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Leaders reaffirm commitment to protect Australia's children

The Commonwealth, state and territory governments and the non-government sector are continuing to work together to ensure our children are safe.

Federal Assistant Minister for Children and Families, Dr David Gillespie today attended and addressed the annual meeting of the National Coalition on Child Safety and Wellbeing in Canberra.

The National Coalition comprises more than 190 non-government community organisations that provide services to children, young people and families on the ground across Australia, as well as many key advocates and researchers in the areas of child protection and children's wellbeing.

Minister Gillespie said today's meeting focused on the need to do more to increase collaboration on current and future initiatives to ensure that the protection, safety and wellbeing of Australia's children remains front and centre of policy decision making.

"A key element of this is the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, which is targeted towards delivering significant, long term reductions in levels of child abuse and neglect," Minister Gillespie said.

"Today's meeting centred on the development of the Fourth Action Plan under the National Framework. This plan builds on the positive work being done in this sector, which is delivering results. It will have a strong focus on improving outcomes for Indigenous children, particularly prevention and early intervention".

Another key piece of work being developed under the Framework is the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

These 10 Principles will provide a nationally consistent approach to creating organisational cultures that foster child safety and wellbeing across all sectors engaging with children and young people.

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