**Know your regulators – Acronyms defined**

1. ***Read*** *which Australia regulatory, government department, statutory agency the acronyms stand for*
2. ***Think about*** *how they might relate to your organization’s work*

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| **Acronym** | **Name** | **Description** |
| **DFFH** | Department of Families, Fairness and Housing | The department is responsible for child protection, prevention of family violence, housing, disability, multicultural affairs, LGBTIQ+ equality, veterans, and the offices for Women and Youth. |
| **DET** | Department of Education and Training | The department responsible for implementing Victorian government policy on early childhood services, school education and training and higher education services. They also manage Victorian government schools and drive improvement in primary and secondary government education. |
| **VICPOL** | Victoria Police | Provide policing services to the Victorian community. |
| **ASIC** | Australian Securities and Investments Commission | Australia's integrated corporate, markets, financial services, and consumer credit regulator. |
| **APRA** | Australian Prudential Regulation Authority | Australia’s independent statutory authority that supervises institutions across banking, insurance, and superannuation, and is accountable to the Australian Parliament. |
| **AHPRA** | Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency | Supports the 15 National Boards that are responsible for regulating the health professions. The primary role of the National Boards is to protect the public and set standards and policies that all registered health practitioners must meet. |
| **AGS** | Australian Government Solicitor | AGS is a group within the Australian Government Attorney-General’s Department providing legal services to government. |
| **ATO** | Australian Taxation Office | The principal revenue collection agency of the Australian Government. |
| **ACNC** | Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission | The national regulator of charities. |
| **ACOSS** | Australian Council of Social Services | Australian organisation that advocates for action to reduce poverty and inequality and is the peak body for the community services sector. |
| **AHRC** | Australian Human Rights Commission | National Human Rights institute of Australia. |
| **NDIS Q&S COM** | NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission | Regulates NDIS providers, promotes safety and quality services, resolves problems, and identifies areas for improvement. |
| **CAFWA** | Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Inc | The national peak body for child, adolescent, and family welfare in Australia. |
| **DHA** | Department of Home Affairs | Brings together Australia’s federal law enforcement, national and transport security, criminal justice, emergency management, multicultural affairs, settlement services and immigration and border-related functions. |
| **COMCARE** | Australian Government Comcare | The national authority for work health and safety, and workers’ compensation. |

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| **ConsAff** | Consumer Affairs | Victoria’s consumer affairs regulator. Their purpose is to help Victorians act as responsible and informed businesses and consumers. |
| **VCAT** | Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal | A tribunal that hears and decides civil and administrative legal cases in Victoria. |
| **VCAA** | Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority | Develops and assesses curriculum for early learning, primary and secondary education in Victoria. |
| **DJCS** | Department of Justice and Community Safety | The department responsible for providing policy and organisational management for Victoria’s justice and community safety systems. |
| **WCC** | Working with Children Check | The agency responsible for assessing and managing applications for Working with Children Checks in Victoria. |