



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

A new approach to programs for families and children

One-page summary of the consultation outcomes



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Consultation outcomes at a glance

241

Submissions

144

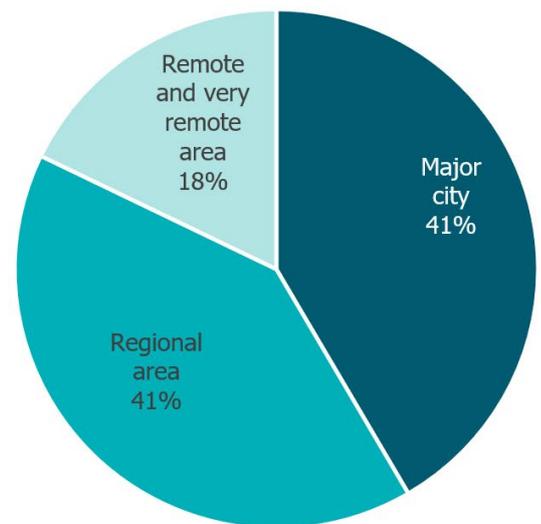
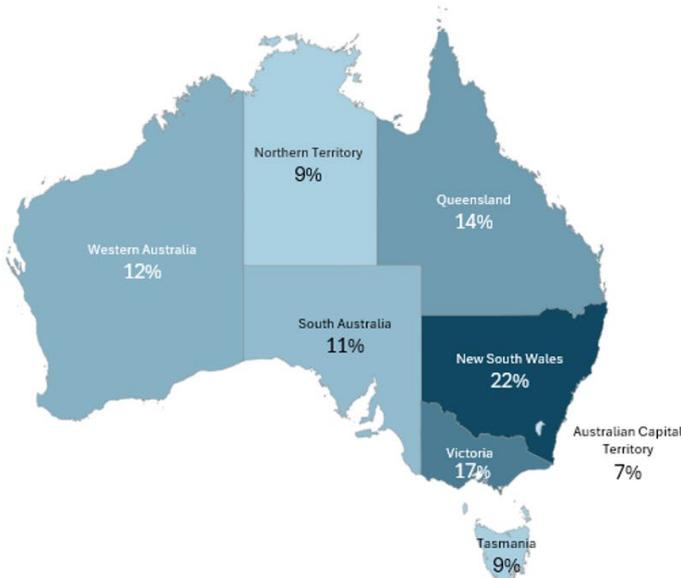
Pulse Survey responses

772

People attended online or
in-person activities

Consultation was undertaken on [DSS Engage](#) between 3 November and 8 December 2025.

Who we heard from across Australia:



Overall, feedback from more than 1,000 respondents highlighted:

- ✓ Strong support for a single national program to improve child and family wellbeing.
- ✓ Agreement on the importance of outcomes-focused, evidence-informed, preventative and early intervention approaches.
- ✓ A clear priority to strengthen services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.
- ✓ Calls for adequate and sustainable workforce funding.
- ✓ The need to align the program with broader government priorities, including family, domestic and sexual violence.
- ✓ The importance of cultural safety and data sovereignty in all data collection.
- ✓ Support for transitioning to relational contracting.



67% of survey respondents believed the new program will deliver better outcomes for families and children.