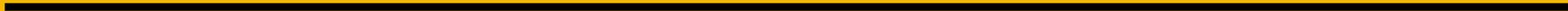


Australian Child Rights Taskforce

Strategic Plan

2025



2028

Strategic objectives

Vision	All children in Australia have the greatest opportunity to develop and reach their full potential, in circumstances where children's rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled
Aim	Facilitate civil society engagement in child rights accountability mechanisms
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To produce a comprehensive, evidence-based report for the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, that represents the priorities and concerns of civil society and children in Australia2. To provide a platform for the meaningful participation of children and young people in Australia to better influence policy, practice and legislation that impacts their lives; including through meaningful participation in the Taskforce3. To provide a platform for thought leadership in child rights; to encourage community engagement and support for child rights; and to identify key and emerging issues.4. To provide a comprehensive briefing to the Committee on the Rights of the Child at the pre-sessional working group, reflecting the priorities and concerns of civil society and children in Australia and recommendations for the protection, promotion, and fulfilment of children's right.5. To provide a platform for constructive engagement, dialogue, and negotiation with Australian Government/s in implementing children's rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.6. To enhance positive technical cooperation between civil society groups in support of children's rights in Australia.7. To provide and support the engagement of First Nations voices and perspectives in all aspects the work of the Taskforce as critical to the fulfillment of children's rights in Australia.8. To promote information sharing in civil society in relation to children's rights in Australia, and to support credible, actionable, and strategically framed solutions to improve the implementation of children's rights in legislation, policy, and practice in Australia.9. To promote public awareness and scrutiny of the implementation of children's rights in Australia.

Strategic initiatives

1

Advocate for child rights and reforms

2

Drive child and youth participation

3

Coordinate child rights reporting

4

Build sector engagement and collaboration

Key Activities

Strategy 1: Advocate

1. Proactively advocate for General Measures of CRC implementation
2. Proactively advocate for Youth Justice reform as a priority issue
3. Advocate on thematic priorities through lead agency model
4. Undertake reactive advocacy on child rights issues as required
5. Develop policy positions, submissions, statements on key child rights issues

Strategy 2: Participation

1. Ongoing review and support for building better participation in public policy decision making
2. Partner with youth-led organisations to support participation of children and young people in policy decision making
3. Platform children and young people's voices in meetings and events
4. Ensure ACRT strategy and actions are informed by and aligned with advice from youth-led partners

Strategy 3: Reporting

1. Develop List of Issues Prior to Reporting
2. Review strategy engaging children and young people in reporting
3. Provide strategic input into Child Centered Evidence Project
4. Develop UNCRC Report
5. Engage with other UN Human Rights processes

Strategy 4: Sector

1. Facilitate thought spaces for emerging issues and challenges
2. Engage membership through regular communications and meetings
3. Build partnerships with peak organisations, stakeholders and advocacy networks
4. Deliver social media advocacy through ACRT channels
5. Mobilise membership around key moments

Governance

	Role	Activities
Strategic Group	Provides strategic direction, decision-making authority, and oversight for Australian Child Rights Taskforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Drive advocacy on General measures and priority issue● Coordinate meetings and communication among members● Facilitate information sharing and collaboration between different groups● Serve as a central point of contact for external stakeholders and inquiries
Policy Working Group	Drive specific areas of work or thematic priorities and share ideas and expertise for collective action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Drive advocacy on thematic priorities● Support the functions and activities of Australian Child Rights Taskforce
Taskforce members	Share ideas and expertise for collective action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Guide child rights activities within their organisations● Coordinate with other organisations to drive collective action
Child & Youth Voices	Share perspectives and expertise to drive the strategic direction and activities of the Taskforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Provide advice on engagement with children and young people● Highlight issues and experiences of concern to children and young people

Advocacy Priorities

	Proactive advocacy priorities	Thematic advocacy priorities
Lead	Steering Committee with support from policy working group as required	Policy Working Group with support from Taskforce members where required
Type	Mostly institutional reform	Mostly policy reform
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General measures of CRC implementation• Youth justice	<p>Includes (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital environments• Child safety