

- Should there be a national WWCC? Yes.
- Features in any national scheme: police check, criminal history check; relevant employment proceedings and/or findings from professional disciplinary bodies.
- If no national scheme, perhaps each state/territory could be encouraged to have uniform legislation.
- Clearance should be granted for twelve months. Perhaps there could be a website where all persons who have clearance could be listed, and which could be kept current by the various agencies [police, courts, etc] such that if they have information which would disqualify a person from working with children they could remove that person's name; removal could be subject to an appeal process. Employing agency could then be required to check the website if the issue date of any WWCC card is dated.
- Perhaps on a website there could be a list of names of those who are barred from working with children. Then any employing agency could check on any prospective employee, and if not found listed could let them commence work prior to completion of the WWCC. If the time taken to do a WWCC is not very long, it would be desirable to have the person wait for a clearance to be given before they commence work with children.
- Exemptions should be minimised and be shown to be necessary.
- Any issuing authority who refuses to give a clearance should be able to challenged/have its decision questioned such that it would have to justify its refusal. Information stored on individuals is not always correct, and so needs to be able to be challenged.
- Institutions should be required to establish clear processes for responding to inappropriate behaviour of staff in child related positions. A National Standard should be developed that would provide clear guidelines which all such processes need to address and requiring documented reasons for any deviations from such a standard.

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