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Subject: Very Positive Response from the Children Commission.

On the 20th January Bob and I met with the Commissioner for the NSW Commission for Children & Young People's representative, the Director of Operations, Mrs Neighbours and her Senior staff which includes the Senior Training Officer for the NSW Commission for Children & Young People, Judith Hawkes. Judith was given the task of evaluating our child protection system.

Today, Judith Hawkes contacted Bob and I with the Commissions response after looking at our material together with an overview of our total child protection approach. She made the following comment.

" I've had a read thru the documentation you left and I commend the Scouts on producing a set of child protection procedures which is comprehensive, practical and easy to follow. "

She made several suggested changes to our printed material (see attached document. The Commissions suggested changes) 5 to do with minor changes in a sentence, two with on too many dot points

The final one was the best.

Most pleasing is the last where they ask for the Commissioners support be added to the Parents Child Protection Guide .

See attachment.

The changes have been completed. They don't change the intent or purpose of each so there will be no great fanfare about the changes apart from the Parents Child Protection Guide

As the Parents Child Protection Guide. change has a very positive PR effect so this will go around to all GL/LIC and Commissioner emails on Monday with a supporting message.

A general announcement will soon follow

Warwick.