

Notice of conditions

of accreditation as a designated agency

Issued under clause 12 of Schedule 3A to the *Children's Guardian Act 2019*

Woomera Aboriginal Corporation

ABN 26 149 803 815

Effective date: 29 September 2023

This notice supersedes the Notice of Conditions of accreditation as a designated agency, effective 25 August 2023. The Children's Guardian has varied the conditions on the accreditation of Woomera Aboriginal Corporation.

In addition to the general conditions of accreditation in Schedule 3 to the Children's Guardian Regulation 2022, the Children's Guardian has imposed the following conditions on the agency's accreditation as a designated agency.

Refer to the Children's Guardian's website for definitions of service types that may be arranged and / or provided.

Condition 1

This agency may arrange:

- statutory out-of-home care (foster care)
- supported out-of-home care (home based care)

Special Condition 2

a) This agency must engage an external consultant with expertise and experience in child protection and reportable conduct investigations, or employ a person with such expertise and experience, as required.

b) The consultant or employee must provide advice to Woomera Aboriginal Corporation which addresses all aspects of the agency's investigation of each matter under investigation. This includes the agency's legislative responsibilities and the assessment and management of risks when each allegation is initially received, throughout each investigation and when finalising each investigation.

c) The consultant or employee may be engaged by the agency to investigate matters on the agency's behalf and may recommend findings to the Head of Relevant Entity

Special Condition 3

This agency must continue to engage the services of an external consultant with expertise and experience in the assessment and recruitment of carers or employ a person with such expertise and experience.

Special Condition 4

The agency must only accept referrals for children and young people assessed with low to medium care needs.

Giving false or misleading information to the Children's Guardian is a serious offence.

The Children's Guardian may shorten or cancel the agency's accreditation if it fails to comply with any of these conditions.

The Children's Guardian may publish details of failure to comply with conditions of accreditation in the Children's Guardian's Annual Report to Parliament.

Under section 154(1)(a)(ii) of the *Children's Guardian Act 2019*, a decision of the Children's Guardian to impose a condition on an accreditation or vary the conditions to which an accreditation is subject, is reviewable by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT), following an internal review by the Children's Guardian. Further information about NCAT and internal reviews may be obtained from NCAT (phone: 1300 006 228).

The Children's Guardian has provided a copy of this Notice to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

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