

Child Welfare Practice and Legislation Review, Victoria

c. 1982 – 1984

Details

The Child Welfare Practice and Legislation Review was an initiative of the Cain Labor government, elected in Victoria in 1982. The chairman of the committee undertaking the review was Dr Terry Carney of Monash University Law School. This legislative review had been a recommendation of the 'Norgard Report' of 1976. The report of the Child Welfare Practice and Legislation Review (also known as Equity and social justice for children, families and communities, or the Carney Report) was a catalyst for change in Victoria. According to Howe and Swain, the Carney Report 'pressed for increased self resourcefulness, independence and self sufficiency of individuals and families'. In 1985, the Director of the Community Services noted that the Carney Report had shifted policy in Victoria away from a needs perspective to a rights perspective.

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Related Entries

Related Events

- [Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services, Victoria \(1975 - 1976\)](#)

The Norgard Report (1976) recommended a review of child and family welfare legislation in Victoria. This review began with the election of the Labor government in 1982.

Related Organisations

- [Children's Court of Victoria \(1906 - current\)](#)
- [Department of Community Welfare Services, State Government of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)

The Child Welfare Practice and Legislation Review presented a discussion paper to the Department of Community Welfare Services in September 1983.

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Resources

- Victoria. Child Welfare Practice and Legislation Review, *Child Welfare Practice and Legislation Review: report*, 1984
- McCallum, David, [Histories of the 'Resi-Kid': Policies and Policing of Child Abuse](#), 2007

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