

**TO: Region / Centre Secretaries**

**FROM: Shane Bertrand – Interim CEO**

**DATE: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Statement of Commitment – Child Safety**

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#### Statement of Commitment – Child Safety

Further to our correspondence issued on Friday 4 November 2016, the LAVic Board has endorsed an action plan to assist LAVic, Centres, Clubs and Regions comply with the Child Safety Standards (Standards).

To meet our obligations under these Standards, the Board has adopted the LAA National Child Protection Policy (Policy) and issues the following Statement of Commitment to Child Safety:

Little Athletics Victoria has a zero tolerance to child abuse, is committed to acting in children's best interest and keeping them safe, and actively works to empower children.

We value diversity and do not tolerate any discrimination practices. To achieve this we will:

- \* Promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children and their families.
- \* Promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and their families.
- \* Welcome children with a disability and their families and act to promote their participation.

The adoption of the Policy and Statement of Commitment will enable LAVic to create consistent policies and procedures in line with the Standards and will influence organisational and community culture on child safety.

A copy of the LAA National Protection Policy is attached.