility of families and communities to protect and care for children and young people and to also improve the child protection system.

Mr Brooks said the launch was additionally a step in the right direction to improve services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families across Queensland.

“The QFCC is committed to harnessing the strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, organisations and communities and this is embedded throughout all our work.”

To view the Second Action Plan visit: <https://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/our-strategy-and-action-plan>

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