National Protocols For Working With Children in Art

The Northern Territory Government will support the protocols for working with children in art which were adopted by the Australia Council under the direction of the Federal Government.

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour said the Protocols will apply to all Arts NT grant recipients from 1 January 2009.

“Rapidly changing and expanding developments in the media have altered the ways in which art is seen and it’s important the arts industry adapts to these changes,” Ms Scyrmgour said.

“The Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett has my support in implementing these protocols across the country.

“We need to be particularly careful where art is distributed through the internet to ensure that no child is exploited.

“All artists need to consider their legal and ethical obligations regarding the safety and protection of children.

“The protocols for working with children in art provide clear guidelines for all artists working with children.”

Where Northern Territory laws exceed the requirements of the Protocols, Arts NT grant recipients will be required to meet those requirements.

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