



National Child Protection Framework

(and beyond)

- Origins in calls over decade for national approach
- ALP adoption pre-2007 election
- Coalition formed to assist



- 2008 discussion paper and consultations
- COAG July 2008 puts in higher gear
- COAG Oct 2008 decides on info sharing; looks to note Framework in Nov. 2008; early 2009 likely
- Trilateral consultations occurring



- Substantive origin of national plan: joining up services and govt efforts; achieving greater coherence, strategic insight, integrating planning, targeting areas greatest need/gaps
- Beyond joined-up silos; about system overhaul



- Minister's May 2008 Discussion Paper calls for greater collaboration:

it is vital that parties work together better. There is considerable room to improve collaboration within and between governments and non-government organisations. More integrated, complementary approaches will result in better outcomes and reduce gaps in service provision.

Some strategic issues



Existing agenda: linking Framework to other Govt. initiatives, for example, early childhood

The new agenda?: going beyond child protection focus (phase 1?) to a child and family wellbeing focus and holistic approaches tackling a broader front of issues



If so, how to construct a vision, gain comprehensive buy-in and commitment in complex systems?

Do we start top-down (policy) or go bottom up (services on ground)?