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Cr Moira Deeming Saturday, 2 July 2022 6:41 PM

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Hi

I noticed that the following was included in the e-councillor news:

## "Changes to Child Safe Standards

Melton City Council is committed to being a Child Safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse. The welfare of children attending Melton City Council events, services and community spaces is paramount, and our legal and moral obligations to children are at the forefront of everything we do. Our Child Safe statement can be accessed <u>here</u>."

I am a concerned that this was perhaps directed at me, following my NOM?

I just wanted to reiterate that at no stage did I ever call the above sentiment into question. I hope that Bradley will confirm that I was only wanting to make sure that if there are any grey areas or contradictions in the laws, that we could then clearly articulate them and advocate to the government to address them.

I know that schools are having to seek advice about updating their excursion policies due to the possibility of legal public sex solicitation in front of minors travelling from one place to another etc.

Bradley helped me to word the NOM and I don't believe that either of us ever considered that MCC's commitment to child safety was being called into question.

To be honest, I've been quite distressed and confused about why that NOM turned into an issue at all.

I'm hoping that this statement being included in the e-councillor news isn't because my NOM has been taken as criticism of MCC?

Kindest regards,

## **Cr Moira Deeming**

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