

# NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S CHILDREN

..... so what now?

## Key Features of the Road Ahead

- 12 year lifespan (2009-2012)
- National approach – shared agenda
- Everyone's business
  - but not business as usual
- Australian Government investment

## What has the Australian Government put on the table?

- The coalition's 4 big asks:
  - Integrated local solutions demonstration projects
  - Indigenous family support
  - Improved support for children in care/leaving care
  - A National Commissioner and Office for Children and Young People

## What has the Australian Government put on the table? (cont'd)

- \$66.2m over 4 years
  - \$10m for C4C plus
  - \$36.6m for enhanced access to child care
  - \$5m for increase in TILA
  - \$10m for key projects (e.g., National Standards)
  - \$3.1m for Strengthening Families Program (NIDS)
  - \$3.1m for short term NGO projects

## Who is responsible?



## The Coalition's Expectations

- National Framework Advisory Committee
  - High level strategic skills/expertise
  - Representative of interests, including:
    - Carers
    - Children and young people
    - Academic/research interests
    - NGO peak groups
- Working Groups
  - Mirror the 6 outcomes
  - or
  - Work on priority actions

## The Priority Actions

- National Standards for Out of Home Care
- Improved data collection and sharing
- Workforce development projects
- Common approach to assessment and referral (ARACY)
- National research agenda

Should we be:

SUPPORTIVE

or

SUSPICIOUS?