

# Child Protection Board

1991 – 1998

## Details

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The Child Protection Board succeeded the Child Protection Assessment Board in 1991. It was more concerned with policy, community and professional education than the old Board had been. Following the *Children, Young Persons and their Families Act (1997)* the government abolished the Child Protection Board in 1998.

The new name reflected the changed role for the Child Protection Board recommended by the Tasmanian Task Force Report on Sexual Abuse in November 1989. The Board's work now focused more strongly on coordinating and developing policy, community education, professional training, and planning services. Its members included representatives of the Department of Community Services, Police and Emergency Services, the Office of the Status of Women, the Department of Health, the Director of Public Prosecutions, and the Department of Education. It established a Child Protection Assessment Committee, made up of specialists such as a psychologist, social worker or paediatrician, to carry out assessments, early interventions, and to begin court actions. The Board also had committees for professional and community education.

The government established a Child Protection and Domestic Violence Branch within the Department of Community Services which had offices in Hobart, Launceston, and Burnie. The Child Protection Board was located within that.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Child Protection Assessment Board (1975 - 1991)
  - **Child Protection Board (1991 – 1998)**

### Related Entries

#### Related Events

- [Tasmanian Task Force on Sexual Abuse \(1989\)](#)

The Tasmanian Task Force on Sexual Abuse recommended establishing the Child Protection Board.

### Resources

- Tasmania. Task Force on Child Sexual Assault, *Tasmanian Task Force Report on Child Sexual Assault : a report to the Minister for Community Services*, 1989