

Protocols for working with children in art

Distribution funded or partly funded by the Australia Council

Will you distribute with the support of Australia Council funding – by publication, in promotional material or through digital media – contemporary images that depict a real child under the age of 18?



YES

Is the image of an infant less than one year old?



YES

Then these protocols do not apply (even if that infant is fully or partly naked).

NO



Is the real child in the image fully, or partly naked?



YES

You must have those images classified by the Classification Board prior to publication and follow any requirements the Board may impose.



The Australia Council will assist you in applying to the Classification Board so there is no charge.

NO



These protocols do not apply to you.

NO



These protocols require that you:

- comply with all relevant laws and regulations in the state or territory in which you will distribute the work
- give thoughtful consideration regarding the rights of the child
- take all reasonable steps to satisfy yourself that the artist complied with the laws in force at the time the images were created. For example seek written confirmation that they followed the laws and regulations in force at the time of creating the image.

At the end of the funded activity, the Australia Council may request evidence that you have followed these requirements.